



## **Central Presbyterian Church**

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## Welcome

### Announcements

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

### Prelude

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

*Dear Lord, we humbly pray for the uplifting of the meek and merciful, and for the encouragement of the poor and the pure. We pray for the recovery of the bruised and the lost, and the peace of those who thirst for righteousness. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship – From Psalm 45:1, 2, 6-8**

**L:** My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

**P:** **You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever.**

**L:** Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

**P:** **You love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, our God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions;**

**L:** Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From Ivory palaces stringed instruments make You glad.

**P:** **Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity!**

### **\*Hymn**

*“Near to the Heart of God”*

**PH #527**

### **Call to Confession**

## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to Your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By Your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by Your Spirit that we might be doers of Your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. 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

Gospel Reading      Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

New Testament Reading/Sermon Text      James 1:17-27

Sermon      *“Gifts from Above!”*      Pastor Ryan

\*Hymn      *“Here I Am, Lord”*      PH#525

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith – *“Good News Confession”*

*(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)*

### Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

### The Lord’s Prayer

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**(Insert)**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)*

**Offering**

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

**PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

**\*Hymn**      ***“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”***      **PH #540**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Worship Leader:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher:

Liturgist/Communion Steward:

Linda Claussen

Pianist:

Rich Ford

Julia Territo

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

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

\*Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer of Illumination taken from *“The Presbyterian Outlook.”*