



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 21, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Pastorale*, Vasily Kandinsky

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Contemplation*  
Mason Copeland, organ

Mark Williams

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon 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

Christ calls to us:

**Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile.**

O God, you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life  
and I shall dwell in God's house my whole life long.**

✠ Hymn 309

*Come, Great God of All the Ages*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

**Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our greed, and our apathy to direct our paths. We have overreacted; we have taken more than our share; we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You, and to loving our neighbors. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray.... (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

Prayer for Illumination

Ann Hunter

First Lesson

Psalm 23

Second Lesson

Mark 6:14-29

Rev. Shannon Kershner

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 187

*Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Kate Culver

FROM THE APOSTLE'S CREED (TRADITIONAL)

**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.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

*Sarabande and Gigue from Suite in D minor, HWV 452*  
Karen Brown, piano

George Frideric Handel

✠ 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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kate Culver

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.**

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 301

*Let Us Build A House*

TWO OAKS

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon Kershner

Postlude

*Ceremonial March*  
Mason Copeland, organ

Mark Williams

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

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Lector: Ann Hunter  
Karen Brown, piano  
Tower Bell Ringer: Althea Brown  
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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