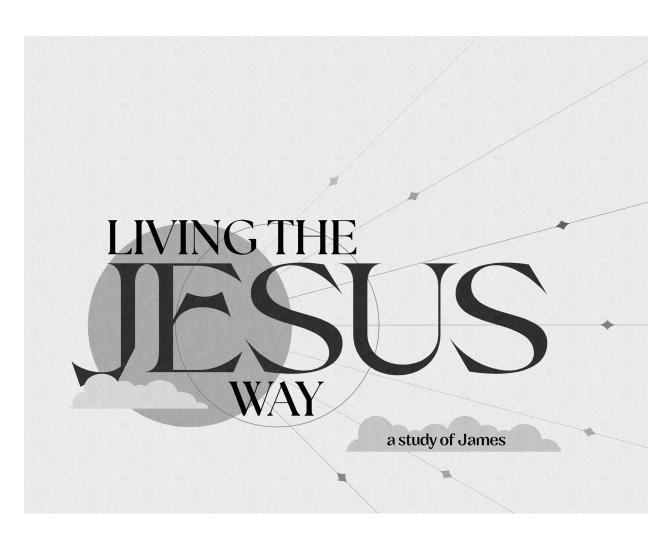
ORDER OF WORSHIP September 14, 2025

8:30<sub>AM</sub>







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: 8:30am & 11:15am

Sunday school: 10:00am-11:00am

Worshiping as a Family

Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families.

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, please 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 *centralpres.com/prayer*. You can also email your prayer requests to *prayer@centralpres.com*. If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

## Still, Still with Thee

D. Forrest

Prelude

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 136:1-3; Isaiah 40:29, 31

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

#### God Calls Us To Worship

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

#### We Praise God

We respond to God's call by honoring his majesty and goodness in song.

## Immortal, Invisible



Text: Walter C. Smith, 1867 Tune: ST. DENIO; J. Robert's *Caniadau* y *Cyssegr*, 1839; Welsh hymn melody

## 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. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

from James 4:6, 8

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Our steadfast Father, your Son became human to face the worst of temptation and persevered without sin to become our Savior.

But we have been lured by our own sinful desires to yield to temptation when sin seemed to offer a way out of suffering.

We have often surrendered to sin's false promise rather than submitting patiently to your perfect will and remaining steadfast in the way of truth that leads to life by the power of your living word and grace in Christ.

So the sins that we should have hated, we have committed in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, please give us wisdom to discern real temptations to sin, the trust to stand firm in steadfast faith, and the power to resist sinful desires in order to choose the way of life in Christ. By the work of your Holy Spirit, help us find you to be our true strength and abundant life forever. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from Hebrews 2:8-9: 5:8-9

At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Jesus. But we see him, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. Although Jesus was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation.

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.

## God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin

#### We 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.

#### Praise the Savior, Now and Ever



Text: Venantius Fortunatus, 569; tr. Augustus Nelson Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY; Henry Purcell, 1680

#### Seated

#### Be Still

**Chancel Choir** 

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am with you.

Be still and know that I will comfort you

When you come to me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am here for you;

And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Come unto me, my child, be still,

And know that I will give you rest.

I am present in your pain

And I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am here for you;

And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Peace, I leave with you,

My peace I give you.

Peace.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still.

Text: Herb Frombach, based on Psalm 46:10 Music by Mary McDonald

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

## 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. James 1:12-18

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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.

Isaiah 40:8

## 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. "Joy in Testing" - Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

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#### Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts



1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov-ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men, 2. Thy truth un-changed hath ev - er stood. Thou sa -vest those that on thee call. 3. We taste thee, O thou liv-ing Bread, and long to feast up - on thee still.

4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, where - e'er our change - ful lot is cast, 5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mom - ents calm and bright.



from the best bliss that earth im - parts, we turn un-filled to thee a - gain. To them that seek thee, thou art good, to them who find thee all in all. We drink of thee, the Foun-tain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill. glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast. Chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed o'ver the world thy ho - ly light.

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux, 1160; tr. Ray Palmer, 1858 Tune: O WALY, WALY; English Folk tune

Travis Martin Career Care Ministry

#### 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.

We Hear Testimony of God's Mission

### 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.

#### We Praise God

Standing (if able)

(prayers for the church and the world)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

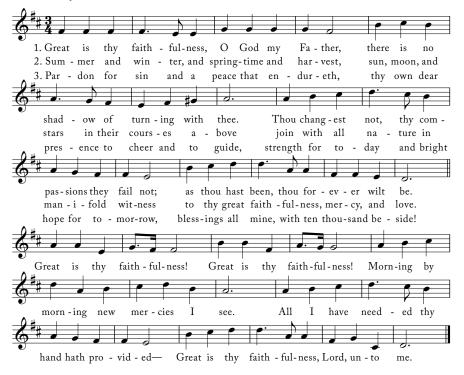
Give us this day our daily bread,

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.

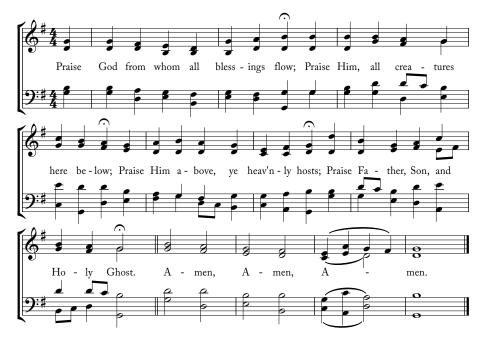
#### Great Is Thy Faithfulness



Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 Tune: FAITHFULNESS; William M. Runyan, 1923 And all God's people said...

#### Hallelujah! Amen.

## Doxology - Old 100th



Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH; Louis Bourgeois, Genevan Psalter, 1551

#### Prelude to the Te Deum

M. Charpentier

**Postlude** 

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.

Liturgist: Matt Woodson

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), piano and organ; Young Kim, piano.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Charette Kaminski by the Hampton family.

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.

#### **Concert Series Event**

Join us here at Central at 7:30pm on Friday evening, September 26 for our first Concert Series event of the year. This program will feature American cellist Steuart Pincome playing Bach's incomparable 4th, 5th, and 6th cello suites, tracing the dramatic narrative of the cross, death, and resurrection of Christ. Contact us at *info@centralpres.com* for more information.

## Study the Bible This Fall

Our Bible studies for the fall semester are starting, and they are a great way to grow your faith between Sundays. Whether you are new to studying the Bible or a seasoned veteran, you are welcome to join one of our several weekday options. Contact us at *info@centralpres.com* and we will help you find a study that is a good fit for you.

## **Sunday Tech Support**

Are you a "techie" or do you like learning about technology? We have several different opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings that involve tech: sound and video booth operation during worship; tech support for classes and other Sunday morning systems; check-in system operations; and more! Training is available, all you need is an interest and a desire to serve. Interested? Contact us at <code>info@centralpres.com</code>.

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.

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