

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
March 5, 2023  
Second Sunday in Lent

11:15AM



# HEART SONGS

*from the book of Psalms*



CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Central

**Get connected  
and let us know  
you are here!**



**Sundays at Central**

**Worshipping as a  
Family**

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**Prayer**

**Lent**

Whether you're just beginning to explore the Christian faith or a longtime believer, we're glad you're here and pray you will experience the love and grace of Jesus today. Central is for anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus Christ and grow together in real community.

Especially if this is your first time as our guest, welcome. We are thrilled you are here, and would love to connect with you. You are encouraged to fill out a connection card at one of our welcome tables in either lobby or in the Fellowship Hall, or simply scan the QR code.

**Worship: 8:30am & 11:15am**

**Sunday School (all ages): 10am**

Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families.

During both services, nursery care is available for families with children ages 8 weeks through 3 years. The nursery entrance is on the first floor.

A nursing mother's room is located on the first floor off of the Fellowship Hall.

For kids ages 3 through 1st grade, we offer "children's church" during the sermon. After worshipping with their family during the first part of the service, kids ages 3-years through 1st grade will be invited to join our leaders at the front of the sanctuary. After the sermon, the kids return to the sanctuary to meet their parents.

Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Amplification devices are also available from the ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Located in each pew is a "Welcome Registry." We encourage you to please use this to let us know you worshiped at Central today. After putting your name down, please pass the book down your pew.

At Central, we believe in the power of prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer requests using the cards located in the pew, or online at [centralpres.com/prayer](http://centralpres.com/prayer). You can also email your prayer requests to [prayer@centralpres.com](mailto:prayer@centralpres.com). If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

The colors at the front of the church are purple to mark the season of Lent. During Lent we focus on Christ's suffering as he sacrificed himself to serve a fallen world even to the point of death on a cross. We also lament the brokenness of ourselves and our world, and we renew our commitment to follow Jesus on the path of suffering service for the sake of God's kingdom that he first walked on our behalf as the Suffering Servant-King.

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# My Hope Is Built

## Central Brass Ensemble

arr. D. Grotenhuis

## Prelude

*Standing (if able)*

from Psalm 50:15; 34:8, 10

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,  
**the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

The sovereign Lord says,

“Call upon me in the day of trouble

and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

**Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him,**

**for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

## God Calls Us To Worship

God gathers us before his heavenly throne for a special time to renew our relationship with him together.

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord\_\_\_\_ of all!  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord\_\_\_\_ of all!  
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord\_\_\_\_ of all!  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord\_\_\_\_ of all!

## We Praise God

We respond to God's call by honoring his majesty and goodness in song.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1780  
Tune: Oliver Holden, 1793

## **We Pray For God To Help Us Worship**

We ask the Lord to work  
in us by his Holy Spirit  
to give us the desire and  
ability to respond to him  
in worship.

## **God Calls Us To Confess Our Sin**

### **We Confess Our Sin**

Together as the people  
of God, we acknowledge  
honestly to God what  
is wrong and broken  
in us and ask for  
his forgiveness and  
transforming grace.

Christ humbled himself to give his life for us.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him!**

### *Seated*

from Psalm 24:3-4; James 4:7-8, 10

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Prince of peace,

you have promised us peace as we seek it in you.

**But we often seek peace in everything but you.**

**We often live without prayer in unceasing busyness,  
and we suffer anxious fear that we do not bring to you.**

You came to draw us together in your peace.

**But we are prone to draw apart,  
to live in conflict and division  
behind high walls of fear and shame.**

**We devour each other in bitterness,  
we love to take revenge,  
and our wounds often fester unforgiven.**

You have promised us an eternal future filled with peace  
when you make all things new.

