



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SHEPHERDS AND LAMBS AND
RIGHT PATHS AND COURAGE**
MAY 12, 2019





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

Audrey Rath.

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.

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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.

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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

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need [arr. A.D. Miller]

WELCOME

Rev. David Colby

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Day by day, God leads us:
C: **to deep pools of peace; to lush lawns of grace.**
L: Day by day, Jesus calls us:
C: **to pour out ourselves in service; to anoint strangers with hope.**
L: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:
C: **Images of a hopeful, peaceful future;
the community we are called to become.**
L: Let us worship God.

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain [#234]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: God who created us and redeemed us
C: **will sustain us even in the storms of our sin and doubt.**
L: Our sin is real,
C: **but God's love is greater.**
L: Our sin is like a coal of fire,
C: **thrown into the sea of God's mercy and grace.**
L: Hear the good news, trust the good news, and let it calm us and free us.
And this is the good news,
C: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**
L: And let all God's people say,
C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

*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

ANTHEM

The 23rd Psalm (dedicated to my mother) [Bobby McFerrin]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23 [p. 464 in pew Bible]

GREEK SCRIPTURES

Revelation 7:9-17 [p. 221 in pew Bible]

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SERMON - "Shepherds and Lambs and Right Paths and Courage"

Rev. David Colby

✦ HYMN

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is [#802]
Choir alone on verse 5.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Elder Alex Bollman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ashley Bair

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need [arr. V. Thomson]

✦ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low. Al-le-



- lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia. Praise God a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host; Cre - a-tor, Christ, and Ho-ly



Ghost. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia. Al-le - lu - ia!

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! [#804]

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata [by Wayne Wold]

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday marks the installation of Rev. Ashley Bair as our Associate Pastor. It is the celebration and culmination of dreams, generosity, and hard work, as well as an affirmation of faith in God's call on this church for the future.

Special music from Central Choir, Central Chamber Ensemble, Sunday School Singers, guest instrumentalists, and the premiere of a new hymn commissioned by Central Presbyterian Church from Abbie Betinis, our composer-in-residence.

A luncheon reception will follow in the Friendship Room.

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!

ARTIST RECEPTION FOR SUYAO TIAN

A reception for watercolor artist Suyao Tian, whose paintings are now on exhibit in the Friendship Room, as well as the cover of this bulletin, is planned for today after worship. Suyao Tian, born in China, came to the U.S. seven years ago to pursue her dream to be an artist. Now with a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, her water color paintings are her creation of the fantasy world she lives in her mind. The ideas come from her childhood, dreams, and subconscious imagination. She uses abstraction to catch a moment, feeling, and unclear form when they appear in her mind. To learn more about this artist at www.suyaotian.com.

MARY HALL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered yesterday at Mary Hall. Our next volunteer day will be July 13 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and should wear closed-toe footwear. Sign up to volunteer for this or future dates online at www.centralforgood.org/volunteer. If you have questions please contact Sharon Zopfi-Jordan at szj@comcast.net.

UPCOMING SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

The installation of Rev. Ashley Bair as our Associate Pastor will take place next Sunday, May 19 during 10:30 a.m. worship. It is a celebration and culmination of dreams, generosity, and hard work, as well as an affirmation of faith in God's call on this church for the future. Rev. Emily Brewer, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, will be the guest preacher. Special music will be provided from Central Choir, Central Chamber Ensemble, Sunday School singers and guest instrumentalists. It will also be the premiere of a new hymn commissioned by Central Presbyterian Church from Abbie Betinis, our composer-in-residence. A luncheon reception for Rev. Ashley Bair will follow worship.

MAY FAMILY ACTIVITY

Join us after worship and the reception next Sunday, May 19 for ice skating with children and youth at the TRIA rink from 1:30-3:00pm. Admission is \$4.00 and skate rental is \$3.00. We'll gather outside the dining room and walk over together!

GREAT NORTHERN UNION CHORUS CONCERT EVENT

Next Saturday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m., Central is pleased to welcome the Great Northern Union Chorus as they present their concert "This is Harmony". This is fantastic show of high-energy a capella music with two talented barbershop quartets - Instant Classic and GQ. For tickets, go to www.gnusings.com.

CONCERT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for a few friendly and cheerful volunteers on Saturday, May 18 to welcome guests attending the Great Northern Union Chorus' spring concert. Contact Anna in the church office if you are interested in helping Central host this event.

CAMP & COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to funds given to Central, youth scholarships are available for camp or college from the Nella Jury - Edna Larson Fund. Requests up to \$300 will be considered, with final awards depending on the applications received. If interested, please submit a one-page letter by June 1st. The letter should outline your connection to Central and how you plan to use the scholarship funds. The letter should be to Central, to the attention of the Children & Youth committee or emailed to Katie Morris at katiem@cpcstpaul.org.

For students interested in attending Clearwater Forest Camp, additional scholarships are also available.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

We want to celebrate all those graduating from high school, college, and apprenticeship programs! Please call or email Katie Morris, katiem@cpcstpaul.org, to let us know about any graduates no later than May 25, 2019. Include information on where they are graduating from and what is next. We look forward to celebrating all their hard work.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Central is partnering with House of Hope Presbyterian Church and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church to provide a fun and meaningful summer Vacation Bible School experience June 17-21 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. To learn more and to register, go to our website at www.centralforgood.org/vbs. Hurry because space is limited!

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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

SUNDAY 5/12

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, plus
Artist Reception for Suyao Tian
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

MONDAY 5/13

- 10:45 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

TUESDAY 5/14

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

WEDNESDAY 5/15

- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY 5/18

- 7:00 p.m. Great Northern Union
Chorus Concert

SUNDAY 5/19

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship & Installation of
Rev. Ashley Bair
11:50 a.m. Luncheon Reception for
Rev. Ashley Bair
1:30 p.m. Children & Youth Ice Skating Outing
(Tria in Saint Paul)
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

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