

WELCOME TO CENTRAL  
World Communion Sunday

OCTOBER 1, 2023





## IN OUR PRAYERS

Central is a caring community of faith that includes members, friends, and visitors. We give thought to those who are rarely or currently not able to attend worship here. **Today, we keep in our prayers Jacquie Young.**

## CHILDREN

Children are a beloved part of our community and always welcome in the sanctuary with you. At the back of the room are activity bags and books for them to enjoy during their time in worship. Infants through age 6 are also invited to spend the worship hour in our nursery on the upper level, playing and learning together. Changing tables are available in our restrooms with diapering supplies available in the nursery.

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If you would like to bring flowers to place on the chancel for worship in recognition of a special moment or event, contact the office.

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Reserved accessible parking and a wheelchair ramp are available in the MPR lot off 9th Street East. Accessible restrooms are in the hall by side sanctuary doors and on the lower level.

## PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the MPR lot, KCP lot, and the World Trade Center Parking Ramp across Cedar Street. If parking in the ramp, see an usher for a voucher to pay your ramp fees.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Central Presbyterian Church occupies the sacred land of the Dakota people. Broken treaties and the systematic loss of life and land led directly to the availability of this sacred space which we presume to possess today. Our faith demands confession of the evils from which we benefit, action to support Indigenous peoples seeking justice, and lives guided by love. We keep this in our minds and hearts as we worship today. For the full statement of our commitment to action, visit our website at [www.centralforgood.org/land](http://www.centralforgood.org/land).

# Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church

Whether you are sharing worship with us in our historic sanctuary or watching online, we hope you feel the vitality of our people, our ministry and our focus on the present. If you are looking for a place to put your faith into action or for a community to provide support and inspiration, we are looking for you. Central is open and affirming of all people. If you are visiting today, we invite you to fill out a Connect card in the pews and drop it in the offering plate.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

As we gather in this space to worship, let us listen for God's voice by silencing our cell phones and using the music to bring us into a time of reflection and prayer.

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit

## We Gather in God's Presence

### PRELUDE

Sticks & Steel; Central Choir; Eric Bartlett, soloist

*Come All You People* (by A. Gondo) - Zimbabwe

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Spark! Youth

One: People will be invited from all over the world to come to Jesus' table of love.

All: **And blessed are all those who are invited!**

One: This is God's feast, not ours, and everyone is welcome.

All: **We receive this invitation and come to the table with deep gratitude.**

### ✦ OPENING PRAYER

God, you invite the whole world into a celebration of love at the communion table.

Help us to know your love and to share that love with everybody, knowing that there is always plenty of room and more than enough to go around. Amen.

### ✦ HYMN

*I'm Gonna Eat the Welcome Table* - African American Spiritual

Hymn #770

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

One: The peace of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Mary Miller

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: In the sure hope of forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God, you love us, and you call us to love the whole world. You give us great gifts, and you call us to share those gifts with everybody. But sometimes we forget to give what we receive. Sometimes we think of those things as "mine," when they are supposed to be "ours." Forgive us when we do that,**

and forgive us when we forget that you are the God of all people. Help us to live in communion with the whole world.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: From the beginning of all things, God had in mind to create, redeem, and sustain all things for good. Therefore, with the confidence of the children of God, we proclaim:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## We Listen for God's Voice

### TIME FOR CHILDREN

Jennifer Anderson

*Please see announcements for details on today's ministry programs. If you are new to Central, please come with your child in order to meet our staff and provide emergency contact information.*

### SENDING SONG

*Go Now in Peace* (by N. Sleeth) - United States

Go now in peace, Go now in peace  
May the love of God surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, you are speaking. Open our hearts and minds to hear your voice and follow your call. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING - Exodus 17:1-7

### SOLO

Clara Osowski, soloist; Alex Woods, piano

*Im Abendrot* (by F. Schubert) - Austria  
Translation: In the Glow of Evening

How lovely is your world,  
Father, in its golden radiance  
when your glory descends  
and paints the dust with glitter;  
when the red light that shines from the clouds  
falls silently upon my window.

Could I complain? Could I be apprehensive?  
Could I lose faith in you and in myself?  
No, I already bear your heaven  
here within my heart.  
And this heart, before it breaks,  
still drinks in the fire and savours the light.