**But we often forget your faithfulness to past promises  
and take little comfort in the hope of future grace  
when the conflicts of the present overwhelm us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Father, forgive us for refusing the path of true peace in you. In the midst of our turmoil and trial, lift our eyes to you and lead us to pray so that we find constant strength in your presence. Let your peace to rule in our hearts so that we become a healing and peacemaking people filled with trust and hope in your provision and your promises. Amen.

*Standing (if able)*

from Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 2:16

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. For he himself is our peace and has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

**Hallelujah, Amen!**

*Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Church  
and will return during the offering.*

### **God Declares Our Forgiveness**

God responds joyfully to our confession by declaring his forgiveness and the security of his grace and delight in us as his beloved daughters and sons.

## We Praise God

Having been assured of God's favor, we offer thanks and praise for salvation from sin and reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

## Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone.  
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.  
3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"

What is our on - ly con - fi dence? That our souls to him be - long.  
Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem - er's blood.  
And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.

Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com-mand?  
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm y trial?  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed,

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?  
and we will feast in end-less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

**Chorus**

O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal. O sing hal - le -  
lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

Text and tune: Keith Getty, Matt Papa, Matt Merker, Matt Boswell ©2020 Getty Music Publishing (BMI)

## Total Praise

Chancel Choir

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help is coming from You.  
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength,  
You are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to You.

Words and music by Richard Smallwood; arr. Carol Cymbala

## Psalm 122

Pew Bible page 517

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”  
<sup>2</sup> Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!  
<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,  
<sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
<sup>5</sup> There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May they be secure who love you!”  
<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!”  
<sup>8</sup> For my brothers and companions’ sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”  
<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.

## God Instructs Us In Scripture Reading

God speaks to us through the Bible to instruct, encourage, correct, comfort, and equip us to know, love, and follow him.

We respond to God by  
affirming our trust in his  
word.

## God Instructs Us In Preaching

God speaks to us to  
explain what his word  
means and how to  
respond to him with  
loving obedience in our  
daily lives.

## We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

We respond to God's  
word by offering  
ourselves to God with  
renewed love and  
commitment both in  
song and in gifts of  
money to support God's  
mission in the world.

The Lord teaches the humble his way.


Psalm 25:9; 119:81

**My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.**

**“God Who Builds” - Rev. Dr. Clay Smith**

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## Psalm 122



1. With joy and glad-ness in my soul I hear the call to prayer!  
2. They come to learn Je - ho - vah's will, his might - y deeds to own,  
3. I pray the Lord that peace may still with - in thy walls a - bound,  
4. O Al - pha and O - me - ga, reign for - ev - er One in Three.

Let us go up to God's own house and bow be - fore him there.  
for there is judg-ment's roy - al seat, Mes - si - ah's king - ly throne.  
and ev - er in thy pal - a - ces pros - per - i - ty be found.  
As - cribe all hon - or to your name, un - chang - ing Tri - ni - ty.

We stand with - in thy sac - red walls, O Zi - on, all our days,  
O pray that Zi - on may be blest and have a - bun-dant peace.  
Now for my friends' and breth - ren's sakes my heart de - sires thy peace,  
To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, im - mor - tal glo - ry be.

where - in the peo - ple of the Lord de - light to give him praise.  
For all that love thee in their hearts shall pros - per and in - crease.  
and for the house of God the Lord my care shall nev - er cease.  
As was, is now, and shall be still for all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Psalter, 1912, alt.  
Tune: ELLACOMBE, Wittenberg Gesangbuch, 1784



## *Standing (if able)*

(prayers for the church and the world)

**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.**

## *Seated*

Central welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

### **Prayer for those searching**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of new belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Is your child interested in receiving communion for the first time? Contact Karen Brown ([kbrown@centralpres.com](mailto:kbrown@centralpres.com)) for more information.

Please hold the elements until all have been served, and we will eat and drink together. The communion bread is gluten-free.

## **We Pray For The Church And The World**

We respond to God's word by asking him to transform our lives, our communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus with the Lord's Prayer as a summary prayer for the mission of God's kingdom.

