



Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Praeludium in e minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kate Culver

Ringling of the Bell

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.

✠ Call to Worship Susan Landrum

Holy God, Your tent is wide enough to provide
shelter for all who seek you,
food for all who hunger, and
healing for all who suffer.

Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence

that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism

so the world may become

the place of love and justice you desire for all.

Shelter us with your light,

and clothe us with your heavenly garments.

Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another

on this daring adventure. Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn 49 LEONI
The God of Abraham Praise

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Lenten Confession
Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We ignore your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance, and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Speak to us now, O God, in the silence of this moment, that we might hear the assurance of your love and grace;
(Silent Confession)... Amen.

✠ Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle KYRIE ELEISON
Kyrie

**Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
(Sung three times)**

✠ Assurance of Pardon
Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn Response 167 AUS DER TIEFE RUFEN ICH
Forty Days and Forty Nights
Stanza 2

**Shall not we your sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with you to suffer pain?**

During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your cellphones.

Proclaiming the Word

Time with Children

Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Khaliah Johnson

First Lesson

Psalm 34:11-22

Second Lesson

Mark 10:32-52

Rev. Kate Culver

Sermon

Responding to the Word



Hymn 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS



Affirmation of Faith

Kimberly Parker

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

John Rutter

Chancel Choir; Thomas Chafin, conductor; Mason Copeland, organ



At the Presentation

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**



Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Traditional PC (USA)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVIN GROVE

✠ Benediction

Rev. Kate Culver

Postlude

Prelude in c minor

J.S. Bach

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Dr. Khaliah Johnson
Choir Guild: Marcia Hunter
Tower Bell Ringer: Chantal Tusher
Chancel Choir
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Ben Evans
Bettie Hardin
Kathy Harben
Rachel Hull
Mike Sizemore

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