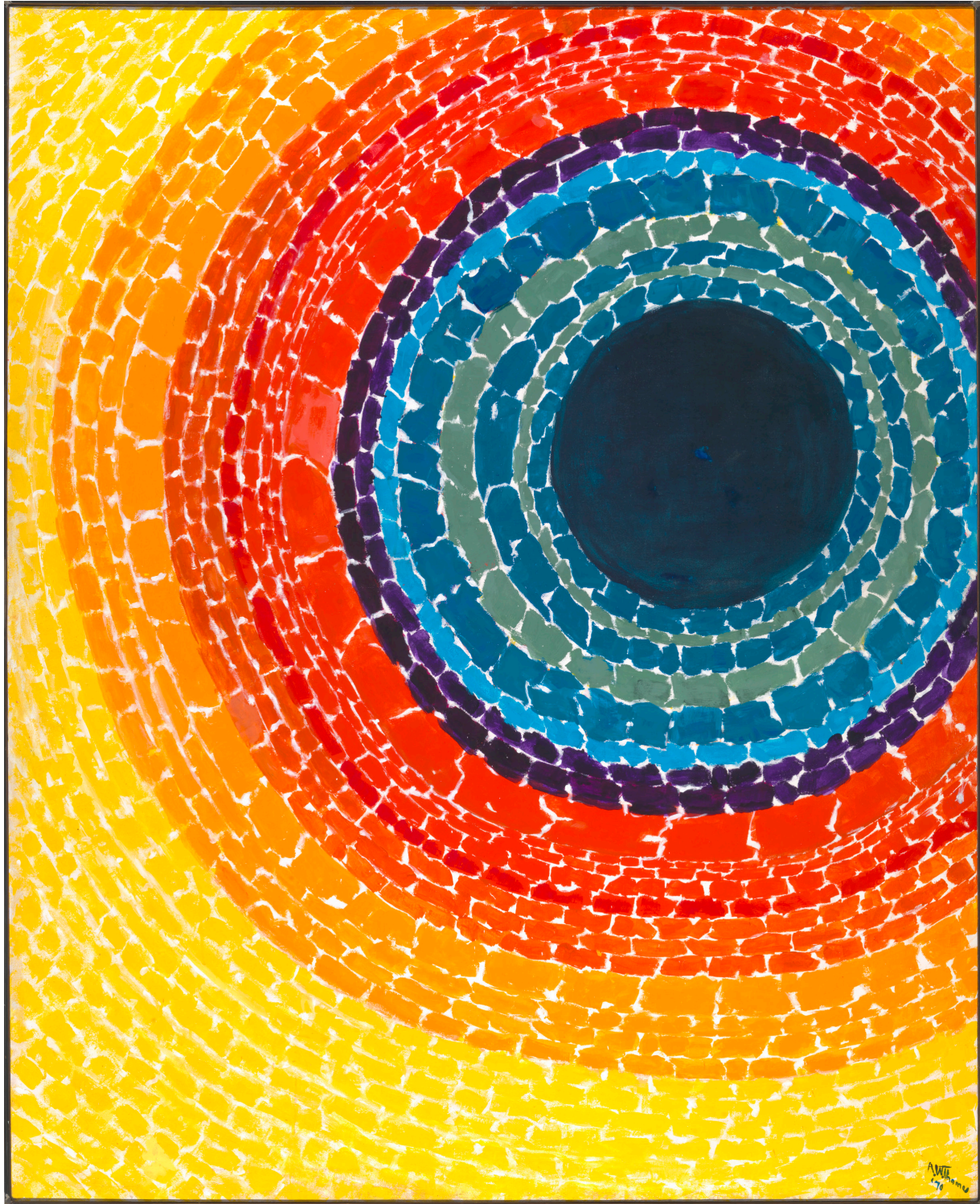




**CENTRAL**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
October 13, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*The Eclipse, Alma Thomas*

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Hi*  
Rylan Harris, organ

Timothy Rees

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 Susan Landrum  
Beloved, we gather this day to hear and learn from God's Living Word!  
**For God's Word is alive and active!**  
Let us go boldly to the throne of grace. There we will receive mercy and grace to match our every need.  
**In the shelter of Christ's mercy and grace, let us dare to hear and explore the truth of God's Living Word for our lives. Let us worship God!**

✠ Hymn "Songs for the Holy Other" *A Hymn for Self-Acceptance* BEACH SPRING

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession  
**Who is this Word that cuts through our clutter, sees when we sit and when we stand, reads our moods and motives, uncovers every secret in our hearts? Lord, it seems that you know us better than we know ourselves. Please mend what needs mending, and fill our hearts with your love and light. Help us to move forward, filled with your grace, acknowledging your mercy. Help us march into these streets, proclaiming your love for all. .... (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 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

Tricia Berrett

First Lesson

Job 23:1-9

Second Lesson

Hebrews 4:12-16

Rev. Kate Culver

Sermon

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

## Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn “Songs for the Holy Other” *Love Astounding* HOLY MANNA

✦ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

*For Everyone Born*  
Chancel Choir, Thomas Chafin, piano, Sarah Kapps, cello

Brian Mann, arr. Tom Trenney

✦ 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. 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 “Songs for the Holy Other” *I Shall Not Leave From By Your Side* PROSPECT

✦ Charge and Benediction Rev. Kate Culver

Postlude

*Improvisations on ‘Canticle of the Turning’*  
Rylan Harris, organ

arr. Rylan A. Harris

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Tricia Berrett  
Choir Guild Member: Ann Hunter  
Tower Bell Ringer: Kristeen Sorrell  
Deacon of the Day: Isabelle Werber  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

### Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
Martha Haythorn  
Kathy Kohn  
Norm Kohn  
Kathy McCloud  
Charles Rooks

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## Rev. Nibs Stroupe set to participate at Central October 20, 27

On two Sundays at the end of October, Rev. Nibs Stroupe will join Central to teach and preach. On October 20, he will teach a combined adult class based on his most-recent book, "She Made a Way: Mother and Me in a Deep South World." Described as "a memoir of survival and growth under the twin threats of white supremacy and male dominance. It is an intimate story of perseverance and coming of age: how a single, white working mother and her only son made their way in the patriarchal and racist world of postwar Helena, Arkansas, a Mississippi river town." Central member John Blake wrote the forward to the book. This special class will take place in the Parlor off of Tull Hall.

The next Sunday, October 27, Rev. Stroupe will be our guest preacher.



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