# ORDER OF WORSHIP June 29, 2025

# **11:00**AM





Welcome to Central

Get connected at Central



Whether you're just beginning to explore the Christian faith or a longtime believer, we're glad you're here and pray you will experience the love and grace of Jesus today. Central is for anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus Christ and grow together in real community.

Especially if this is your first time as our guest, welcome. We are thrilled you are here, and would love to connect with you. You are encouraged to fill out a connection card at one of our welcome tables in either lobby or in the Fellowship Hall, or simply scan the QR code.

Sundays at Central

Worship: 9:00am & 11:00am

Worshiping as a	Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families.							
Family	During both services, nursery care is available for families with children ages 8 weeks through 3 years. The nursery entrance is on the first floor.							
	A nursing mother's room is located on the first floor off of the Fellowship Hall.							
	For kids ages 3 through kindergarten, we offer "children's worship" during the sermon. After worshipping with their family during the first part of the service, kids ages 3 through kindergarten will be invited to join our leaders at the front of the sanctuary. After the sermon, the kids return to the sanctuary to meet their parents.							
Accessibility	Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Amplification devices are also available from the ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.							
Welcome Registry	Located in each pew is a "Welcome Registry." We encourage you to please use this to let us know you worshiped at Central today. After putting your name down, plea pass the book down your pew.							
Prayer	At Central, we believe in the power of prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer requests using the cards located in the pew, or online at <i>centralpres.com/prayer</i> . You can also email your prayer requests to <i>prayer@centralpres.com</i> . If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.							

# Largo from New World Symphony

Jennifer Mazzoni, flute

Standing (if able)

Praise the LORD! For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

A. Dvořák

from Psalm 33: 4-5, 8, 18

God Calls Us To Worship

God gathers us before his heavenly throne for a special time to renew our relationship with him together.

#### Prelude

#### We Praise God

We respond to God's call by honoring his majesty and goodness in song. Come, Thou Almighty King 1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing, 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might y sword. 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa-cred wit ness bear 4. To Thee, great One in Three, e - ter-nal prais be es help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Our prayer at - tend: Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc-cess. Thou, who al - might - y art, in this glad hour! now rule in ev - 'ry heart hence ev - er - more. Thy sov-'reign maj - es - ty, may we in glo - ry see, of Days. (verse 2) come and reign 0 ver us, An cient - it li - ness, Spir of ho on us de scend. (chorus) de - part, pow'r. (chorus) and ne'er from us Spir - it of dore. (chorus) and to e ter ni - ty love and -\_ а \_ Chorus All glo - ry be to the Fath all glo - ry be to the Son, er, all glo - ry be to the Spir - it, the bless - ed Three in One. Text: Anonymous, 1757 Tune: ITALIAN HYMN: Felice de Giardini, 1769 Chorus by Tommy Bailey & Tom Yarbrough © 2019

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! He died for us that we might live for him.

# We Pray For God To Help Us Worship

We ask the Lord to work in us by his Holy Spirit to give us the desire and ability to respond to him in worship.

#### Seated

#### from Psalm 139:23-24

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Search us and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts! See if there be any grievous way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting, that we may perfectly love you and one another and honor your great name.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts. We have sinned against others and against our own bodies in lustful thoughts and immoral actions. We have stolen things that belong to others. We have lied and falsely accused. We have coveted blessings you wisely gave to others. Lord, we are sorry, and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, give us grace to offer our minds and bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to you in Jesus Christ. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your law and walk joyfully in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

# Standing (if able)

# from Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8

If the Lord should hold our sins against us, no one could stand. But with the Lord there is forgiveness, that he may be feared. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem you from all your sins.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

# Hallelujah, Amen!

# God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin

Together as the people of God, we acknowledge honestly to God what is wrong and broken in us and ask for his forgiveness and transforming grace.

# God Declares Our Forgiveness

God responds joyfully to our confession by declaring his forgiveness and the security of his grace and delight in us as his beloved daughters and sons.

#### We Praise God

Having been assured of God's favor, we offer thanks and praise for salvation from sin and reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

#### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace. 2. Here I E - be - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come. raise my 3. O. to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be! 4. On that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see thy love - ly face, Streams of call for songs of loud-est praise. mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, And Ι hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Let thy grace, now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee. ar - rayed in blood-washed lin - en; how I'll thy sov-'reign grace! full sing Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God. prone to Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, leave the God I love; pro - mis - es to Come, my Lord, no long-er tar ry! Bring thy pass, Praise the mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love. He. to res - cue me from dan ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove. I know thy pow'r will lead me 'til I'm raised with thee at for last.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; alt. Martin Madan, 1760 Tune: NETTLETON; Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

Children ages 3 - kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship and will return during the offering.

