



CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

# PREPARATION

**July 12, 2026**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

## WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Questions, as we learn from experience, are not only the best way to begin conversations, they are the very lifeblood of conversations. The interested person is the interesting person.”

—FREDERICK DALE BRUNER

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our Father, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass man’s understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS

FIRST READING: Genesis 25:19-34

PSALM: Psalm 119:105-112

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

### Instrumental Prelude

*Doori Na*

### How Can I Keep from Singing

Chris Tomlin

There is an endless song,  
Echoes in my soul.  
I hear the music ring.

And though the storms may come,  
I am holding on  
To the rock I cling.

*How can I keep from singing your praise?  
How can I ever say enough?  
How amazing is your love?  
How can I keep from shouting your name?  
I know I am loved by the King,  
And it makes my heart want to sing.*

I will lift my eyes  
In the darkest night,  
For I know my Savior lives.

And I will walk with you,  
Knowing you'll see me through  
And sing the songs you give. *Chorus*

I can sing in the troubled times,  
Sing when I win.

I can sing when I lose my step  
And fall down again.

I can sing 'cause you pick me up,  
Sing 'cause you're there.

I can sing 'cause you hear me, Lord  
When I call to you in prayer.

I can sing with my last breath.

Sing for I know

That I'll sing with the angels

And the saints around the throne. *Chorus*

# WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Isaiah 55:1-3

LEADER Come, everyone who thirsts,

**PEOPLE Come to the waters;**

LEADER And he who has no money,

**PEOPLE Come, buy and eat!**

LEADER Come, buy wine and milk

**PEOPLE Without money and without price.**

LEADER Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

**PEOPLE And your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

LEADER Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

**PEOPLE And delight yourselves in rich food.**

LEADER Incline your ear, and come to me;

**PEOPLE Hear, that your soul may live.**

# HYMN

## Rock of Ages

Augustus Toplady · Arr. James Ward

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labor of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to thee for grace:  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

## **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**

We confess before you, our God and Creator, that we have sinned gravely and in many ways against you, not only outwardly, but much more internally: with innate blindness, unbelief, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil desires, greed, secret envy, hatred, and jealousy. You, our Lord and God, know these things in us fully, but sadly we fail to recognize them as we should. We feel sorrow and regret for our sins, and wholeheartedly ask for your grace, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

# WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## John 7:37-38

Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

**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

## Come Unto Jesus

Jordan Kauflin · Keith Getty · Kristyn Getty · Laura Story

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary.  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded heart, broken and needy.  
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, peace in our strife.  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
“My yoke is easy, my burden is light.”

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, he is enough.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in his love.*

Come, taste the Bread of Life broken for sinners.  
Drink from the cup of his promise made sure.  
Feast at his table as sons and as daughters.  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore. *Chorus*

Come now and follow him, this life forsaking.  
All that was gained count as nothing but loss.  
Trade all this world for his kingdom unfading.  
Come unto Jesus, and take up your cross.  
Come unto Jesus, and take up your cross.  
Life everlasting he offers to us. *Chorus*

# 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

### SPECIAL MUSIC - 10 AM SERVICE

*Central VBS Camp Champion campers*

# SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - 11:30 AM SERVICE

Angel Rodriguez

## Baptism Vows

- 1 Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in God's sight and without hope for your salvation except through his sovereign mercy?
- 2 Do you believe in the Lord Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 3 Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
- 4 Do you promise to serve Christ and His church by supporting this congregation in its worship of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?
- 5 Do you promise to accept the spiritual guidance of the church, to walk in a spirit of Christian love with this congregation, and to seek those things that make for unity, purity and peace?

## Congregational Vow

Will you, the members of this congregation and witnesses of these vows, acting on behalf of yourself and as representatives of the whole body of Christ, do everything within your power to encourage Angel to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

## 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 AM AND 5 PM 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).*

## 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

## Living Waters

Keith Getty · Kristyn Getty · Edmond Martin Cas

Are you thirsty?  
Are you empty?  
Come and drink these Living Waters.  
Tired and broken,  
Peace unspoken,  
Rest beside these Living Waters.  
Christ is calling.  
Find refreshing  
At the cross of Living Waters.  
Lay your life down,  
All the old gone.  
Rise up in these Living Waters.

*There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love,  
Bringing joy to the city of our God.  
There our hope is secure.  
Do not fear anymore.  
Praise the Lord of Living Waters!*

Spirit moving,  
Mercy washing,  
Healing in these Living Waters.  
Lead your children  
To the shoreline.  
Life is in these Living Waters. *Chorus*

Are you thirsty?  
Are you empty?  
Come and drink these Living Waters.  
Love, forgiveness,  
Vast and boundless.  
Christ, he is our Living Water. *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 - 10 AND 11:30 A.M.

## SERVICES

### John 4:7-30

The passage can be found on pages 888-889 of the pew Bible.

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain

nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup>So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” <sup>30</sup>They went out of the town and were coming to him.

## **SERMON - 10 AND 11:30 A.M. SERVICES**

***Questions for Jesus* | “Where do you get that living water?”**

Rev. Jason Harris

## SCRIPTURE READING - 5 P.M. SERVICE

### Matthew 21:23-27

The passage can be found on page 826 of the pew Bible.

<sup>23</sup>And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

## SERMON - 5 P.M. SERVICE

***Questions for Jesus* | “By what authority are you doing these things?”**

Robert Cone

## 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

## O Praise the Name

Dean Usher · Marty Sampson · Benjamin Hastings

I cast my mind to Calvary,  
Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet.  
My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears,  
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,  
Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God!  
O praise his Name forever more!  
For endless days we will sing your praise,  
O Lord, O Lord our God!*

Then on the third at break of dawn,  
The Son of Heaven rose again.  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King! *Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white,  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. *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: \$2,362,000**

**2026 Remaining Need: \$2,378,000**