



Central Presbyterian Church

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May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Welcome

Announcements

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

Prelude

“Distant Bells

Blake

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

God, today, we celebrate mothers, but the truth is we ought to celebrate them every day. Their love manifests in small, subtle ways each day—in the mundane that sometimes we can take for granted. We thank you for their sacrificial love and ask you to uplift them today. Thank you for the gift they are in our lives. In your name, we pray. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship – From Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

P: **He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.**

L: He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

P: **Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.**

L: You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

P: **Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.**

*Hymn

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

PH #394

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ's righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. 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 *"Behold the Love, the Grace of God"*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 53:1-6

Gospel Reading John 10:22-30

New Testament/Sermon Reading Acts 9:32-43

Sermon *"Trusting in God's Power!"* Pastor Ryan

*Hymn *"O Christ, the Healer"* PH #380

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – "A New Creed"

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory “A Song for Mother’s Day”

Higgins

***Doxology**

PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

***Hymn** “O Savior, in this Quiet Place”

PH #390

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude “Psalm of Praise”

Ritter

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:	Pastor Ryan Edgecombe
Greeter/Usher:	Will Carter
Liturgist:	Coleen Janssen
Organist:	Emma Lou Denton

***Please stand, if able** CCLI License #2716138

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.