



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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Untitled (cloud in blue sky), Joseph Cornell*

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Fugue on B.A.C.H. No. 3*  
Mason Copeland, organ

Robert Schumann

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kate Culver

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. Shannon J. Kershner  
How precious, how fragile, how short is life!  
**Our lives are but a breath.**  
The Divine brings us into being,  
**weaves our lives together,**  
and ushers us into eternal rest.  
Blessed are the Sacred rhythms of life and holy are these tasks:  
**to be alive, to pay attention, to honor the fleeting with awe and care.**  
Let us worship God.

✠ Hymn 157 LORD OF THE DANCE  
*I Danced in the Morning*

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession  
**Holy and merciful God,**  
**in your presence we confess**  
**our failure to be what you created us to be.**  
**You alone know how often we have sinned**  
**in wandering from your ways,**  
**in wasting your gifts,**  
**in forgetting your love.**  
**By your loving mercy,**  
**help us to live in your light**  
**and abide in your ways,**  
**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior (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 447 WE ARE FORGIVEN  
*We Are Forgiven*

**We are forgiven.**  
**We are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**We are forgiven.**  
**We are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

*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 and Naomi McQuiller

Prayer for Illumination

Isabelle Wood

First Lesson

Psalm 19

Second Lesson

Hebrews 12:1-3

Rev. Kate Culver

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 722

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

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✠ Affirmation of Faith

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Kimberly J. Parker

Moment for Mission

George Brown

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

*Jubilare Deo*  
Chancel Choir, Mason Copeland, organ

Peter Anglea

✠ 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

Commissioning of Ushers and Greeters

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

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 726	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	KELVINGROVE
✦ Charge and Benediction		Rev. Kate Culver
Choral Benediction	<i>The Peace of the Earth Be With You</i> Chancel Choir	John L. Bell
Postlude	<i>Fugue on B.A.C.H. No. 2</i> Mason Copeland, organ	Robert Schumann

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### Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Isabelle Wood  
Choir Guild Member: Anita Carwile  
Deacon of the Day: Ellen Thompson  
Tower Bell Ringer: Ed Carwile  
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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