



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Children Dance, William H. Johnson

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>STEAL AWAY, A Negro Spiritual</i> Althea and Allean Brown, handbells	Arr. A N A Brown
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
Christ has taught us to love one another.		
We are called to share God's love in the world.		
The Holy Spirit moves in us, giving us gifts to do God's work.		
May we be strengthened to witness to God's love.		
Let us devote ourselves anew to serve our Lord.		
Let us worship and praise our God!		

✠ Hymn 346	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	ST. THOMAS
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✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family, yet we live as a people separated or divided. We believe that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint, yet we have not worked to ensure true freedom for all. We believe we are called to know and bear one another's burdens, yet we acknowledge we do not always love our neighbors as ourselves. We believe God has been revealed as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people, yet our lives often do not proclaim that truth. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us the vision and the courage to follow your way in all that we are and do... (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 582	<i>Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me</i>	GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
	Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.	

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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		Robert Catterall
First Lesson	Psalm 20	
Second Lesson	Mark 4:26-34	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
Sermon		

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* LIFT EVERY VOICE

✠ Affirmation of Faith Susan Landrum
ADAPTED FROM THE BELHAR CONFESSION

We believe in the triune God who gathers, protects, and cares for the church. We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged. We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Therefore we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. 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

The Process
Rae Baker, cello

Rae Baker

✠ 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

Susan Landrum

✠ Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
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**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 356 *Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts* SALVATION

✠ Charge and Benediction Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on NUN PREISET ALLE
Mason Copeland, Organ

Healey Willan

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Robert Catterall
Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul
Althea and Allean Brown, handbells
Rae Baker, Cellist
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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The Process, “Everyone goes through things that forever affect who they are and what direction their life may go. For me, it was losing my mom my senior year of high school. I sought God through prayer and found myself undergoing “the process”. What is the process? It’s the place where we find the direction to our purpose! I encourage you to take your journey to find your true purpose because when I found mine, that’s when my life truly began. This piece follows my journey to purpose and how finding it required patience, prayer, and persistence.”

- Rae Baker

Rae Baker is a seasoned cellist with over a decade of musical mastery. Hailing from a family where music is not just a tradition but a way of life, Rae’s journey has been an exploration of diverse genres, seamlessly blending classical elegance with the soulful rhythms of gospel, neo-soul, R&B, jazz, and the spiritual landscapes of contemporary Christian music.

As a soloist, she paints evocative melodies that captivate audiences, combining technical precision with an emotional resonance that leaves an indelible mark. She has graced the stages around the globe including iconic Carnegie Hall, Atlanta Symphony Hall, Spivey Hall, and Rivercenter Legacy Hall

Under the guidance of Professor Wendy Warner, her mentor and muse, Rae’s journey unfolded into a symphony of technical prowess and emotive depth. She has also performed in masterclasses and/or studied with Daniel Laufer, Astrid Schween, Charae Kruger, and Alexandria Rice. She holds a bachelor’s degree in music.

Her experience extends to the meticulous world of studio recording, where she brings compositions to life with a depth only a seasoned musician can achieve.