



Central Presbyterian Church

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October 29, 2023
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude *“Let’s Just Praise the Lord”* Gaither/Boch

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Graciously protect and guide the people of this congregation, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Gladden our hearts with the joy of Your saving love. Cause us to brim over with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may refresh, nourish, instruct, and invite our neighbors into Your presence. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 90:1-6, 13, 14**

L: Lord, through all the generations You have been our home!

P: Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, You are God.

L: You turn people back to dust, saying, *“Return to dust, You mortals!”*

P: For You, a thousand years are as a passing day, as brief as a few night hours.

L: You sweep people away like dreams that disappear. They are like grass that springs up in the morning.

P: In the morning it blooms and flourishes, but by evening it is dry and withered.

L: O Lord, come back to us! How long will You delay? Take pity on Your servants!

P: Satisfy us each morning with Your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.

***Hymn “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” PH #384**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, You are a God of relentless love and Your care for us knows no bounds. Any yet, when our personal situations seem to be spinning out of control, we can find ourselves overwhelmed by anxiety. We confess our lack of trust in Your faithfulness towards us. Forgive us for our impatience and instead help us to see where You are already at work in our lives. Steady our minds and fix our hearts upon Your promises and goodness. Fill us with Your joy and encouragement as you renew our thinking. We ask this in the strong Name of Jesus. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri “Glory Be to the Father” PH #579**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon “*The Greatest Commandments*” Pastor Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith - “A Brief Statement of Faith”**

(This is found in the front of the Red Hymnal Book – Section B)

***Hymn “*What Wondrous Love Is This*” PH #85**

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"All Soul's Day"

Schubert/Blake

*Doxology

PH #591

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

PH #359

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"Strong in the Faith"

Broughton

Please be seated for the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

ORGANIST:

Emma Lou Denton

PIANIST:

Rich Ford

GREETER/USHER:

Sherri Roberts

LITURGIST:

Pat Claussen

****Please stand, if able***

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Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover