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CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 7, 2019



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IN OUR PRAYERS

Central is a caring community of faith that includes members, friends, and visitors. We give thought to those who are rarely or currently not able to attend worship here. Today, we keep in our prayers **Roger Zopfi**.

CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Central as a mark of a healthy and vibrant community. Young children can stay with you in worship or you can escort them upstairs to our nursery. For children who stay with you, we offer worship bags of child friendly activities at the back of the sanctuary. (Please return them either to an usher or to the tree stand at the end of the service.) Children are also invited to the front of the sanctuary during worship for a special children's message.

FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for worship (in honor of someone or in celebration of something), please contact Anna Sanchez to coordinate details at (651) 224-4728 or office@cpcstpaul.org. **The rosebud today is in honor of the birth of Braylen James Lawson, born to Andrea & Gabriel Lawson on May 21, 2019.**

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PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the MPR lot, KCP lot and the World Trade Center Parking Ramp across Cedar Street. If parking in the ramp, be sure to get a voucher from the usher to avoid ramp fees. (You simply insert voucher into the machine after your parking ticket as the means of payment.) For weekday parking options, visit our website.

ACCESSIBILITY



Large print worship bulletins and hymns are available from the ushers or in back of the sanctuary.



The sanctuary is T-coil enabled for those with the hearing aid technology. Sound amplification devices are also available from ushers.



Reserved accessible parking and a wheelchair ramp are available in the MPR lot off 9th Street East. Accessible restrooms are in the hall by side sanctuary doors and on the lower level.

PHOTOGRAPHY & SOCIAL MEDIA

You are in a space where photography may occur. To review our photography and media use policy, go to www.centralforgood.org/photography.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

As we gather in this space to worship, let us listen for God's still, small voice by silencing our cell phones, refraining from conversation, and using the music to bring us into a time of reflection and prayer.

✠ *Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

Selections from *French Suite No. 4* [Bach]

WELCOME

Rev. David Colby

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Miller

L: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.
C: **God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.**
L: When there was no way,
C: **God leads us in a new way.**
L: When there was no mercy,
C: **God surprises us with fresh mercy.**
L: Where there was weeping,
C: **God invites us to step into a new dance.**

✠ HYMN

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship [#396]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we're honest,
compassion does not come easy to us, God;
We see others who struggle;
those without homes, or food;
those dying from curable diseases, simply because
they can't get access to the medicine they need;
those who have lost loved ones through death or circumstance,
and long for human companionship;
those who are persecuted and judged because of their difference;
those who are facing the awful consequences
of bad choices they have made;
and those who must live with the consequences
of choices that others make that impact their lives;
It all just feels like it's too much, and there's nothing we can do.

But, we know that's not true –
we know that compassion is enough;
that when we allow ourselves to feel,

compassion will lead us to do what we can,
and that this will make a difference.

And so, we pray first for ourselves:
that you would soften our hearts,
and still our fears,
and lead us into those acts of compassion
that we are capable of doing.

And then we pray for all of these others
whose lives can be changed
through small, simple acts of care;
that you would disturb us, and others like us,
until we finally step up and play our part
in the saving of your world;
and that enough of us would answer your call,
that the needs of the hurting ones
may be met.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Be Christ to your neighbor.
C: Christ, be in me. Herein is God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Madeline Hart-Andersen

*We invite young children to stay in worship with their families following the passing of the peace,
or they may have their parents/guardians sign them into the nursery upstairs.*

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalm 30 [p. XXX in pew Bible]
2 Kings 5:1-14 [p. XXX in pew Bible]

L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

✦ HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant [#727]

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Ashley Bair

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

All are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread and dip the bread into the chalice. We use gluten free bread and grape juice, rather than wine. If you are not able to come forward for communion, a team of servers will serve you in your seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Were You There [Taylor]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

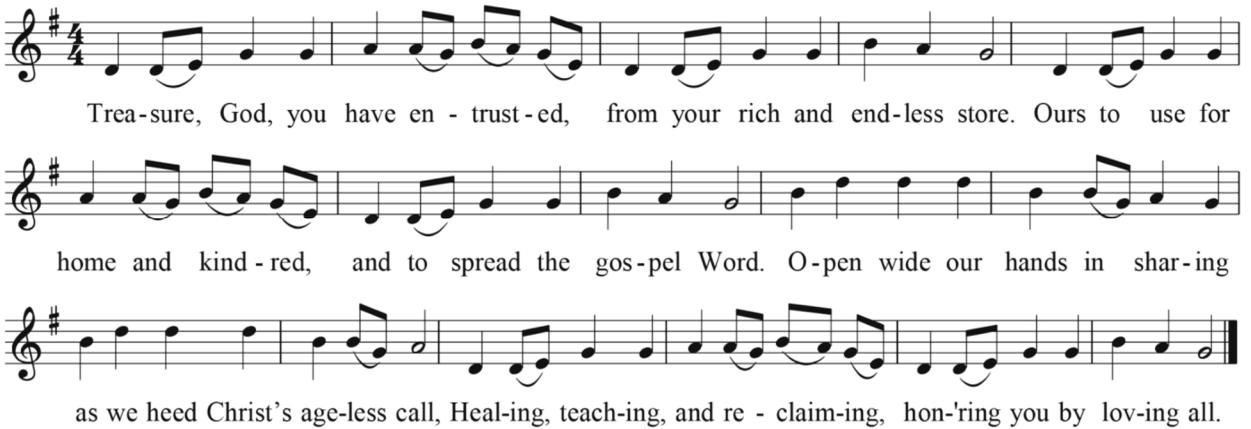
Please place any completed pew cards or Friendship Pad sheets in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus [Mayo]

✦ DOXOLOGY

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



Trea-sure, God, you have en - trust - ed, from your rich and end-less store. Ours to use for
home and kind - red, and to spread the gos-pel Word. O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing
as we heed Christ's age-less call, Heal-ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, hon-ring you by lov-ing all.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me [#700]

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Liebesträum [Liszt]

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Rev. Ashley Bair will preach from the book of Amos. Amos was a shepherd and a fig tree farmer who lived on the border of Israel and Judah. While he didn't come from a line of prophets, Amos felt called to prophesy. At the time, there was a feeling of peace and prosperity, but only for those who reaped the benefits of idol worship. Amos traveled to a temple in Israel to remind people of God's Word and speak out on behalf of those who had been neglected. The writings of Amos offer an important reminder of who we are as people of God and that no matter our circumstances, we have the ability and power to speak out for ourselves and our people.

Liisa Keränen plays organ.

A WORD OF WELCOME

As you walk through the doors into the sanctuary here at Central, you can feel the history and something of the sacred within this space. Yet, we hope you also feel the vitality of our people and programs, and our focus on the present. If you are looking for a place to put your beliefs into action or if you are looking for a community to provide support and inspiration, we are looking for you. Central is open and affirming of all people who enter our doors. If you are visiting today, we hope that you will introduce yourself during and after the service. Welcome to Central!

WELCOME MADELINE HART-ANDERSEN

Joining us this morning is Madeline Hart-Andersen. Madeline is a Candidate under care of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. She graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May with her M.Div. and is spending the summer doing Clinical Pastoral Education (Chaplain-Intern) at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. For the summer, she is living with her parents and grandmother, and her dog, Phin. She loves the outdoors, knitting, and sewing, and is very glad to be back in Minnesota. Madeline is grateful for the opportunity to be in worship with you this morning!

NEW ART INSTALLATION

This weekend, we received a new art installation in the Friendship Room by Greg Wilkins. An artist reception will be announced at a later date. In the meantime, we invite you to enjoy the new installation after worship and to learn more about the artist and his other work on his website at www.mnartists.org/gregory-t-wilkins.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE JULY EVENTS!

- WOMENS NETWORKING DINNER - July 10 at Dark Horse Restaurant. RSVP online at www.centralforgood.org/women or on our Facebook event page. Open to all - we invite you to come join the fun with this always expanding group!
- SERVE AT MARY HALL - Volunteer to serve lunch at Mary Hall on Saturday, July 13 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need 8-10 volunteers, at least 16 years old. Sign up to volunteer on our website at www.centralforgood.org/volunteer.
- CHILDREN & YOUTH FAMILY OUTING - On Friday, July 12 our families are headed to a St. Paul Saints game at CHS Field.
 - The game starts at 7:05 p.m. - come when you can and leave when you must.
 - Buy your tickets today from the venue at www.saintsbasedball.com. We'll sit together in the "Splash Zone" (section 119 which is general admission seating). Tickets are adults \$8, kids \$7.
 - RSVP to Katie Morris as well so that we can know who to look for!

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

SUNDAY 7/7

9:30 a.m. Bible Study for Adults
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

MONDAY 7/8

10:30 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

TUESDAY 7/9

10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet
12:00 p.m. Men's Luncheon
(at Denny's in Maplewood)
5:00 p.m. Martha's Closet Evening Hours
6:00 p.m. Finance & Stewardship
Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY 7/10

11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet
5:30 p.m. Women's Networking Group
(at Dark Horse Restaurant)
6:15 p.m. Facilities Management & Risk
Assessment Committee Meeting

THURSDAY 7/11

11:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle

FRIDAY 7/12

7:05 p.m. Children & Youth Family Outing
(Saints game at CHS Field)

SATURDAY 7/13

11:15 a.m. Serving Lunch at Mary Hall

SUNDAY 7/14

9:30 a.m. Bible Study for Adults
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

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