

***Hymn** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" 260

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Holy God, Breath of Life, we confess that there are places within us that have grown dry. We confess the weariness we carry. The fears we hide. The griefs we cannot name. The bitterness we hold. The hopes we have quietly surrendered. We confess that we have too often lived as though resurrection were only a memory instead of your living promise. Forgive us. Breathe again upon your people. Renew your Church. Restore our joy. And awaken within us once more the courage to trust you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news. The Spirit of God has not abandoned this world. The breath of God still moves among the people of God. Christ died for us. Christ lives for us. Christ intercedes for us. And in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made alive again.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Second Reading Acts 2:1–21

Message "Breath Again" Ryan M. Shelley

***Hymn** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" 306

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by

** Please stand as you are able.*

the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to 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.

***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 "Worthy of Worship" (arr. Bill Ingram)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Holy God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. Take what we offer this day and breathe through it your mercy, your justice, your compassion, and your hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" 268

*Benediction

Postlude



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

In Our Prayers

We pray for every graduate, that they may walk forward with confidence, purpose, and God's blessing. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Kathryn Long and Jane Messer.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – May 24

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

WEDNESDAY – May 27

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

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

THURSDAY – May 28

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

The greeter this morning is Monie Krueger.

Lafayette Aviators Baseball Game, June 7, 3:00 p.m. All 34 tickets for the baseball game are spoken for, and a wait list is available at the reception desk. You may sign up at the reception desk, or email news@centralpreschurch.org to get your name on the wait list.

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 own Ryan Shelley back to the pulpit. Ryan is finishing his studies at Dubuque Theological Seminary and has worked at several area churches as part of his ongoing educational experience.

Come celebrate Ryan Shelley's seminary commencement! Stop by Fitch Parlor on May 31 any time between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. for light refreshments. Congratulations, Ryan!

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Transitional Administrator: Jessica Pisarski
Choir Director: Scott Hines
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Organist: Doug Fletcher
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

Pentecost

Breath Again

Sunday, May 24, 2026



Welcome

Prelude "This Is My Father's World" (arr. Bill Ingram)

***Call to Worship** Roy Johnson

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe upon your people.

People: Renew us with your life.

Leader: When hope feels distant and faith grows weary, God does not abandon the Church.

People: The Spirit still comes among us.

Leader: The breath that moved across creation, the breath that entered the dry bones, the breath that filled the disciples at Pentecost, continues to renew the earth.

People: The Spirit of God still gives life.

Leader: Come, people of God, from every burden and every joy. Come with your doubts, your hopes, and your prayers.

People: For the living God gathers us here.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: And renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let us worship God.