



**CENTRAL**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 25, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*White Roses Sing and Sing, Alma Thomas*

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*  
Mason Copeland, Organ

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 worshiping God.*

✠ Call to Worship

Susan Landrum

From Psalm 84

Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God,  
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

**Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you!**

Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God;

**Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you!**

We have found a home in your presence, Our Creator and Our God;

**Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you!**

✠ Hymn 260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

**Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead, of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. We do not remain alert to the ways that sin moves in our lives, in our communities and in our world. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News.... (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 442

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

**Hear the good news of salvation:  
Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.**

*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

Robbie Ashe

First Lesson

Psalm 84

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



Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn 465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

✦ 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, dead, and buried; he descended into 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 come to 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.**

Commissioning of Musicians

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Offertory Sentence

Rev. Kate Culver

Music at the Offertory

*O How Amiable*  
Chancel Choir, Mason Copeland, organ

Ralph Vaughan Williams

✦ 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 494

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

QUEBEC

✦ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

*Fanfare*  
Mason Copeland, Organ

Jacques Lemmens

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

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Lector: Robbie Ashe  
Tower Bell Ringer: Jason Bliss  
Choir Guild: Ann Hunter  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

### Hospitality Team

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

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