ORDER OF WORSHIP October 2, 2022

11:15AM





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
Worshiping 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 <i>centralpres.com/prayer</i> . You can also email your prayer requests to <i>prayer@centralpres.com</i> . If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

Halle, Hallelujah

Words: Traditional & Augustus Toplady; Music: Trad. Caribbean tune; arr. John Michniewicz

from Psalm 34:3,8,10

The Children's Choir | Whitney Cairns, director

Standing (if able)

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

All Things New



God Calls Us To Worship

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

We Praise God

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

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Prelude

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.	Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! He died for us that we might live for him. Seated
God Calls Us To Confess Our Sin	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."
We Confess Our Sin	 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.

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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.

Living Hope



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Luke 10: 38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But 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." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but 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

God Instructs Us In Scripture Reading

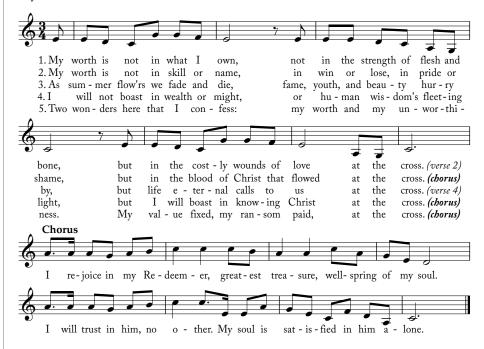
God speaks to us through the Bible to instruct, encourage, correct, comfort, and equip us to know, love, and follow him.

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. Give electronically at centralpres.com/giving, or by texting CENTRALPRES to 77977

My Worth is Not in What I Own



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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 Standing (if able)

(prayers for the church and the world)

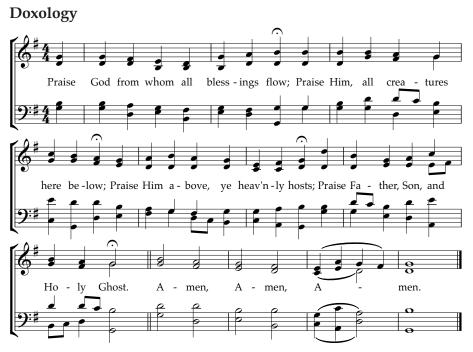
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We 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. 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. he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - oner 3. Food 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 days. my 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. Ο Put con - fi - dence in princ - es, man help de-pend. no nor on hu -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.



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

Voluntary on the Doxology

Liturgist is Taylor Bruce

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano and organ*; Alex Spors, *guitar*; Julia Clemens, *bass*; Robert Clemens, *percussion*; Hannah Geisz, Paul Kunnath, *vocals*.

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.

H. Purcell

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* 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*, or call the church office at 314-727-2777.