Central Presbyterian Church

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Announcements

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

Prelude *"Promised Land"* Smith

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

Dear Lord, when the noise of politics, rulers, and human authorities grows loud, remind me that their power is temporary. Your throne is everlasting. Help me give to the world what belongs to the world but reserve my soul solely for you. Strengthen my faith to stand quietly but firmly in your truth; trusting that your grace outlasts every empire. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 99:1-7**

L: The Lord is King! Let the nations tremble! He sits on his throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake!

P: The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem, exalted above all the nations.

L: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Your name is holy!

P: Mighty King, lover of Justice, you have established fairness. You have acted with Justice and righteousness throughout Israel.

L: Exalt the Lord our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!

P: Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel also called on his name. They cried to the Lord for help, and he answered them.

L: He spoke to Israel from the pillar of cloud, and they followed the laws and decrees he gave them.

Hymn** ***"The Church's One Foundation" **RED #200**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we hear from your Holy Word that you will never leave nor forsake us. You told Moses many years ago that you would personally go with him and would personally go with Israel on their long journey into the Promised Land. How much more are you on a journey with us, leading us to a fuller realization of your Kingdom, even eternal life! We repent of those moments when we forget that you are at our side. We repent of those moments when we are too taken in by the lie of self-sufficiency to think we need you by our side. We repent of those moments when we are too distracted to see you by our side. Help us Lord. 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 *"Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-22

New Testament/Sermon Reading Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon *"The Word is Ringing Out"* Pastor Ryan

Hymn** ***"I Have a Savior, He's Pleading in Glory" **RED #436**

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 *"Canon"* Martini/Blake

***Doxology** **PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn** ***"Sing Them Over Again to Me" **RED #222**

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude *"The Thirty-Second Psalm"* Marcello/Spong

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:	Pastor Ryan
Greeter/Usher:	Marilyn Montgomery
Liturgist:	Dave Long
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, Prayer of Illumination, and Offering Prayer written by Pastor Ryan. Silent prayer and cover picture AI generated.