

***Call to Worship**

Alex Moon

Leader: God loves the field mouse.

People: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

Leader: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

People: God loves the child who rocks and claps.

Leader: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

People: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

Leader: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

People: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

Leader: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

People: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

Leader: So let us worship this good-news God!

People: Amen.

***Hymn** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness (Unison):

Leader: God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

People: Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

Leader: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

People: We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

Leader: God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

** Please stand as you are able.*

People: We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

Leader: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

People: We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.

Leader: Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

People: By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.

Leader: May this good news change our lives!

People: Amen.

***Congregational Response** "Glory to God" (back cover Hymnal)

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Children's Time

Second Reading Matthew 19:13-15

Message "Room at the Center" Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** "See the Precious Children" Insert

***Affirmation of Faith**

***Congregational Response** "Gloria Patri" (back cover Hymnal)

Prayers of the People

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 any time.

Offertory "Meditation" (Orff)

***Doxology** 606

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

Protecting God, receive these gifts and the intentions behind them.
Use what we offer to strengthen those who feel exposed, to support those who are weary, and to build communities shaped by care and compassion. Form us into people who reflect your concern for every life, and let these offerings serve your purposes of love and justice.
Amen.

***Hymn** "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" 490

***Benediction**

Postlude "A Joyful Postlude" (Fey)



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Central Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gifts That Keep On Giving

Sunday, March 15, 2026



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Choir director: Scott Hines
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Welcome

Prelude

"How Firm a Foundation" (arr. Patricia Hurlbutt)