

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
October 2, 2022

8:30AM



CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Central

**Get connected  
and let us know  
you are here!**



Whether you're just beginning to explore the Christian faith or a longtime believer, we're glad you're here and pray you will experience the love and grace of Jesus today. Central is for anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus Christ and grow together in real community.

Especially if this is your first time as our guest, welcome. We are thrilled you are here, and would love to connect with you. You are encouraged to fill out a connection card at one of our welcome tables in either lobby or in the Fellowship Hall, or simply scan the QR code.

## Sundays at Central

**Worship: 8:30am & 11:15am**

**Sunday School (all ages): 10am**

## Worshipping as a Family

Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families.

During both services, nursery care is available for families with children ages 8 weeks through 3 years. The nursery entrance is on the first floor.

A nursing mother's room is located on the first floor off of the Fellowship Hall.

For kids ages 3 through 1st grade, we offer "children's church" during the sermon. After worshipping with their family during the first part of the service, kids ages 3-years through 1st grade will be invited to join our leaders at the front of the sanctuary. After the sermon, the kids return to the sanctuary to meet their parents.

## Accessibility

Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Amplification devices are also available from the ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

## Welcome Registry

Located in each pew is a "Welcome Registry." We encourage you to please use this to let us know you worshiped at Central today. After putting your name down, please pass the book down your pew.

## Prayer

At Central, we believe in the power of prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer requests using the cards located in the pew, or online at [centralpres.com/prayer](http://centralpres.com/prayer). You can also email your prayer requests to [prayer@centralpres.com](mailto:prayer@centralpres.com). If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

*Standing (if able)*

Come, magnify the Lord with me,  
**and let us exalt his name together.**

from Psalm 34:3,8,10

Taste and see that the LORD is good.

**Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him,  
 for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

## God Calls Us To Worship

God gathers us before  
 his heavenly throne for  
 a special time to renew  
 our relationship with  
 him together.

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.  
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis tress.  
 3. God our Fa - ther tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.  
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish; blows the wind and it is gone.  
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face.

Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should  
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to  
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us; res - cues us from all our  
 But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing  
 Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, all who dwell in time and

sing? Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia; praise the ev - er last - ing King.  
 bless. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, glor - ious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 foes. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 on. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia; praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 space. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia; praise with us the God of grace!

## We Praise God

We respond to God's  
 call by honoring his  
 majesty and goodness  
 in song.

Text: Henry Francis Wright, 1834; Tune: John Goss, 1869

**We Pray For  
God To Help Us  
Worship**

We ask the Lord to work  
in us by his Holy Spirit  
to give us the desire and  
ability to respond to him  
in worship.

**God Calls Us To  
Confess Our Sin**

**We Confess  
Our Sin**  
Together as the people  
of God, we acknowledge  
honestly to God what  
is wrong and broken  
in us and ask for  
his forgiveness and  
transforming grace.

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**  
**He died for us that we might live for him.**

*Seated*

from John 10:14-15; Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**Gracious God,  
we are anxious and troubled by many things,  
and often we do not respond in ways that honor you.  
We are prone to forget you and neglect you.  
We have often let the demands of life distract us  
from time with you that we need as rest for our souls.  
So we have lived without prayer in unceasing busyness.  
We have been overwhelmed by fear and anger  
when we listened to every voice except yours,  
and we have sinned against you in thought, word, deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
Lord, we are sorry, and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, we bring to you our sinful forgetting, our anxious worry, and our wandering hearts. Please forgive us again and draw us by your goodness and mercy to fix our eyes firmly on Jesus, so that we will always remember your care and trust your steadfast love and strength. Lead us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that even in times of trouble we can seek first your kingdom in unconquered joy and find rest and peace in your unfailing grace. Amen.

*Standing (if able)*

from Romans 8:1-2; Colossians 3:1, 3-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

**Hallelujah, Amen!**

*Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Church and will return during the offering.*

## **God Declares Our Forgiveness**

God responds joyfully to our confession by declaring his forgiveness and the security of his grace and delight in us as his beloved daughters and sons.

## We Praise God

Having been assured of God's favor, we offer thanks and praise for salvation from sin and reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

## Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

1. Je - sus! What a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er of my soul.  
 2. Je - sus! What a strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in him.  
 3. Je - sus! What a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
 4. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find,

Friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
 Tempt - ed, tried and some-times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
 e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

Text: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830

*Seated*

**Precious Lord**

Chancel Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone  
At the river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand:  
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

Words & music by Thomas A. Dorsey; arr. Arnold Siever

## God Instructs Us In Scripture Reading

God speaks to us  
through the Bible to  
instruct, encourage,  
correct, comfort, and  
equip us to know, love,  
and follow him.

