



Trinity Sunday  
May 26, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*A Spiral-Shaped God, Jan Richardson*

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Improvisation on Nicaea*  
Mason Copeland, Organ

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 Susan Landrum  
Let us worship the Triune God.  
**Let us worship the One  
who spoke in the beginning  
and created something out of nothing.**

Let us worship the Triune God.  
**Let us worship the One  
who took on the clothing of humanity  
to set those who were oppressed free.**

Let us worship the Triune God.  
**Let us worship the One  
whose Spirit rests continually upon us,  
calling us from sorrow-filled endings  
to bright new beginnings.**

✠ Hymn 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession  
**God, we confess that we have sinned in your sight. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we have failed to consistently live in ways that bring your kingdom closer. Forgive us. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, set us free from the grip of sin - from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life. ... (Silent Confession) Amen.**

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

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn Response *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD  
**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness.**

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

# Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Prayer for Illumination

Ximena Leroux

First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-9

Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-17

Courtney Anne Henry

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 443 *There Is A Redeemer* GREEN

✠ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Shannon J. Kershner  
FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH, PC(USA)

**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 God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

*Mothering God*

arr. Tom Trenny

Thomas Dixon, Soloist; Mason Copeland, Piano

✠ At the Presentation *Doxology* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ 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 536

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

SURGE ECCLESIA

✠ Charge and Benediction

Courtney Anne Henry

Postlude

*Prelude in Classic Style*  
Mason Copeland, Organ

Gordon Young

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Ximena Lerouxx  
Tower Bell Ringer: Mary Jane Cornell  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

### Hospitality Team

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

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## Congregational Lunch

Come celebrate with us! Join us for a delightful congregational lunch in Tull Hall on Sunday, June 2nd. It's going to be an extraordinary day at Central as we joyfully install our new classes of deacons and elders. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to connect and uplift our community! You can sign up using this Realm QR code, and you will also be able to find the menu in Realm.



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