



**CENTRAL**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**RIVERS CLAP  
THEIR HANDS**  
AUGUST 4, 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 Marlena Haugen.**

## 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](mailto:office@cpcstpaul.org).

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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

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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

*Intermezzo [ by A. Borodin ]*

## WELCOME

Rev. Lou Bender

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

To be determined

- L: Holy God, in reverent awe, we come to worship you!  
C: **We gather to honor and glorify God's almighty name.**  
L: Righteous God, we rejoice as we come to worship you.  
C: **We gather to celebrate God's power over the forces of evil.**  
L: Faithful God, with thankfulness, we come to worship you!  
C: **We gather to sing praises to the God in whom we trust. Amen.**

## ✠ HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee [ #611 ]*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator, you have made the heavens and the earth. At your word the world was formed, and by your grace it is sustained. You always remember your creatures, but we at many times and in many ways forget you. We fail to care adequately for your creation, and the earth becomes poisoned and shabby. We mistake the creation for the Creator, worshipping nature instead of you. We treat other people as something less than your precious handiwork. We allow the rhythms of our lives to become so frantic that we leave too little space to enjoy you and all which you have made. Forgive us, merciful God. Restore to us the joy of praises sung in unison with all creation.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: Here today there is love, freely available to all.  
Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God's supreme love.  
C: **May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,  
break forth into joyous songs of praise.**  
L: Hear the good news,  
C: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## GREEK SCRIPTURES

Romans 8:26-28 [ p. XXX in pew Bible ]

## HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalm 98 [ p. XXX in pew Bible ]

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## COMMUNION MEDITATION - Rivers Clap Their Hands

Rev. Lou Bender

## ✦ HYMN

God of the Sparrow [ #22 ]

## PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wondrous God of infinite love and boundless compassion mark our hearts with the seal of your handiwork and create within us the joy of being in your presence. Stitch into our souls the desire to serve, the power to heal, and the capacity to love deeply and genuinely. Mold us into reservoirs of hope, that we might pour out your bountiful blessings upon all your people.

May this time we partake in the meal Jesus prepared unite us in the community of saints who know your love and proclaim Christ with fervor and grace to a broken and hurting world. May your healing hands be the salve for ending hurt and violence in this world, even as we prepare for the next. Amen

## OFFERTORY

*Allemande from French Suite No. 2 [ by J.S. Bach ]*

## ✦ 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

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy [ #435 ]*

## ✦ BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love - Folk Song From Ghana [ arr. T. Colvin ]*

## 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!*

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### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Pastoral Associate Maureen Smith will preach "Where Your Treasure Is" based on Luke 12: 32-40. We are called to reflect on where our hearts are and what is most important to us. If we say our greatest treasure is our faith in God, we have to answer one more question. Who is this God that we treasure? What does our God stand for? This will lead us to consider some deep theological questions as well as some of the issues of the day.

### ARTIST RECEPTION NEXT WEEK

Gregory Wilkins, the artist whose work is now on exhibit in the Friendship Room, is looking forward to meeting members of the congregation after worship next Sunday to talk about his work.

Greg is associate director of student activities at Minnesota State University Mankato and loves his job. On his own time he creates his art and pursues his passion for social justice. He has traveled widely and worked with indigenous communities in several parts of the world.

Some of his commitments that are reflected in the exhibit are gender equality, clean water, and cross-cultural connections. (Be sure to ask him about his appearance in the Broadway production of *The Music Man* when he was a child.)

### WOMEN'S NETWORKING DINNER

Join the Women of Central for a fun, informal evening of conversation and connections at Parlour (267 West 7th Street) on Wednesday, June 7. We will depart the church parking lot at 5:15 for the restaurant. You can also meet us at 5:30 at the restaurant. (Learn more about this restaurant on their website at [www.parlourbar.com/locations-st-paul](http://www.parlourbar.com/locations-st-paul).)

Please RSVP if you can attend. You may reserve your spot on our website at [www.centralforgood.org/women](http://www.centralforgood.org/women), on our Facebook page where events are posted, or by contacting Sue Hoffman via email to [syhoffman123@comcast.net](mailto:syhoffman123@comcast.net).

Come join the fun!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT CENTRAL

Central seeks to actively involve people in worship, church activities, and our community. We currently have several opportunities for members and visitors to serve and we invite you to help in the following roles.

- **Office Receptionist** (Help in the office during staff absences or special events).
- **Worship Leader** (Liturgists, leading prayers, reading scripture passages, and speaking from the pulpit).
- **Coffee Preparer** (Prepare and set out coffee and refreshments before church for Bible study and worship).
- **Ushers** (Hospitality to welcome worship guests and assist with receiving offering)
- **Fellowship Servers** (Serve coffee and cookies after worship).
- **Mary Hall** (Serving lunch with Catholic Charities to people in need - Next date: Sept. 14).
- **Sanctuary Pew Patrol** (Help keep cards stocked and pews organized).

Help us maintain a vibrant and welcoming church culture and community. Sign up at: [www.centralforgood.org/volunteer](http://www.centralforgood.org/volunteer).

## FALL FAMILY RETREAT

Save the date for our annual fall family retreat October 4 - 6, 2019. This year, we will return to the Koinona Retreat Center in South Haven, MN. This fun getaway focused on families with children provides space for making deeper connections: with each other, with nature, and with God. For more details, go to [www.centralforgood.org/retreat](http://www.centralforgood.org/retreat).

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# THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

## SUNDAY 8/4

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

## MONDAY 8/5

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting

## TUESDAY 8/6

- 12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet  
12:00 p.m. Men's Luncheon  
(at Denny's in Maplewood)  
1:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Committee

## WEDNESDAY 8/7

- 10:30 a.m. Peaceful Presence  
11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch  
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet  
5:30 p.m. Women's Networking Dinner  
(at Parlour)

## SUNDAY 8/11

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for Adults  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
with Maureen Smith Preaching  
11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship - including  
Artist Reception for Gregory Wilkins  
11:45 a.m. Music Rehearsal for Bells  
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

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