



First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 2, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Prelude in B flat Major*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringing 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  
We've come to worship God,  
**who loved us before we were yet born,  
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**  
whose presence never leaves us,  
and whose love for us never ceases.  
**This is our God.  
Let's worship together!**

Susan Landrum

✠ Hymn 409 *God is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession  
**Faithful God, You know each one of us. You see us. You listen to us. And yet, we still run. We still think we can do it all on our own. We still ignore the way you connect us in a tapestry of belonging. Forgive us for doubting your faithfulness. Forgive us for doubting the gifts you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves and each other... (Silent Confession)**  
**Amen.**

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

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 59 *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

Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination

Ann Hunter

First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Second Lesson

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

# Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Kate Culver

FROM THE APOSTLE'S 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 to 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.**

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner and Rev. Kate Culver

**Elders:**

Becky Battle  
Melanie Bliss  
Anita Carwile  
Sandy Hoke  
Katie Sutton  
Sally Wood

**Deacons:**

Lucy Baum  
Linda Massengill  
Larken McCord  
Peg Richards  
Anne Watkins  
David York

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

*Psalm 139*

by Michael Morgan

Janet Abercrombie, 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

Rev. Kate Culver

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 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

*Fugue in B-flat Major*

J.S. Bach

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Ann Hunter  
Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul  
Janet Abercrombie, Soloist  
Chancel Choir  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

### Floral Donation

The flowers in worship today are given by Rev. Joe & Jane Conyers to the glory of God, and in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary.

### Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
Kevin Byers  
Tricia Downing  
Martha Kimes  
Em McNair  
Annastassia Pons  
Isabelle Werber

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