

**\*Call to Worship**

Roy Johnson

Leader: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

**People: Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.**

Leader: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

**People: Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.**

Leader: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

**People: Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.**

Leader: Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

**People: This is God's house.**

Leader: You can make yourself at home here.

**People: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!**

**\*Hymn** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" 435

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness:**

Leader: Church family, Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones and invited them to choose another way. Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion, and the same can be said for us. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: Our God is a God of mercy. Our God is a God of compassion. Our God is a God of grace. We are forgiven, loved, and invited**

**to choose another way. Thanks be to God for yet another second chance. Amen.**

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

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading** Matthew 23:23

**Anthem** "Amazing Grace" (Craig Courtney)

**Children's Time**

**Second Reading** John 8:2-11

**Message** "Stones Down" Rev. Wil Reinowski

**\*Hymn** "Let Us Remember" 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** "Theme from Schindler's List" (John Williams)

**\*Doxology** 606

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

**God of justice and compassion, receive these offerings as signs of our desire to live faithfully. Use what we give to support mercy where harm has lingered, to encourage fairness where voices are ignored, and to strengthen love in places of strain. Shape us through these gifts into people who reflect your care in word and action. We offer them to you with hope and commitment. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 377

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "March" (Young)



*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## In Our Prayers ✝

We pray for the family of Roslynn Bol as she enters the Church Triumphant. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Don Nead and Marilyn Pryor.

## Central Happenings

### SUNDAY – March 22

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

### MONDAY – March 23

6:00 p.m. Scouts (Scout Room)

### WEDNESDAY – March 25

10:00 a.m. Women of the Word [WOW] (Fitch Parlor)

12:00 p.m. Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rehearsal Hall)

### THURSDAY – March 26

10:00 a.m. Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

**All college students are invited** to have lunch on Central. Please find Terry and Lynne Phillips in the Gathering Space immediately after the service to say you're joining in.

**The greeters this morning** are John and Liz Schneider.

**Liturgy adapted** from the Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. **Cover image:** "There Is Good" by Hannah Garrity Inspired by Matthew 23:23. **Artist Statement:** symbols of justice, mercy, and faithfulness echo the clarity of Jesus. Gathering for justice is the work of the gospel.

**Please use the Ritual of Friendship** pads to let us know you're with us today. Whether you are in person or on-line, you can also sign in at [centralpreschurch.org/friendship](http://centralpreschurch.org/friendship)

**In our effort to be inclusive** of those who are unable to be with us in person, we live stream our worship services online. For those who are camera-shy, seating is available in the back two rows of the main floor or anywhere in the balcony.

**We welcome our violin soloist, Akirin Au**, to Central this morning. Akirin is a Purdue sophomore from Los Angeles, California majoring in acoustical engineering and is a member of the Purdue Philharmonic Orchestra.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski  
Transitional Administrator: Jessica Pisarski  
Choir Director: Scott Hines  
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak  
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## Central Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Tell Me Something Good**

Sunday, March 22, 2026



**Welcome**

**Prelude**

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

(J.S. Bach)