

Central Presbyterian Church

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August 25, 2024 14th 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)
We ask for Your help in remembering to put on Your full armor
every day, for You give us all that we need to stand firm in this
world. Forgive us God for the times we have been unprepared, too
busy to care, or trying to fight and wrestle in our own strength.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship – From Psalm 84:1-5, 10, 11

- L: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
- P: My soul longs indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh wing for joy to the living God.
- L: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- P: Happy are those who live in Your house ever singing Your praise.
- L: Happy are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- P: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.
- L: For the Lord God is a sun and shield, He bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

*Hymn "There's a Royal Banner Given for Display" RED #459 Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, through Christ You abide in us, and You invite us to abide in You. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that You call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world You have made. In Christ's name, we pray. 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

Special Music "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading John 6:56-69

New Testament Reading/Sermon Text Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon "Be Strong in the Lord!" Pastor Ryan

*Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus" RED#456

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

(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

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn "I'm Pressing on the Upward Way" RED #355

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher: Julia Territo Liturgist: Camilla Long

Pianist: Bethany Edgecombe

Rich Ford Julia Territo

Special Music: Coleen Janssen

Sally Schafer 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."