



## Worship

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## WELCOME

**PRELUDE**                      *Service Prelude in F (Eugene Thayer)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior  
nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

## HYMN # 450 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
 thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
 High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in the mercy of God,  
 let us confess to God and to one another  
 our failure to love our neighbor.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy,  
 we confess that we have not borne the fruit  
 of the Spirit.  
 We have not loved others as you have loved us.  
 We have denied the promises of baptism  
 and cut ourselves off from you.  
 Forgive us, restore us,  
 that we may abide in your love  
 and live out your mercy,  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
 in whose name we pray.**

### **INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We have already been cleansed by the word that  
 God has spoken to us.  
 In baptism God claimed us  
 and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine.  
 Believe God's promise and 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**

**Come, Holy Spirit,  
that through your word we may be guided  
into the love of God for all the world.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jesus says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**                      *Song for Lotta* (Jan Sandstrom)  
Mark Johansen, Trombone

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES****SERMON**

**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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

If you are participating through Facebook, please register your prayers now.

## **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.**

In every time and every age, O God,  
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks,  
for your mercy is sure  
and your steadfast love endures forever.

**In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus,  
who frees us from darkness**

**and lights our path to endless renewal and life eternal.**

And so, with all of creation,  
with all the needy and hungry ones,  
with all those who have enough and plenty,  
with creatures large and small,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
and with the saints of every age,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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 are you, O God, creator of all things.  
By your power and love you continue  
to deliver your people from bondage,  
thwart the designs of evil,  
show the way through the wilderness,  
turn hardship into righteousness,  
and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.

**You came among us to feed and heal and teach,  
to confound the haughty,  
to confuse the tricksters,  
to challenge the wrong-hearted,  
and, in all these things,  
to give hope to those who long for peace.**

We remember that on the night he was betrayed,  
having gathered his friends at the table,  
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And again, after supper, he took the cup  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.  
You give us words when we have none;  
you fill us with vision when we have the most need;  
you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.  
Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace,  
Spirit of Love,  
Breath of Life.  
**Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew,  
and teach us to proclaim with her,  
"I have seen the Lord!"**

In the unity of the Holy Trinity,  
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,  
we praise you, God of all that is,  
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**

**Virtual giving opportunities-**

**Go to:**

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

**or,**

text "Give" to 973-315-6494

**HYMN #526** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain:*

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one;  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.

*Refrain:*

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God, Immanuel, everywhere!

*Refrain:*

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**CHARGE/BLESSING****POSTLUDE**

*Service Postlude in C (Eugene Thayer)*

## Come to Coffee Hour!

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.*

The **Central Church steeple** is illuminated for the month of May in loving memory of Priscilla Stauffer from Larry Stauffer.

## **May Birthdays**

2	Barbara Eveleth Eugenia Bishop
4	Neal B. Day
5	Nina Moulongo
9	Craig Woodward
11	Curran Schestag
12	Larry Stauffer
16	Loren Hoyt
17	Marylyn Smalls
20	Stephanie Fitzgerald Pam Osborne
24	Lidet Hall
26	Mark Johansen