We respond to God by  
affirming our trust in his  
word.

## God Instructs Us In Preaching

God speaks to us to  
explain what his word  
means and how to  
respond to him with  
loving obedience in our  
daily lives.

## Luke 10: 38-42

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

The grass withers and the flower fades,  
**but the word of our God will stand forever.**

Isaiah 40:8

## "At the Table with the Discouraged and Anxious"

- Rev. Cole Lescher



## My Worth is Not in What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and  
2. My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or  
3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die, fame, youth, and beau - ty hur - ry  
4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing  
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my worth and my un - wor - thi -



bone, but in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. (*verse 2*)  
shame, but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. (*chorus*)  
by, but life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. (*verse 4*)  
light, but I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross. (*chorus*)  
ness. My val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid, at the cross. (*chorus*)

### Chorus



I re - joice in my Re - deem - er, great - est trea - sure, well - spring of my soul.



I will trust in him, no o - ther. My soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

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## Honduras Report

Student Ministries

## We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

We respond to God's word by offering ourselves to God with renewed love and commitment both in song and in gifts of money to support God's mission in the world.

## We Hear Testimony of God's Mission

## We Pray For The Church And The World

We respond to God's word by asking him to transform our lives, our communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus with the Lord's Prayer as a summary prayer for the mission of God's kingdom.

*Standing (if able)*

(prayers for the church and the world)

**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.**

## We Praise God

### Psalm 146 Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!



1. Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our great re - deem - er praise.
2. Hap - py are the ones pro - fess - ing Ja - cob's God to be their aid.
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - oner free,
4. Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our great re - deem - er praise.



I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.  
They are blest whose hope of bless - ing on the LORD their God is stayed.  
rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eyes to see.  
I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.



Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor on hu - man help de - pend.  
Heav'n and earth the LORD cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain  
God our Sav - ior loves the right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends,  
O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er; through all a - ges he is King.



They shall die, to dust re - turn - ing; all their thoughts and plans shall end.  
He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion; right - eous - ness he will main - tain.  
helps the or - phan and the wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
Un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146, *Psalter*, 1887, alt.; Tune: RIPLEY, Lowell Mason, 1839

And all God's people said...  
Hallelujah! Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures

here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and

Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Voluntary on the Doxology

H. Purcell

Liturgist is Taylor Bruce

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano and organ*;  
Cathy Benton, *piano and organ*

God Blesses Us  
And Sends Us Out

God sends us out into the world with his blessing to live with him and serve the mission of his kingdom.

Postlude

# Connect, Grow, Serve

At Central, we seek the transformation of our lives, communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God. This vision becomes more and more a reality when we **connect, grow, and serve**.

Below are a few opportunities coming up for you to belong to God's mission and his work at and through Central.

## CONNECT

### **Missions concert, Friday October 14**

Bring the whole family and invite your friends to an evening of worship featuring music from around the world! Enjoy snacks and music in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6pm, followed by performances in the sanctuary beginning at 7:30pm. The evening will feature performances from: the Central Christian School and Central Children's Choirs, the Nepalese praise band, and a group from the local Iranian church, a Ukrainian youth group, Michael Sust, and our very own All Star Band!

## GROW

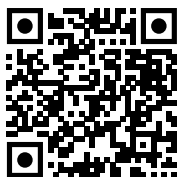
### **Missions Sunday, October 16**

During our worship services on Sunday morning you will hear about the transformative work the Lord is doing around the world through testimonies and a sermon from our Ukrainian missionary, Dr. Igor Yaremchuk. During the Sunday school hour, missionaries will be visiting the classes for both kids and adults. Following the second service, join us in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Missions lunch!

## SERVE

### **Exercising Our Hospitality**

Our muscles grow and get stronger through regular exercise. Missions weekend is the perfect opportunity to exercise our "hospitality muscles" through serving! With events Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, your help is most needed. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, there are opportunities for you. Please contact contact Kate Spielman at [kspielman@centralpres.com](mailto:kspielman@centralpres.com) for more information.



If you would like more information about these or other upcoming opportunities, please scan the QR code, email us at [communications@centralpres.com](mailto:communications@centralpres.com), or call the church office at 314-727-2777.