## SCRIPTURE READING - Philippians 2:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Libby Shannon

## We Respond to God's Gifts

### ✦ HYMN

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* - United Kingdom

Hymn #314

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - From the Confession of 1967

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of people with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinners so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. Partaking in him as they eat the bread and drink the wine in accordance with Christ's appointment, they receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. They rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called them.

### CALL FOR OFFERING

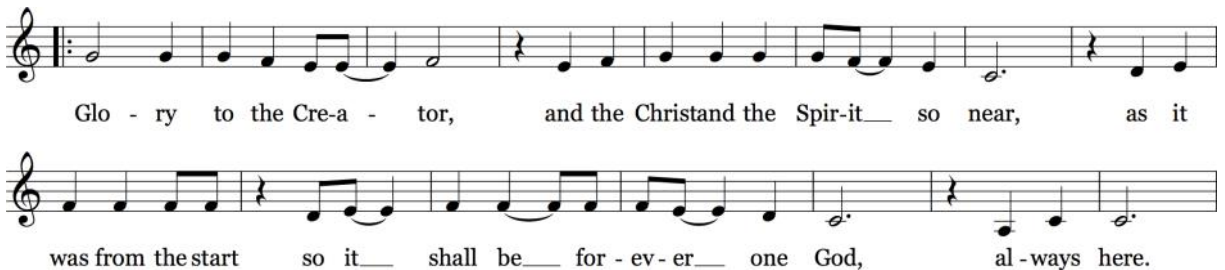
*You are invited to place offering gifts and completed pew cards in the plates as ushers pass them. You may also give online at [www.centralforgood.org/give](http://www.centralforgood.org/give) or submit to the office during normal office hours.*

### OFFERTORY

Clara Osowski, soloist; Central Choir; Alex Woods, piano

*Be Thou My Vision* (by B. Chilcott) - United Kingdom

### ✦ DOXOLOGY



Glo - ry to the Cre-a - tor, and the Christ and the Spir-it so near, as it  
was from the start so it shall be for - ev - er one God, al - ways here.

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you are generous. As we return a portion of what you have given us, may it be used to proclaim your love in words and actions, here and everywhere. Amen.

## We Are Fed by God's Love

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### SHARING THE MEAL

*All are welcome to the table! Please come forward through the center aisle and return by the side aisles.*

*Bread is available in baskets, and grape juice either in cups or by intinction (dipping).*

*Gluten free wafers are also available when you come forward. If you would like to remain seated, communion will be brought to you. .*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Pray for Peace (by F. Poulenc) - France

Clara Osowski, soloist; Alex Woods, piano

Pray for peace, sweet Queen of heaven  
Cause, by your courtesy, all the saints to pray,  
and address Your Son, beseeching his high Majesty  
To deign to look upon his people,  
Whom he willingly redeemed  
Banishing war which ruins everything;  
Pray untiringly, we beg of you:  
Pray for peace, the true treasure of joy!

Come to the Table - Korea

Hymn #508

## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Lord, you feed us in body and spirit. Send us into the world nourished to proclaim your blessings

## We Are Sent into God's World

### ✦ HYMN

*One Bread, One Body* - United States

Hymn #530

### ✦ CHARGE & BLESSING - Adapted from Jeremiah 29

**One:** We have gathered together in this sacred place to worship God, be formed as disciples of Jesus, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. God is now sending us out to bless the world.

**All:** **Therefore we will seek the good of the city where God has called us. We will pray for it, open our doors with compassion, serve our neighbors, and be attentive to God's presence; for in its good we will find our own.**

**One:** God is out there.

**All:** **Let us go forth!**

### POSTLUDE

*Sticks & Steel*; Jennifer Anderson, piano

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* - Jamaica

# GIVING

Be it regular giving, special offerings, or a donation drive, Central offers a variety of options to fit your needs.



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Each Sunday during worship



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## Announcements

View our church calendar and share upcoming events at [www.centralforgood.org/calendar](http://www.centralforgood.org/calendar).

