



Worship

Central Presbyterian Church

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- **PRELUDE**

WELCOME

PREPARING A WORSHIP SPACE

- **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all you who carry heavy burdens,
and Christ will give you rest.

**For he is gentle and humble in heart:
in him we find rest for our souls.**

HYMN #31 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

- Let us, with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord, who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.
- God, with all commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.
- All things living God does feed;
with full measure meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.
- Let us, with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
Therefore let us confess our sin
with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- **Holy One, we confess to you and to each other
that we are tired and weighed down
by the mistakes we have made,
even in our closest relationships
with our friends, our spouses, and our partners.**
- **We give this burden to you,
mindful of Jesus' promise that
he will give us rest.
We trust in you.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

- Friends, hear the good news of our faith:
God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
showing compassion to all.
- Forgiven and freed, let us rise up with joy
and share our peace with one another.
This is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- (if you are participating today through facebook,
please register your peace for each other now)
Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
we also should forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

- **Comforting God,
by your Holy Spirit
lift the burdens from our souls
through the reading of your Word for us,
that we may learn how easy it is
to live in a loving relationship with you.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they

say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

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.
- We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
- teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up
the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
- Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
- God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

- 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.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

- **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(If you are participating today on facebook, please register your prayers now)

- **OFFERING**

New virtual giving opportunities-

Go to:

<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/centralmontclair>

or,

text- 973 315 6494

HYMN # 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
- I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place,
and he has made me glad.
- I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."

- I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
- I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me; your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
- I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

CHARGE/BLESSING

- **POSTLUDE**