



World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Celebration, John Swanson

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele
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.

Choral Introit

Love is Love is Love is Love
Nazareth Choir, Kelly Grba, conductor, Karen Brown, pianist

Abby Betenis

Love is love is love is love, Love is love is love is love,
Oh love is love is love is love, Oh love is love is love is love. Oh love, love, love.
All we need is love, love, love. All we need is love, love, love.
All we need is love, love, love. All we need is love.

✠ Call to Worship

Susan Landrum

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our Creator promised from the beginning that we would not be alone.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our Redeemer proclaimed that everyone is welcome.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our Sustainer speaks to us still.

✠ Hymn 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

United in your love, O God, we are one body across the globe. We are branches of one family whose roots run in the waters of grace. Still, O Lord, we do not act like one body. We find ways to distance ourselves with more than miles. We find ways to divide ourselves into endless groups of "us" and "them." Again and again, you call us back to the waters and to the table; again and again, we turn away. Forgive us, uniting God, and by your forgiveness, challenge us to tend to each other's wounds ... (Silent Confession) Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 595

Holy, Holy, Holy

ARGENTINE SANTO

**Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
you are holy, Lord!**

**Santo, santo, santo.
¡Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir:
¡Santo eres, Señor!**

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

Brian Bishop

First Lesson

Psalm 8

Second Lesson

Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

WINCHESTER (NEW)

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Kate Culver

APOSTLES CREED, TRADITIONAL PC(USA)

**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.**

Welcoming New Members

Offertory Sentence

Anthem

¡El Cielo Canta Alegría!
Chancel Choir, Mason Copeland, piano

Pablo Sosa, arr. Roger Bergs

Heaven is singing for joy, Hallelujah!
For in your life and in mine is shining the glory of God, Hallelujah!

Heaven is singing for joy, Hallelujah!
For in your life and in mine unite in the love of our God, Hallelujah!

Heaven is singing for joy, Hallelujah!
For your life and mine will always bear witness to God, Hallelujah!

✠ 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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Responsive Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, creator and ruler of the universe. Even when we were dust, you were there, your Word was there, breathing creation into the lifeless void. And upon your Word all creation sprang into life.

When we were in the wilderness, terrified and timid, you were there, your Word was there, with manna just enough for today, with water even from the driest rock, with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests.

And when we fell short, finding sin and death to be a more comfortable fit, you were there, your Word was there, on the lips of prophets, in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace. And so we join our voices with people all over the world and with your saints in the heavenly realm singing...

Sanctus 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

LAND OF REST

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am Bb C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord, for risking yourself among us, vulnerable and rejected; for teaching us what faithfulness looks and sounds like; for showing us the radical hope of God. You were there, your Word was there, even to the point of death itself.

Even faced with terror and hatred and the world as it should not be, you rose again, to new life, to new creation, to resurrection, so that we might know the world as it should be, the world as you will bring it to be.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this fruit of the vine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. Great is the mystery of faith!

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
 F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

And yet, Holy One, as we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth. On this day of World Communion, we pray for our siblings all over your world, especially those whose lives are full of hardship.

May we learn from them about what it means to have tough, resilient and faithful hope. We also pray for your healing Spirit to be poured out over us in this country so that the deep divisions we now experience might not take permanent hold of our imaginations.

Finally, we lift up the people of our own city and pray for our healing, too. We pray for our continued movement into more justice, more kindness, more compassion for all your people. Gracious God, we come today to claim our calling once again, to renew our courage once again, so that we can truly live as your disciples in this world and participate in your transformation of it. So pour down your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup that we might remember who and whose we are.

May this meal unite us with you, and with siblings in Christ around your world.

Give us your Spirit that we may experience anew your peace and go forth to share it. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, your Love Made Flesh, who taught us to pray saying...

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

We will partake communion via intinction. You may proceed to the station closest to you, pick a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, we will serve you while you remain seated.

Music During Communion

Prayer After Communion

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✦ Hymn 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

✦ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

✦ Choral Benediction

The Peace of the Earth Be with You
Chancel Choir with Congregation
The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.

John L. Bell

**The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you.**

Postlude

Improvisation on Adore te devote
Mason Copeland, organ

*The flowers in the Sanctuary on this on World Communion Sunday, are given to the glory of God
and to kick off Pride Week in Atlanta in honor of Chris McCain, Executive Director of Atlanta Pride.
The flowers have been given by the following people:*

Ted Brothers and Mike Coleman
Ben Evans
Rob Forbes
Sandy Hoke
Judy Kislá and Leslie Pope
Kimberly Parker and Ellen Dunn
David York
Richard Woodring (from Delaware)
Rick DeFeo (from Portugal)
Andrea Denney and Beth Reich (Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago)

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Nazareth Choir
Lector: Brian Bishop
Tower Bell Ringer: Kristeen Sorrell
Choir Guild Member: Ellen Thompson
Deacon of the Day: David York
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

Cup and Bread Bearers

Leland Jefferson
Quin Jefferson
Brianna Stewart

Hospitality Team

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Kevin Byers
Tricia Downing
Martha Kimes
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Anastassia Pons
Isabelle Werber

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NEXT FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Join us as we participate in Atlanta Pride Festival and Parade



Atlanta Pride, formerly known as the Atlanta Gay Pride Festival, stands as a cornerstone of our vibrant city, uniting the community in a week-long celebration of love, diversity, and acceptance.

We want to have Centralites staff our booth (including youth and kids) to help spread the word about Central's mission and

participate in our activities like face painting, arts and crafts, and/or games.

Load-In will take place this Friday for our booth. In addition to having a presence at the event, Central will march in the parade on Sunday following worship! You may scan the QR code to the right to sign up or contact Rev. Kate Culver for more questions.



November 3, 2024 2:30 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church

Eternal LIGHT

An All Saints' Worship Service

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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