



Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
November 10, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Into the Light, Lou Stovall*

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*At the Ballet*  
Mason Copeland, organ

Calvin Hampton

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 Susan Landrum

Come once more, with eager longing,  
to receive the promises of God.

**Out of the desert places of our lives  
we gather with joy and gladness.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,  
and brings healing to all who seek him.

**Our God secures justice for the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.**

Come once more, with eager longing,

**and bless the holy name of our God.**

**Let us worship the God of love and justice!**

✠ Hymn 363 DARWALL'S 148TH

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you know how we love miracles. We love your healing, life-giving presence. We confess that poverty and oppression are harder to wrestle with honestly. Yet, we find you in solidarity with all of creation. We find you with your unexpected prophets and in your miracles. Dwell with us, as we make the struggles of the oppressed our own struggles. Dwell with us, as we wrestle with the complicity that hurts our neighbor and all of creation. Join us at your table and in the running water, as we join the effort to feed and clothe those who live in want. Grant us your compassion, we pray, that we may truly be your people ... (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 415 RESTORATION

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

**Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify,  
true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.**

**I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.**

## Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Mary Jane Cornell

First Lesson

Psalm 146

Second Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 36

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Leland and Quinlyn Jefferson,  
children of Sara Jane Toering and Dane Jefferson

✠ Affirmation of Faith

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.... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Hymn 306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
verses 1, 2 and 5

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and  
perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

"O Rest in the Lord" from *Elijah*  
Kelly Grba, soloist, Mason Copeland, piano

Felix Mendelssohn

✠ 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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

TRADITIONAL

**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 372

*O for a World*

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✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

*Those Americans*

Calvin Hampton

Mason Copeland, organ

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Soloist: Kelly Grba  
Lector: Rev. Mary Jane Cornell  
Tower Bell Ringer: Marci Bozeman  
Deacon of the Day: D. Vanessa Kirk  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

### Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
Martha Haythorn  
Kathy Kohn  
Norm Kohn  
Kathy McCloud

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