



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship

Central Presbyterian Church
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September 13

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Prepare your communion elements for the Lord's Supper.

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, bless the Lord,
bless God's holy name.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love for us.

HYMN #65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,

land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God,
you lived for us—**we have not lived for you.**
You have forgiven us—**we have not**
forgiven others.
You have loved us—**we have not loved ourselves**
nor have we loved one another.
Take pity on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive.
Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SINS

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God,
God is merciful and gracious
and is Lord of us all.
This is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Reconciled to the God who loves us,
let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

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

Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit
open our understanding
that we may receive the Word of life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 14:1-12

¹⁴Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat

must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

ANTHEM *Rock of Ages* (Augustus Toplady) – Edward Alstrom, Hammond Organ

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:
you are a shepherd for your people—
feeding them,
protecting them from danger,
binding up their wounds,
searching for the lost and bringing them safely home.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:
Jesus is coming in glory to judge the world.
Those who have cared for the needs of the least

will be welcomed into his promised kingdom.

Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Give us your Spirit of wisdom and revelation,

enlightening the eyes of our hearts
so that we may live in faith, hope, and love.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

OFFERING

New virtual giving opportunities-

Go to:

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

or,

text "Give" to 973-315-6494

HYMN #525

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

CHARGE/BLESSING

POSTLUDE *That's Enough* (Dorothy Love Coates)

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Central's Mission Statement:

"As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of God's Grace, we are a caring, inclusive congregation that strives to grow in Christian faith, proclaim the Good News, and provide service in ministry to each other, our diverse community, and the world."

September Birthdays *(please let us know if we miss anyone!)*

1 Alice Sturzinger
3 Kara Beth Johansen
6 Emma Justice
15 Heather Rose Woodward
23 John Finney
24 John Weber
28 Ruth Ann Dodd
29 Doug Ewertsen