### In Children & Youth Ministry Today

**CHILDREN AGE BIRTH – 6:** Our beautiful nursery is staffed by professional caregivers and full of fun toys and good friends. Childcare is available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. today. Please sign your child in and out.

**GRADES 1 & UP:** Worship is lead today by our Spark! Youth and all will remain in the sanctuary as participants.

**GRADES 6 – 8:** Lifeboats Fellowship meets at 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

**GRADES 9 - 12:** Compass fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

If you are new to Central, or have questions about ministry for those under 18, we invite you to reach out to Jennifer Anderson at [jennifera@centralforgood.org](mailto:jennifera@centralforgood.org).

### Welcome Reverend Doctor Shannon

The Reverend Doctor Libby Shannon is in her second year serving as Transitional Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.

A native Floridian, Libby and her family moved to Minnesota last fall and survived their first winter mostly with delight and minimal whining. Libby holds degrees from Eckerd College, Columbia Theological Seminary, and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Prior to being called to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, she served as a college chaplain, designated pastor, associate executive presbyter, and dreams of being known primarily as a rabble rouser.

When not serving the church or chasing a toddler, she spends as much time as she can with her favorite "B" words: bicycles, baseball, books, and baking.

### Welcome Clara Osowski

Clara Osowski is a mezzosoprano, an active soloist, and chamber musician. She was a Metropolitan Opera National Council Upper-Midwest Regional Finalist, the winner of several competitions including Bel Canto Chorus Regional Artists Competition of Milwaukee, the Houston Saengerbund Competition, several time runner-up in The Schubert Club Carlson Scholarship Competition, and third place in the Madison Handel Aria Competition.



Recognized for her excellence in Minnesota, Clara was a recipient of the prestigious McKnight Artist Fellowships for Musicians administered by MacPhail Center for Music.

In addition to performing, Clara serves as the Artistic Director of Source Song Festival, a weeklong art-song festival in Minneapolis which strives to create and perform new art-songs, and cultivate an educational environment for students of song, including composers, vocalists, and pianists. In addition to her solo work, she participates in a number of ensembles, including Lumina Women's Ensemble, Lorelei Ensemble, and Seraphic

## Faith Formation Class Begins Today

After worship today, Pastor Chris will lead a social justice discussion on gun violence and how to read the Bible holistically to help us navigate consequential issues such as this. To participate, meet in the upstairs lounge at 11:45 am. (See page 11 for added details and our website for upcoming topics at [www.centralforgood.org/adults](http://www.centralforgood.org/adults)).

## Community Event Against Gun Violence

On Saturday, October 14, Central will be hosting an event of Lament and Hope in the face of the epidemic of gun violence in our community and beyond.

We're inviting members of Central and partners across the community to stand together as we honor the work of those who stand for non-violence and reform, and lament the grievous injury that gun violence does to those – all humans – made in God's sacred image.

During the time we gather – from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – we'll have an opportunity to memorialize our neighbors lost to gun violence over the past few years, hear testimony from members of the community, and reflect on how our common faith urges us towards a more just and peaceful future. Included will be an outdoor temporary memorial, presence from community partners, and a striking visual representation of the work we are called to – blacksmiths transforming disassembled pieces of firearms into garden tools, a reminder of the Biblical call to transform our tools of violence into tools of life.

Volunteers are needed to greet, set up, and be a hospitable presence for all who gather. If you'd like to volunteer or receive more information, email the Central office, speak with Virgie Bundy, or sign up in the Friendship Room on Sundays.

Central is In the City for Good. Help take one more step towards that good.

## STAY CONNECTED!



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## Central is You.

Every day of the week, and especially Sundays, **we rely on one another to minister** through worship, education, fellowship, and more. Following are a few ways we need you (sign in the Friendship Room or at [centralforgood.org/volunteer](http://centralforgood.org/volunteer)):

### PRAY

Support our children and youth by writing notes of encouragement, pray for them, and connect with them in church.

### ASSIST IN WORSHIP

Serve during worship as a liturgist - leading prayers, reading scripture, and speaking from the pulpit (no prior public speaking experience necessary!).

### SERVE FELLOWSHIP

Prepare coffee and refreshments for the fellowship hour before church from 10 - 10:30 a.m., or serve after worship.

