

## Central Happenings

### SUNDAY – July 16

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

3:00pm Lafayette Aviators Game (Loeb Stadium)

### WEDNESDAY – July 19

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

### THURSDAY – July 20

10:00am Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

**Pastor Wil is on vacation** July 17-23. Please call the church office if you have urgent pastoral needs this week.

**The CPC softball team** plays its last scheduled game of the season Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30pm at Arni Cohen Field, West Lafayette. Come cheer them on.

**Salvation Army's Tools for Schools** is providing school supplies to kids pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Saturday, August 5, noon-3:00pm. If you know children needing supplies please pass the word.

**Sign Up Now** - Central will have a booth at OUTfest on Saturday August 19 4pm-9pm. We need at least 8 people to volunteer to represent Central, share some swag and show that God's people are all people. Please let Pastor Wil know you are interested.

**Save the Date - August 13 is the annual Worship at Fort Ouiatenon.** This is a Fellowship and Worship event with other local PCUSA churches, Bethany, Dayton, Elston and the new A Work in Progress Faith Community. Come for the worship, stay for the picnic, activities and nature at Fort Ouiatenon Park. **There will be no service at Central that day.**

**The hospitals no longer tell us** when a member or friend of Central is in the hospital. Please let us know if you or someone you know is in the hospital or is in need of prayer.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski  
Adult Music & Organist: Jeffrey Stearns  
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak  
Celebration Music: Paul Foster  
Custodian: Bob Hill

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# Central Presbyterian Church

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 16, 2023

## Welcome

**Prelude** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (ST. COLUMBA)

**\*Call to Worship** Pat Egan

Leader: God's creation delights and astonishes.

**People: Let the people pause and wonder!**

Leader: God, the Creator, has made it all.

**People: Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" 32

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Brothers and sisters, when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places. Happy are those who come into God's courts, for you shall be satisfied with goodness of God and rejoice in the holiness of God's temple.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Congregational Response

“Glory to God in the Highest” (back cover Hymnal)

## \*Passing of the Peace

## Prayer for Illumination

**First Reading** Psalm 65:9-13

**Anthem** “His Eye is on the Sparrow” (SPARROW)

**Second Reading** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Message** “Taking Root and Bearing Fruit” Rev. Wil Reinowski

**\*Hymn** “A Sower Came from Ancient Hills” 171

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostles’ Creed

**\*Response** “Gloria Patri” 581

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord’s Prayer

## Invitation to Offering

*The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at this time.*

**Offertory** “Blessed Assurance” (ASSURANCE)

**\*Doxology** 606

## \*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**You call us to sow your word in all times and places, even when the ground is hard and shallow. For faith is a gift that comes from you, and fruitful discipleship is the work of your Spirit in us. May the gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “To Bless the Earth” 38

## \*Benediction

**Postlude** “Grand Sortie” (Andrew Fletcher)

*Join us at the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and fellowship.*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

*MUSIC NOTES-- Harpist Melissa Gallant holds degrees from Indiana University and Butler University. She regularly performs throughout central Indiana in concert, scholastic and social settings. Gallant is a harpist with the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra and the Indiana Wind Symphony. She has also performed with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, the Marion Philharmonic, and other regional orchestras. In addition to Lafayette Symphony Orchestra's Cushion Concerts, Gallant presents educational programming through Arts for Learning - Indiana. In June 2023, Melissa was approved for a second Lifelong Arts Indiana Fellowship through the Indiana Arts Commission. Look for her B-Side Concert at Lafayette's Rat Pak Venue with fellow Lafayette Symphony musician Sharon Weyser on October 19, 2023.*

## In Our Prayers

We pray for Jane Messer for a successful health procedure and for Peg Wier for health reasons. We also pray for our Special Care friends Norma Doyle and Miriam Epple-Heath.