

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Romans 12:9–21

Children's Time

Second Reading Exodus 3:1-15

Message "Here I Am: Love Gets to Work" Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 65

***Affirmation of Faith** (Adapted from *The Second Helvetic Confession* (1566))

We believe that the church is called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in every time and place. This calling is not our own achievement, but a gift entrusted to us by God. Through Word and sacrament, we are nourished, formed, and sent into the world. We trust that God uses ordinary people and ordinary acts to bear

** Please stand as you are able.*

witness to extraordinary grace. Therefore, we offer our lives in service, trusting that God will use even us for the sake of the world.

***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 "Beau Soir" (Debussy)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Holy God of holy ground, like Moses, we question our fitness to serve heaven's purposes on earth. Overcome our qualms with the assurance of your presence; bless these offerings that, through them, we may do your will; in the name of the triune One. Amen.

***Hymn** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" 853

*Benediction

Postlude "March" (Young)



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 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.

In Our Prayers ✂

We pray for those who are volunteering with Rise Against Hunger. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Edie Short and Ellen Racheter.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – August 23

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

1:00 p.m. Rise Against Hunger (Large Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY – August 26

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 – August 27

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

The greeter this morning is Jan Overton.

We're looking for volunteers to oversee our college lunch one Sunday each month after the service. It's a simple way to serve, build community, and make a difference. We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Kathy Meeks (kathymeeks@comcast.net) for more info or to sign up.

The Deacons are seeking people who are willing to bring meals when one of our Central families is in need. If this ministry hits your heart, please contact Stephany Miskunas at (765) 412-5867 or slmiskunas@gmail.com to be added to the list.

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

How We Rise

Sunday, August 30, 2026



Welcome

Prelude

“Prelude in F Major”

(J.S. Bach)

*Call to Worship

Deb Hester

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Let us worship God!

*Hymn

“O Worship the King”

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