

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 9, 2026

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CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

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Welcome Registry

Prayer

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: 9:00am & 11:00am

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 kindergarten, we offer "children's worship" during the sermon. After worshipping with their family during the first part of the service, kids ages 3 through kindergarten 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. You can also email your prayer requests to prayer@centralpres.com. If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

Songs of worship are used with permission. CCLI #100150

All That I Have

Trina Harger, *mezzo-soprano*
Matthew Mazzoni, *piano*

Words & music by Dr. Luetta Werner

Prelude

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 105:1-3

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

God Calls Us To Worship

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

A Mighty Fortress



1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing.
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth.



Our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
The Spir-it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid-eth.



For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and pow'r are
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he. Lord Sab-a-oth his
The prince of dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him. His rage we can en-
Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so. The bod-y they may



great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
dure, for lo, his doom is sure: one lit-tle word shall fell him.
kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still: his king-dom is for-ev-er.

Text: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederic Hedge, 1852

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG; Martin Luther, 1529

We Praise God

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

**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 is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

Seated

from Hebrews 10:19, 21-22; 4:16

Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to the throne of grace with a true heart in full assurance of faith, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**O God our true hope,
we are prone to think too much of ourselves
and to forget that every good we enjoy
is a gift of your grace and strength.
We have placed our confidence
and sought our own righteousness
in all the wrong places:
in belonging to the right group,
in knowing enough and believing the right truths,
in having the right training and experience,
in obeying the right rules.
But our confidence in ourselves always fails
and leads us away from you.
And so we have wandered from your way
and broken your holy law
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, help us deny every false hope and confidence so that we will look to Jesus, our resurrected Lord, for true life and for every good that we need. By your Holy Spirit, fill us daily with wonder and gratitude for the abundant grace and life that you offer us freely through our Lord Jesus Christ so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from Romans 8:31-32; 2 Peter 1:3

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? God's divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

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!

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.

Living Hope



1. How great the cha - sm that lay be - tween us. How high the moun - tain
 2. Who could im - ag - ine so great a mer - cy? What heart could fath - om
 3. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the prom - ise, your bur - ied bod - y

I could not climb. In des - per - a - tion I turned to heav - en
 such bound - less grace? The God of ag - es stepped down from glo - ry
 be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence, the Roar - ing Li - on

and spoke your name in - to the night. Then through the
 to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has
 de - clared the grave has no claim on me. *(repeat vs. 3)*
 Je - sus, yours is the vic - to - ry! *(chorus)*

dark - ness your lov - ing - kind - ness tore through the shad - ows of my soul.
 spo - ken; I am for - giv - en. The King of Kings calls me his own.

The work is fin - ished, the end is writ - ten. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. *(verse 2)*
 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, I'm yours for - ev - er. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope.

Chorus
 Hal - le - lu - jah, praise the One who set me free! Hal - le - lu - jah, death has
 lost its grip on me! You have bro - ken ev - 'ry chain. There's sal -
 va - tion in Your name. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. *(repeat chorus)*

Text and tune: Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson
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Seated

Children ages 3 - kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship and will return during the offering.

Luke 18:1-30

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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.

The grass withers and the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

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

“Following Jesus Empty-Handed” – Rev. Dr. Mark Valeri

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.

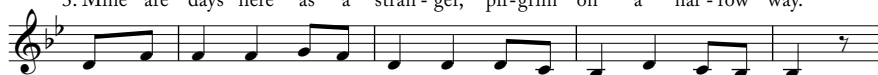
We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

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.

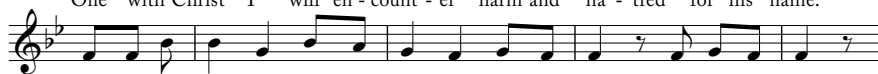
Christ Is Mine Forevermore



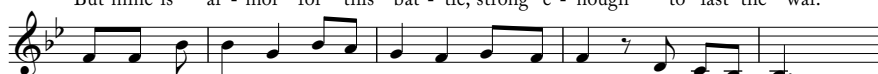
1. Mine are days that God has num-bered. I was made to walk with him.
2. Mine are tears in times of sor-row, dark-ness not yet un-der-stood.
3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger, pil-grim on a nar-row way.



Yet I look for world-ly treas-ure and for-sake the King of Kings.
Through the val-ley I must trav-el where I see no earth-ly good.
One with Christ I will en-count-er harm and ha-tred for his name.



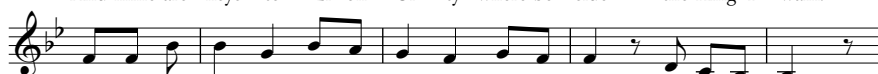
But mine is hope in my Re-deem-er. Though I fall, his love is sure,
But mine is peace that flows from hea-ven and the strength in times of need.
But mine is ar-mor for this bat-tle, strong e-nough to last the war.



for Christ has paid for ev-'ry fail-ing. I am his for-ev-er-more. *(verse 2)*
I know my pain will not be wast-ed. Christ com-pletes his work in me. *(verse 3)*
And he has said he will de-liv-er safe-ly to the gold-en shore. *(chorus)*



And mine are keys to Zi-on Ci-ty where be-side the King I walk.



For there my heart has found its trea-sure. Christ is mine for-ev-er-more. *(bridge)*



Come, re-joice now, O my soul, for his love is my re-ward.



Fear is gone and hope is sure. Christ is mine for-ev-er-more! *(chorus)*

Text and tune: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
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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? Please email family@centralpres.com for more information.

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.

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

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

There Is a Fountain



1. There is a foun-tain filled with blood, drawn from Im-man - uel's veins,
2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day,
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
4. Dear dy - ing Lamb, thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its power



and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains,
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way,
re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die,
till all the ran - sored church of God be saved to sin no more,



lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains.
washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way.
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die.
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;



And sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
till all the ran - sored church of God be saved to sin no more.

Text: William Cowper, 1772
Tune: CLEANSING FOUNTAIN; Early American melody

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

Doxology – Old 100th

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, Genevan Psalter, 1551

Trumpet Tune and Bell Symphony

H. Purcell

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.

Liturgist: Rev. Ben Tzeng

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano, organ, vocals*; Patrick Crecelius,
guitar; Matt Woodson, *bass*; Pete Johnson, *percussion, vocals*; Susan Crecelius, *vocals*

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our
dear daughter, sister, and aunt, Beth, and of our wife and mother, Jan, by the Terry
Dunaaway family.*

Postlude

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.

Town Hall This Thursday, August 13

We are excited about our ministry plans for the year ahead and our renewed focus on evangelism. To share more about those plans, we invite you to join us for a Town Hall meeting here in the sanctuary this Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 pm. There will be an extended Q/A time for you to interact with church leadership. Please contact us at info@centralpres.com if you would like any additional information before the Town Hall.

Interested in Joining Central?

Whether you are here today for the first time or you've been visiting for a while, now is a great time to consider joining Central. We have our next "Discovery and Membership" class beginning next later this month on Sunday, August 30. Interested, or know someone who might be? Contact us at info@centralpres.com to learn more or to register.

Serving on Sundays

Sunday mornings at Central are really special, and it takes a lot of people to make it happen. Have you ever considered serving as an occasional volunteer on Sunday morning? There are lots of ways to do so: parking ministry, safety ministry, ushers/greeters, hospitality ministry, and more. Too busy to commit frequently? Even serving a few times a year is a great help. This month is a perfect time to get involved as we prepare to start a new ministry year together. Contact us at info@centralpres.com to find a place to plug in. There is something for everyone!

CONNECT

GROW

SERVE

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, or call the church office at 314-727-2777.

