



Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Bridging, Ana Filipa dos Santos Lopes

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Improvisation on St. Flavion

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

Generous God, bringer of justice,

you are the source of our truth.

Gathering God, lover of courage,

you are the source of our strength.

Glorious God, light of the nations,

You are the source of our joy.

Let us praise and worship God



Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN



Call to Confession



Prayer of Lenten Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments. Most merciful God, you alone know our hearts. Hear us as we come before you in silence; (Silent Confession)... Amen.



Extinguishing the Fifth 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!



Passing of the Peace



Hymn Response 167

Forty Days and Forty Nights
Stanza 5

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,

Ever constant by your side,

That with you we may appear

At the eternal Eastertide.

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



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

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Kohn

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Lesson

Mark 13:1-8, 28-44

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word



Hymn 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD



Affirmation of Faith

Kimberly Parker

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH PC (USA)

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

Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound
Chancel Choir; Mason Copeland, piano

G.F. Handel



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 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

Fugue in d Dorian

J.S. Bach

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Kathy Kohn
Choir Guild: Marcia Hunter
Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul
Chancel Choir
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Becky Battle
Philip Covin
Liz Burkhardt
Sandy Hoke
Linda Massengill
Chris Sciarrone

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