



Worship

January 9, 2022

* If you are able, please stand

PRELUDE Prelude on 'Horsley' (C.S. Lang)

Ed Alstrom, Music Director and Organist

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Frank Broyles

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

* **HYMN #463** "How Firm a Foundation"

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand.
- 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
- 4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
- 5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Frederick Moulongo

In the light of Christ,
we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's grace,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**Merciful God,
 you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
 but we have preferred to live in darkness.
 Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,
 yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.
 Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,
 yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.
 Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,
 yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.
 Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,
 that we may trust you in all things;
 through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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Please take this time for personal confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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This is the good news:
 Christ is the light of the world,
 who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.
 Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Elder Frederick Moulongo

(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

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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Spirit of God,
 in the proclamation of your Word,
 reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ,
 and strengthen our faith
 that we may approach you with boldness. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43: 1-5

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¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

John 1: 1-5 and 14

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¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 6:26-35

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²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

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

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.

It is right and our joy,

Creator God,

to give you thanks and praise.

For in the beginning you created

the heavens and the earth.

Out of darkness and chaos,

you brought light and order.

You have given life to every living thing

and made us in your image, male and female.

Even when we turned away from you,

loving darkness rather than light,

you did not turn away from us.

You sent prophets to show us the way.

In the fullness of time,

You sent your Son to be Immanuel,

God with us.

At his birth,

The night sky lit up

With heavenly host and a guiding star.

Shepherds and magi found their way to you.
 Women and children, tax collectors and lepers
 Continued to find their way to you.
 The darkness of Gethsemane, the cross,
 And the grave could not overcome you;
 For you are the light of the world,
 shining still.

Gracious God,
 pour out your Holy Spirit
 upon these gifts of bread and wine,
 that the bread we break and the cup we bless
 may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
 In this feast, make us one with you
 and with each other.
 Enflame us with your Spirit,
 that we may be united in ministry in every place.
 Send us, in your marvelous light,
 Into the world, ready to serve others and work for peace.
 We pray in the triune name of God. **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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

God of grace,
 You renew us at your table with the bread of life.
 May this food strengthen us in love
 And help us to serve you in each other.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

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Virtual and in-person giving opportunities:

- 1) Online at our Easytithe site - <https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/centralmontclair>
- 2) Text "Give" to 973-315-6494
- 3) Place offerings in the trays at the doors of the sanctuary as you depart.

Offering Prayer

* **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!
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]*
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share. God (Emmanuel) everywhere! *[Refrain]*

* **CHARGE/BLESSING****POSTLUDE** Pentagram I (David Blackwell)

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"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.

January Birthdays

2 Gus Arndt
6 Erin Norton
10 C.C. Fitzgerald
12 Sidney Moulongo
13 Lisa Hoyt
Roald Mitchell
Trevor White
17 Meyling Cabezas
18 CeCe Mitchell
19 Jonathan Ali
22 Jane Speer
31 Charlotte Worth