



The Thirty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 16, 2022  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



'FORGIVENESS' BY SOFIYA INGER ARTS

## Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

*Sonata in D Major, K.288*

Domenico Scarlatti

*As the Opening Voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.*

Welcome

Rev. John M. Semmes

Ring 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.*



When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.  
Please silence your phones.

✠ Call to Worship  
ADAPTED FROM PSALM 130

Rev. John M. Semmes

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Let your ears be attentive to the voices of our supplications!

**If you should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

We wait for the Lord; our souls wait, and in his word we hope; our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

**O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

✠ Hymn 445

*God, How Can We Forgive*

LEONI

✠ Call to Confession

Susan Landrum, Samuel Phillips, Rev. John M. Semmes

✠ Prayer of Confession

Susan Landrum

PLEASE USE INSERT AS OUR RESPONSIVE CONFESSION

*Silent Confession*

✠ Kyrie

Avon Gillespie

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Susan Landrum

✠ Passing of the Peace

Susan Landrum

✠ Response Hymn 587

*CELTIC ALLELUIA*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*During the response hymn, children are invited to come forward for A Time With Children.*

## Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children		Samuel Phillips
Prayer for Illumination		Ann Hunter
First Lesson	Psalm 130	Ann Hunter
Second Lesson	Luke 7:36-8:3	Rev. John M. Semmes
Sermon	“Getting to Forgiveness”	Rev. John M. Semmes
<i>Silence and Stillness</i>		

## Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith  
EXCERPT FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

Samuel Phillips

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. 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!” 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. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence Samuel Phillips

Music at the Offertory *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling-place* (from *Requiem*) Johannes Brahms

HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE, O LORD OF HOSTS!  
FOR MY SOUL, IT LONGETH, YEA, FAINTETH FOR THE COURTS OF THE LORD;  
MY SOUL AND BODY CRIETH OUT, YEA, FOR THE LIVING GOD.  
BLEST ARE THEY THAT DWELL WITHIN THY HOUSE; THEY PRAISE THY NAME EVERMORE! -*PSALM 84:1-4*



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

Samuel Phillips

**Blessed One, our Father and our Mother  
May your love be enacted in the world.**

**May your will be done  
On earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us in the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For all that we do in your love,  
and all that your love brings to birth,  
and the fullness of love that will be  
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 435	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	IN BABILONE
✠ Benediction		Rev. John M. Semmes
Closing Voluntary	<i>Postlude on LEONI</i>	Michael Burkhardt

*The congregation is invited to be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

## Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer, Chris Sciarrone  
Lector, Ann Hunter  
Chancel Choir

### Worship Staff

The Rev. John M. Semmes,  
Interim Pastor and Head of Staff  
The Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia,  
Associate Pastor for Engagement and Mission  
The Rev. P. C. (Buddy) Enniss, Pastor Emeritus  
Susan Landrum, Interim Director of Youth  
Samuel Phillips, Interim Director  
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Dr. Jennifer Sengin, Director of Musical Arts  
Vicki Fey, Organist/Music Associate  
Michael Morgan, Organist Emeritus  
Thomas Dixon, Music Intern  
Dennis Lau, Music Intern

### Worship Production Staff

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### Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
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Ben Evans  
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