



CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

# PREPARATION

**June 14, 2026**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

## WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“The old world, the ‘present age,’ is rumbling on. Most people are ordering their lives in accordance with its style and habits. But the new world has already broken in. God’s new age has begun, and will shortly come to fulfillment. Those who follow Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection inaugurated that new age, are commanded to live already according to the rules of the new world. The day has begun, even though most people are still asleep.”

—N. T. WRIGHT

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Lord God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS**

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

### Instrumental Prelude

*Doori Na*

### Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Dawn Rogers · Eric Wyse

Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer, and Friend,  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace,  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost the way.  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace,  
Our hearts always hunger for.  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father,  
Faithfully loving your own.  
Here in our weakness you find us  
Falling before your throne.

Oh, we're falling before your throne. *Chorus*

# WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Psalm 57

LEADER My heart is steadfast, O God,

**PEOPLE My heart is steadfast!**

LEADER I will sing and make melody!

**PEOPLE Awake, my glory!**

LEADER Awake, O harp and lyre!

**PEOPLE I will awake the dawn!**

LEADER I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

**PEOPLE I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

LEADER For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

**PEOPLE Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

LEADER Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

**PEOPLE Let your glory be over all the earth!**

# HYMN

## Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson · Traditional American Music

Come thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of thy unchanging love.

Here I raise my ebenezer,  
Hither by thy help I've come.  
And I hope by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God.  
He to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor,  
Daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

# WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

LEADER        Hear and receive the good news of the gospel:  
                      in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL              **Thanks be to God!**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

LEADER        The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL              **And also with you.**

# HYMN

## Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

Shane & Shane

I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
And delivered me from every fear.  
Those who look on him are radiant.  
They'll never be ashamed.  
They'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me  
And saved me from my enemies  
The Son of God surrounds his saints.  
He will deliver them.  
He will deliver them.

*Magnify the Lord with me.  
Come exalt his name together.  
Glorify the Lord with me.  
Come exalt his name forever.*

O taste and see that the Lord is good.  
O blessed is he who hides in him.  
O fear the Lord, oh all you saints.  
He'll give you everything.  
He'll give you everything. *Chorus*

Let us bless the Lord every day and night.  
Never ending praise, may our incense rise. *Chorus*

O taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He'll give you everything.  
He'll give you everything.

# PROFESSION OF FAITH

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER WITH CHILDREN

*All preschool and elementary age children are invited to the front of the church and will be dismissed to Children's Church with their teachers where they will read, sing, learn, and play in an environment suited to their language and style. Alternatively, children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary to worship alongside the adults for the duration of the service.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - 10 A.M. AND 5 P.M. SERVICES

*We regularly pray for needs in our congregation, our neighborhood and city, and the world. Please submit prayer requests to [centralchurchnyc.org/prayerrequest](http://centralchurchnyc.org/prayerrequest).*

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - 11:30 A.M.  
SERVICE

OFFERING

*If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. For members and regular attenders of Central, give generously as you are able. We give because all we have has been graciously given to us by God. Our offerings express our joyful dependence upon God and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal. You can give online by texting **centralchurchnyc** to **833-737-6262** or visiting [centralchurchnyc.org/give](http://centralchurchnyc.org/give).*

# OFFERTORY

## Reign Above It All

Paul McClure · Hannah McClure · Jess Cates · Ethan Hulse

The reign of darkness now has ended  
In the kingdom of light,  
In the kingdom of light.  
Forever under your dominion,  
You're the King of my life.  
You're the King of my life.

*You reign above it all, you reign above it all,  
Over the universe and over every heart.  
There is no higher name.  
Jesus, you reign above it all.*

On the cross the work was finished.  
God, you poured out your life  
Just to give us new life.  
Now from the lips of the forgiven  
Hear an anthem arise,  
'Cause Jesus you're alive. *Chorus*

*Let all of Heaven and the Earth erupt in song.  
Sing hallelujah to the Everlasting One.  
There is no higher name.  
Jesus, you reign above it all,  
You reign above it all.*

You sent the darkness running  
Out of an empty grave,  
Now seated alone in glory,  
Enthroned on the highest praise. *Chorus*

# THE DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Romans 13:11-14

The passage can be found on page 948 of the pew Bible.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## SERMON

***God's Vision for a New Humanity* | A Changed Relationship to Our Times**

Rev. Jason Harris

## THE THANKSGIVING

LEADER

Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

LEADER

It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Lord, holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this, your Table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but solely in your great mercy. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but you are the same Lord who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore gracious Lord, that we who now receive these gifts of bread and wine, according to our Savior's Word, may share in the body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that we may dwell in him forever and he in us. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus Christ, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

## **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus Christ, I acknowledge that you are so holy and I am so sinful that you had to die for me. Yet you are so merciful and I am so loved that you were willing to die for me. I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what I have done and by what I have failed to do. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, I know that if I do not love you with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength, I shall love something else with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. Grant that by loving you first I may be liberated from all lesser loves and loyalties and have you as my first love, my chief good, and my final joy. Amen.

*Communion is served with wine and gluten-free bread. Individually wrapped wafers and grape juice are available near each station. Your communion server can point you to them if desired.*

# COMMUNION HYMN

## Graves Into Gardens

Christopher Joel Brown · Steven Furtick · Brandon Lake · Tiffany Hammeraul

I searched the world,  
But it couldn't fill me.  
Man's empty praise  
And treasures that fade  
Are never enough.

Then you came along  
And put me back together.  
And every desire  
Is now satisfied  
Here in your love.

*Oh, there's nothing better than you.  
There's nothing better than you.  
Lord, there's nothing,  
Nothing is better than you.*

I'm not afraid  
To show you my weakness.  
My failures and flaws,  
Lord, you've seen 'em all,  
And you still call me friend.

'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley.  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace  
Won't find me again.    *Chorus*

You turn mourning to dancing.  
You give beauty for ashes.  
You turn shame into glory.  
You're the only one who can.

You turn graves into gardens.  
You turn bones into armies.  
You turn seas into highways.  
You're the only one who can.  
You're the only one who can. *Chorus*

## 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.

## BENEDICTION

*We begin our worship with God's gracious invitation, and we conclude with God's blessing, his good Word. It is appropriate to look up and open our palms as we receive the Benediction to symbolize how Jesus Christ lifts our heads and to demonstrate our eagerness to receive God's blessing.*

## DISMISSAL

LEADER        Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL            **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Members of our prayer team will be available immediately following the service at the front of the sanctuary to pray confidentially for you about any need or concern you might have. We encourage you to avail yourself of this opportunity to receive prayer. ☺*

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

*We welcome anyone who would like to serve in one or more of our volunteer roles, including Sunday Service Teams, Hospitality Team, Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry. Learn more about volunteer opportunities at [centralchurchnyc.org/callforvolunteers](http://centralchurchnyc.org/callforvolunteers).*

## REQUEST FOR CARE

*If you have a financial or practical care need for which you'd like to request assistance from Central, our deacons are readily available to discuss that with you. Please email [care@centralchurchnyc.org](mailto:care@centralchurchnyc.org) and detail your situation so one of our deacons can contact you directly.*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**2026 Projected Expenses: \$4,740,000**

**Year-to-Date Giving: \$2,058,000**

**2026 Remaining Need: \$2,682,000**