### NURSERY CARE

Care and play with our youngest members of the Central community in the nursery during worship or other upcoming events.

### USHER AND GREET

Welcome guests to worship, distribute bulletins, help with wayfinding, and assist with receiving the offering.

### SUPPORT OUR LIVE STREAM

Help as a camera operator and editor for our worship video broadcast. Don't worry, training is provided!

We also **reach out into our community** in service, witnessing to God's generous love-without-walls. Here are a few ways you can join alongside:

### HELP PREPARE LUNCH

Each Wednesday, volunteers work alongside Chef Barb Westman to prepare and serve a catered meal for guests from the surrounding community. Central Closet also distributes clothing at no cost to our guests.

### SERVE HOUSING NEEDS

Along with our other service and justice projects, our Beacon Interfaith Housing team works to advocate and provide housing for low-income people around the metro area.

## Did You Know?

On October 10, 1949, there was a severe storm with winds up to 77 miles per hour, causing damage to many homes and other buildings. The steeple sustained extensive damage, in large part because it was so tall and was made entirely of wood. Later it was determined that it had come loose from its moorings and could not be repaired. In 1952, with a generous gift by the William Boss family and others, a new steeple was erected at a cost of \$25,000. The new spire is supported by huge steel beams fastened upon a concrete slab laid atop the stone tower. At the Boss family's request it is a memorial to Dr. Henry Noble Wilson, pastor from 1907-1940, the longest ministry in the church's history.

## UPCOMING FALL HAPPENINGS

### Adult Faith Formation Class Begins TODAY

Does the Bible still matter? Does it make a case for social justice? If so, how do we read it in a way that helps us understand God's intentions for the world?

Explore many social justice issues with Pastor Chris, including what the Bible does (and does not) say about it, and how to read the Bible holistically to help us navigate some of the most consequential issues of our time. We'll meet on the first Sunday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the upstairs Meeting Lounge. To see other topics on the horizon, go to [www.centralforgood.org/adult](http://www.centralforgood.org/adult).

### Interested in Membership?

Join us after worship on October 22 for a new members Inquirer's Class to learn more about what membership at Central means – who we are, what we believe, and why being a member matters. Even for the life-long Presbyterian, participation in this class is a chance to connect with others who are new, get to know the pastor, and learn about the many opportunities for fellowship and service that are unique to this congregation.

We'll gather from 11:45 to 1:00 p.m., including a brief tour of parts of our historic building you may not have seen yet! RSVP to Pastor Chris at [chriscs@centralforgood.org](mailto:chriscs@centralforgood.org).

### All-Church Variety Show

Do you juggle or dance? How about play guitar or know a joke or two? Come and share your talent, and cheer on others who are as well, at our All-Ages Talent Show on Sunday, October 29 at 6:30 pm.

A little nervous about doing something on your own? Find a few church friends to join you! It's more fun when more people are involved! (If we have more acts than we have space for, preference will be given to the acts that have more people involved.)

To learn more, pick up the October newsletter and read how you can sign up!

### CREO Arts & Dance Conservatory in Worship

On October 15, Central will again welcome dancers from CREO Arts & Dance Conservatory to worship. Last February, older dancers from the VERVE Dance Company joined us. This time, it will be the younger dancers sharing their dance ministry.

At the heart of CREO is the fusion of Christian faith and movement. The conservatory teaches dancers to improvise in the spirit, explore their faith through Biblical understanding and deductive reasoning, and express the message of Gospel through performance. They will be dancing to the music Draw the Circle Wide.

# This Week at Central

## SUNDAY 10/01

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. Lifeboats Fellowship Meets
- 11:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)
- 6:30 p.m. Compass Fellowship Meets
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

## MONDAY 10/02

- 3:00 p.m. Welcome & Fellowship Meeting

## TUESDAY 10/03

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Mission & Justice Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities Management & Risk Assessment Meeting

## WEDNESDAY 10/04

- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Central Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY 10/05

- 5:30 p.m. Connection Circle (on Zoom)

## SUNDAY 10/08

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Join us for worship with a reflection on Acts 8:26-40 and a conversation about stewardship and our next year's budget. The Handbell Ensemble rings, Central Choir sings, and Alex Woods plays piano.

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