



# Central Presbyterian Church

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**September 25, 2022**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## Welcome Announcements

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

Prelude

*“Prelude on ‘Festal Song’”*

Mead

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### \*Call to Worship

L: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High.

P: **He will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

L: I will say to the Lord, my refuge and my strength.

P: **You are my God in whom I trust.**

L: You will cover me beneath your feathers.

P: **And under your wings we will find refuge.**

\*Hymn

*“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

PH #288

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

God our Father, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we hedge our bets. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation. 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

Chancel Choir      *“Sing Now to God”*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Robert Lackie

New Testament Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-16

Sermon

*“Who is a God Like You?”*

Robert Lackie

[Old Testament Reading: Selections from Micah]

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

**But as for you, O man and woman of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*“My God is Still the Same”*

(Video)

**Prayers of the People**

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*“Pastoral Poem”*

McKay

**\*Doxology**

**PH #591**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn**

*“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

**PH #462**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

*“O That Will Be Joyful”*

Merrell/Spong

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Robert Lackie, Preaching Associate

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Rich Ford

**ACCOMPANIMENT:** Julia Territo

**ORGANIST:** Emma Lou Denton

**GREETER/USHER:** Pat Claussen

**LITURGIST:** Coleen Janssen

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

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