## **God Feeds Us at His Table**

We celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin, Satan, and death through his death and resurrection by eating and drinking symbols of Jesus' body and blood. The Holy Spirit works through this act to nourish us by the life of Jesus, to unite us with God and with one another in friendship, and to give us a foretaste and promise of Jesus' return to make all things new.

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Therefore, with the whole company of heaven and the whole church on earth,  
we give you thanks for your great glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(prayer of thanks & words of institution)

Now let us celebrate the feast of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

## We Praise God

## Behold the Lamb



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us -  
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you -  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you -  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond -

and we re - mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for -  
eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the  
drink and re - mem - ber he drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -  
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as his

give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his  
price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his  
ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his  
bod - y here on earth. So we share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will

sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

Text and tune: Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend ©2006 Thankyou Music

And all God's people said...  
**Hallelujah! Amen.**

## Lenten Doxology

This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for-get  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru-ler yet.  
This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not done.  
Je-sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Tune: TERRA BEATA; Traditional English melody

## Rigaudon

A. Campra

## Postlude

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano, organ, vocals*; Scott Schlueter, *guitar*; Romondo Davis, *bass*; Jennifer Mazzoni, *flute*; Pete Johnson, *percussion, vocals*; Jill Clayton, *vocals*

Central Brass Ensemble: Al Stith (director), Pat Stark, Peter Baartman, *trumpet*; Tim Arrington, Jill Clayton, *horn*; Paul Arrington, *trombone*; Susan Griesedieck, *euphonium*; Richard Johnston, Austin Winkleman, *tuba*

## God Blesses Us And Sends Us Out

God sends us out into the world with his blessing to live with him and serve the mission of his kingdom.

# Connect, Grow, Serve

At Central, we seek the transformation of our lives, communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God. This vision becomes more and more a reality when we **connect**, **grow**, and **serve**.

Below are a few opportunities coming up for you to belong to God's mission and his work at and through Central.

## Connection Dinners

Looking to connect with other Central members in a social setting? Join a Connection Dinner (Saturdays 6pm - 8:30pm) this Winter/Spring and enjoy the blessing of food and fellowship in a small group setting. Our hosts are graciously opening their homes to bring together many parts of our community. You'll likely be grouped with some longtime acquaintances as well as new friends. Enjoy the surprise experience! Your hosts will contact you directly with dinner details and a chance for you to bring a side dish to share. Contact Kate Spielman at [kspielman@centralpres.com](mailto:kspielman@centralpres.com) for more information or to sign up!

## Growing in Evangelism

As Christians, we are called to share our faith. But what does that look like, and how is it best done? Those questions can become stumbling blocks to us in sharing the amazing news of Jesus with a world in desperate need of his saving power. We don't need a perfect plan or a perfect approach to share the good news. Sometimes, a simple invitation to come to church can be a wonderful tool of evangelism. This is especially true at Easter time when we retell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. In the coming weeks, please prayerfully consider who you might invite to attend one of our Holy Week or Easter services. Need assistance in thinking about how to live out this exciting part of our faith? Contact Pastor Ben at [btzeng@centralpres.com](mailto:btzeng@centralpres.com).

## Easter Volunteers Needed!

Holy Week and Easter are roughly one month away, and we have many events and services planned to help our members and guests have a powerful encounter with Jesus this year. It's a great time to volunteer and be part of what God is doing! Volunteer positions include: greeters, parking, setup for Sunrise service, tour guides for stations of the cross, "inviters", and many more. Please consider giving of your time during this busy and important season! Please contact Kate Spielman at [kspielman@centralpres.com](mailto:kspielman@centralpres.com) for more information.

If you would like more information about these or other upcoming opportunities, please scan the QR code to the right, email us at [communications@centralpres.com](mailto:communications@centralpres.com), or call the church office at 314-727-2777.

## CONNECT

## GROW

## SERVE

