



Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 10, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*New in Christ*, Lauren Wright Pittman

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

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

Rev. Kate Culver

From water to wilderness:

**God's covenant continues;**

**God's kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God's covenant continues;**

**God's kingdom comes near.**

From ancestors of nations to the Son lifted up:

**God's covenant continues;**

**God's kingdom comes near.**

We will follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**for where he is, we would be also.**



Hymn 634

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY



Call to Confession



Prayer of Lenten Confession

**We confess, O God, that we breathe the proud spirit of the world, the spirit which scorns the way of weakness, boasts of cleverness, clings to power, and seeks to prove our worth by separating ourselves from others. And even so, you love us; you never leave us. Warm our hearts to the love and command of Jesus the Christ, for you alone, O Lord, can save and redeem us. Hear us as we open our hearts to you in silence; (*Silent Confession*)... Amen.**



Extinguishing the Fourth Lenten Candle

Kyrie

KYRIE ELEISON

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

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

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



Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Rev. Kate Culver



Passing of the Peace



Hymn Response 167

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

*Stanza 4*

**So shall we have peace divine:  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us, too, shall angels shine,  
such as served you faithfully.**



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

# Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Philip Covin

First Lesson

Ephesians 2:10

Second Lesson

Mark 12:28-44

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 209

*My Song is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

## Sealing the Word

The Sacrament of Baptism

Teo Shin-Cornell, child of Glen Cornell and Alison Shin

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Courtney Anne Henry

THE APOSTLES' CREED TRADITIONAL

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

Chancel Choir; Elizabeth Daly, director;  
Mason Copeland, piano

✠ 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 643

*Now We Thank all Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

✠ Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

*Toccata in e minor*

Johann Pachelbel

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Philip Covin  
Choir Guild: Ellen Thompson  
Tower Bell Ringer: Althea Brown  
Chancel Choir  
Dean Hammond,  
Volunteer Technology Director

### Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
Martha Haythorn  
Kathy Kohn  
Norm Kohn  
Kathy McCloud  
Charles Rooks

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