

In Our Prayers ✨

We pray for Ellen Racheter and family as Don Racheter enters the Church Triumphant. Prayers for Nancy Nargi, Pam Young, Bill Hatfield, Cyril Sturm, and Peg Wier for health reasons. We also pray for our Special Care friends Edith Webber and Peg Wier.

The Congregational Letters found at the back of the sanctuary are for Ellen Racheter and family and for Pam Young. Please add your name and thoughts.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – March 3

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

3:00pm Youth Group (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY – March 6

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – March 7

10:00am Library Team

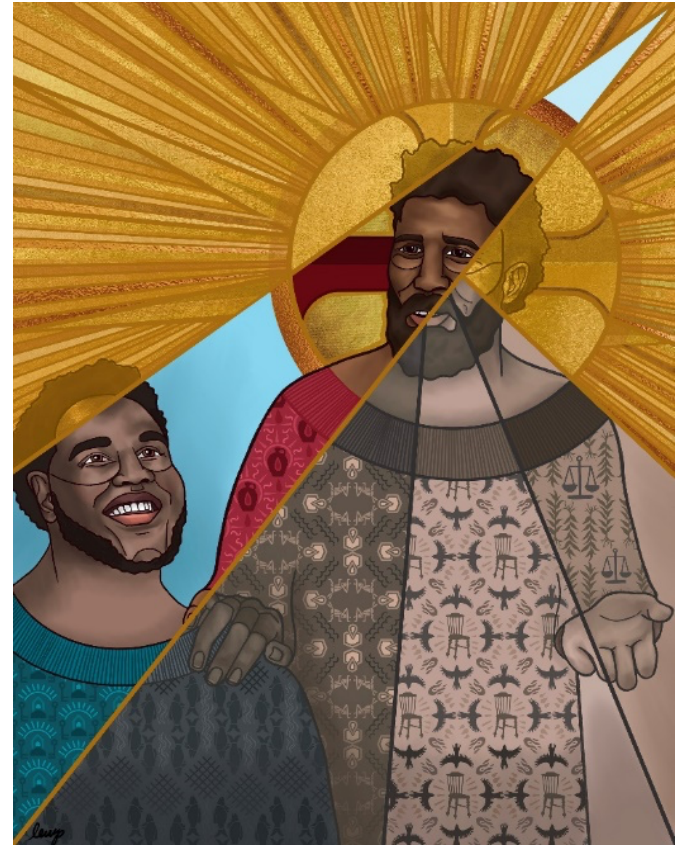
7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

Notes about today's service. Selected Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed; Art work: "Who Do You Say That I Am?" by Lauren Wright Pittman creates a kaleidoscope of perception, imaging the ways Jesus is perceived in the context of this passage, like light broken down into a myriad of shapes and colors. In the gold rays of light Jesus' form is obscured by the metallic shine of God's glory. | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Easter lily orders are being taken now. Please see the insert for more details.

One Great Hour of Sharing has been partnering with Presbyterians worldwide for 75 years to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. Please consider giving by including "OGHS" on the memo line of your check. Contributions are being accepted through Easter.

We welcome Jennifer Shook as our new Director of Administration and Christian Education. She is looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you. Please wish her well and say hello at Jennifer@centralpreschurch.org



Central Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

“We Bow Down”

(Twila Paris)

***Call to Worship**

Cris King

Leader: If you ask the sky who God is,

People: the sky will tell you of God's reach.

Leader: If you ask the day who God is,

People: the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

Leader: If you ask the night who God is,

People: the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

Leader: “The heavens are telling the glory of God.” Are you listening?

People: We are listening! We will sing of God’s glory.

Leader: Let us worship Holy God.

***Hymn** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” 4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, some days, we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith. Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers. Forgive us for losing sight of you. Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference. Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in. Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves. We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace. Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, whether we speak to God... Speak that good news with confidence.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Congregational Response

“Glory to God in the Highest” back cover Hymnal

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 19

Anthem “Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect” (M. Vulpius)

Second Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Message “Upon this Rock” Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** “The Church’s One Foundation” 321

Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues, ending with “sing to the glory of your name...”

Response “Holy, Holy, Holy” back cover Hymnal

The prayer continues with an invitation to the Lord’s Prayer. Please join in the language God has it on your heart.

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn** “Here at the Peak” insert

Invitation to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to make your offering at any time.

Offertory “Jesus Messiah” (Carson/Cash/Tomlin)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (unison):

O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments— to love only you, not worshiping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

***Hymn** “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” 310

*Benediction

Postlude “Psalm 19” (Benedetto Marcello)

** Please stand as you are able.*

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Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

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