



Worship
Central Presbyterian Church
46 Park Street, Montclair NJ 07042
July 25, 2021

PRELUDE *Dominus Regit Me* (Colin Mawby) Ed Alstrom, Music Director and Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor David Noble

Jesus sees our needs,
and he acts to meet them.
Jesus gathers us in community,
and we are fed by the Bread of Life.

HYMN #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Karen Noble

Let us come before our generous Lord and Savior
to confess and be forgiven once more,
and to open our hearts to his vision for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and merciful Jesus,
 we do not grasp the significance of your call to follow you.
 We insist on our own vision of community.
 We cannot fathom the power of your love
 that could create among us a way of being together
 that satisfies our deepest needs.
 Show us once more the fullness of your love,
 that we may share it together.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love does not give up.
 God's love overcomes our limitations,
 our stubbornness, our sin,
 and calls us to new life together.
 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, come to us not only in the hearing of your holy word, but by the power
 of your Holy Spirit.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6: 1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of
 Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was
 doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his
 disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and
 saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

Virtual giving opportunities-

Go to:

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

or,

text "Give" to 973-315-6494

Offering Prayer

HYMN #300 We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
 we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
 and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
 and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
 yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
 we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
 and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
 yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

We will work with each other we will work side by side;
 we will work with each other we will work side by side,
 and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
 and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
 yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
 and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
 and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
 and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
 yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

CHARGE/BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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."

Central Presbyterian Church is a Covenant Network congregation, a community within the Presbyterian Church, USA, that seeks to be inclusive, particularly with regard to welcoming LGBT persons as members and leaders.

July Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Krizner-George
- 2 Adelle Buck
Lisbeth Hoyt
- 4 Heather Day
- 5 Pastor David Noble
- 6 Linn Kristine Johansen
- 7 Natalie Grace Wilson
- 10 Levi Waisanen
- 23 Karen Noble
- 31 Valerie Spain
Jackie Lane