



## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship

June 26, 2022

\* If you are able, please stand

Rev. Peter Wilkinson



We invite you to use this portal as a way to let us know you are here and for any joys or concerns you want to share with us.

**PRELUDE** Jesus Gonna Make Up My Dying Bed (Blind Wille Johnson)

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Guest Preacher, Pam Osborne

What god is so great as our God?

**You are the God who works wonders.**

You have displayed your might among the peoples.

**With your strong arm you redeemed your people.**

**Let us worship our mighty God!**

*(adapted from Psalm 77)*

\* **HYMN #39 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers,

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:  
The fear that stifles us,  
The prejudice that blinds us,  
The ignorance that hobbles us,  
The doubt that plagues us.  
Help us, we pray, that we will  
Find courage in unlikely place,  
See the world with new and gracious eyes,  
Move to those places where love is needed,  
Have faith that you are with us.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

*Please take this time for personal confession*

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(If you are participating today through Facebook,  
please register your peace for each other now.)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
we also should forgive one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us this day.  
Amen

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Kings 2:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

<sup>13</sup>He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM: I Must Tell Jesus with Blessed Assurance (Arr. Mary McDonald) - The Chancel Choir**

*I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone;  
 In my distress He kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for his own.  
 I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone;  
 I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.  
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
 I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone;  
 In my distress He kindly will help me; He ever loves and He cares for his own.  
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
 Praising my Savior all the day long. This is my song!*

## **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### **SERMON**

#### **\* Hymn # 820 Nothing Can Trouble (repeated 3x)**

Nothing can trouble;  
 nothing can frighten.  
 Those who seek God shall  
 never go wanting.  
 Nothing can trouble,  
 nothing can frighten.  
 God alone fills us.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **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.

**OFFERING**

Virtual and in-person giving opportunities:

- 1) Online at our Easytithe site -  
<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/centralmontclair>
- 2) Text "Give" to 973-315-6494
- 3) Place offerings in the trays at the doors of the sanctuary as you depart.



Offering Prayer

\* **HYMN #825 Swing Low Sweet Chariot**

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot,  
coming for to carry me home.  
Swing low, sweet chariot,  
coming for to carry me home.

1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see  
coming for to carry me home?  
A band of angels coming after me,  
coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]
2. If you get there before I do,  
coming for to carry me home,  
tell all my friends I'm coming too,  
coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]
3. The brightest day that ever I saw,  
coming for to carry me home,  
when Jesus washed my sins away,  
coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]
4. I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,  
coming for to carry me home,  
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,  
coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]

\* **CHARGE/BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**    Soon and Very Soon (Andrea Crouch)

Central's Mission Statement:

**“As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of God’s Grace, we are a caring, inclusive congregation that strives to grow in Christian faith, proclaim the Good News, and provide service in ministry to each other, our diverse community, and the world.”**

*Central Presbyterian Church is a Covenant Network congregation, a community within the Presbyterian Church, USA, that seeks to be inclusive, particularly with regard to welcoming LGBT persons as members and leaders.*

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### **June Birthdays**

3	Maggie Dancy	21	Pat Dancy
8	Ryan Dancy		Lynn Selassie
9	Kevin O’Hare	24	Robel Hall
9	Jim Dodd	25	Rolda Mitchell
12	Cynthia Bennett		Barry Kenstler
	Valerie Henry	26	Graeme George
	Mike Sneden		Michael Norton
13	Ella Schestag	29	Natalie Arndt Marone
15	Frank Wood	30	Eric Johansen
17	Ryan Marone		Andrew White

**Sunday School:** Open to children K-5th grade. Takes place Sundays through June 26th (except 1st Sunday/ Communion) in the Education Building. Dismisses from sanctuary during the service.

**Nursery:** Childcare available to children ages 0-5 from 9:45-11:45 in the Christian Education building directly across from the sanctuary.

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