



**CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Worship

June 19, 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** Land of Rest (Russell Schulz-Widmar)

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Peter Wilkinson

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

**We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.**

We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

**We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.**

Let us worship God.

\* **HYMN #14 (vs. 1 - 4)** For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Let us then risk our confession, as we join together in prayer:

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:  
Hear our prayer.**

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us  
From one another and from You.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,  
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,  
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,  
To a wholeness with each other and with You.**

**Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations  
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### **INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

*Please take this time for personal confession*

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**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

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15

1Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." 3Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. 4But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. 9At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 11He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 15Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** God Give Us Peace (Words by Joseph Rojahn; Music by Jean Sibelius, arr. Lani Smith) - The Chancel Choir

*God give us peace in time of tribulation, God give us joy when sorrow dings our eyes.*

*God give us hope when all seems lost and hopeless, God give us light when darkness fills our skies.*

*God give us strength as we confess our weakness, God give us patience when we suffer pain.*

*God give us love when hearts turn cold with hatred, God give us faith to follow Thee unseen. Amen.*

## **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### **SERMON**

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From: A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen**

## **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 #824** Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of quiet rest,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where sin cannot molest,  
near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.
  
2. There is a place of comfort sweet,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.
  
3. There is a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.

\* **CHARGE/BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** Postlude in C Major (Eugene Thayer)

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