Seated

#### 2 Samuel 11:1-27

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# God Instructs Us In Scripture Reading

God speaks to us through the Bible to instruct, encourage, correct, comfort, and equip us to know, love, and follow him.

We respond to God by affirming our trust in his word.

The grass withers and the flower fades, **but the word of our God will stand forever.** 

# "Caught in Danger" – Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

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#### **Christ Is Mine Forevermore**



#### God Instructs Us In Preaching

God speaks to us to explain what his word means and how to respond to him with loving obedience in our daily lives.

# We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

We respond to God's word by offering ourselves to God with renewed love and commitment both in song and in gifts of money to support God's mission in the world.

Text and tune: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson © 2016 City Alight Music Standing (if able)

(prayers for the church and the world)

# We Pray For The Church And The World

We respond to God's word by asking him to transform our lives, our communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus with the Lord's Prayer as a summary prayer for the mission of God's kingdom. 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.

# Seated

Central welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

# Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

# Prayer of new belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Is your child interested in receiving communion for the first time? Please email *family@centralpres.com* for more information.

Please hold the elements until all have been served, and we will eat and drink together as directed by the pastor. The communion bread is gluten-free.

### Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

# It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Therefore, with the whole company of heaven and the whole church on earth, we give you thanks for your great glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(prayer of thanks & words of institution)

Now let us celebrate the feast of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

# God Feeds Us at His Table

We celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin, Satan, and death through his death and resurrection by eating and drinking symbols of Jesus' body and blood. The Holy Spirit works through this act to nourish us by the life of Jesus, to unite us with God and with one another in friendship. and to give us a foretaste and promise of Jesus' return to make all things new.

# We Praise God

# The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)

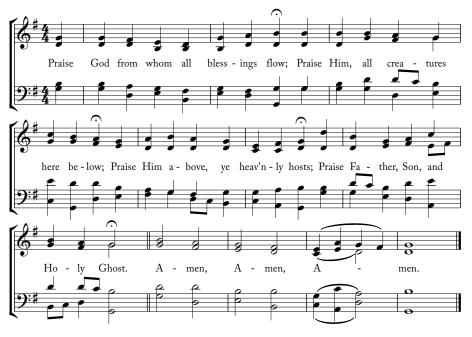
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Text: H. W. Baker, 1868 Tune: ST. COLUMBA; Ancient Irish melody

# Standing (if able)

And all God's people said... Hallelujah! Amen.

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Text: Thomas Ken, 1709 Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH; Louis Bourgeois, Genevan Psalter, 1551

# **Trumpet Tune and Bell Symphony**

H. Purcell

#### Postlude

Liturgist: Eric Schmidt

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano*, *organ*, *vocals*; Jennifer Mazzoni, *flute*; Patrick Crecelius, *guitar*; Matt Woodson, *bass*; Pete Johnson, *percussion*, *vocals*; Jill Clayton, *vocals*.

God Blesses Us And Sends Us Out

God sends us out into the world with his blessing to live with him and serve the mission of his kingdom.

Connect, Grow, Serve

At Central, we seek the transformation of our lives, communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God. This vision becomes more and more a reality when we **connect**, **grow**, and **serve**. Below are a few opportunities coming up for you to belong to God's mission and his work at and through Central.

# July Brunches Begin Next Sunday

Our summer brunch tradition returns next Sunday, July 6 and continues through the month of July. The brunch takes place in Fellowship Hall between services. It is free, and all are welcome. This is a great season to invite a friend or neighbor to church, and a great way to connect with other Central friends.

#### Study the Bible This Summer

When we read and study the Bible, it transforms us. By God's grace, we experience growth and encouragement through it. Have you thought about joining a Bible study here at Central? We have a number of weekly Bible studies happening throughout the summer, and it is never too late to join! Send us an email at *info@centralpres.com* for more information or to get connected.

# A Beneficial Way to Give

Did you know that you can give stock directly to the church? When you do, you avoid paying gains tax on appreciated assets. It can be a very beneficial way to give. If you would like to learn more about how to give in this way, please contact us at *info@centralpres.com*. We have a system in place to make the process clear and easy for you.

CONNECT

GROW

SERVE



If you would like more information about these or other upcoming opportunities, please scan the QR code to the right, email us at *communications@centralpres.com*, or call the church office at 314-727-2777.