**Celebration in Worship**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
**October 13, 2019**

We believe the words of Jesus reflect the heart of the Divine:

 “I will never turn away anyone who comes to me.”

John 6:37

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*For the healing love you have offered to us, for the patience you have with us, for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**      ***Great God of Every Blessing*** Mark Hayes

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Responsive)*

    The Lord be with you.

        **And also with you.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(*based on Psalm 66 in *Psalms for Praying)*

Sing a joyful song to the Beloved all the earth

and praise Love’s name, all you people.

**With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God’s love!**

We say, “How magnificent are your ways:

**So great is Love’s power that fear and doubt vanish,**

Let all the earth worship God

with hearts, and souls, and voices!

**We will raise our voices**

**And sing praises to Your Name.”**

Open your hearts to God’s redeeming love.

**Let the sound of our praises be heard.**

For God keep us attuned to life

and guides our feet on solid ground.

**The Holy One has brought us through our pain**

**and into the dwelling place of Love and Light.**

Come, let our praise ring to the rafters

and ascend to the highest heavens!

**\*HYMN 642 *Heleluyan, We Are Singing***

 *(Congregation sings refrain.)*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Leader)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name.**

*A period of silent prayer is observed.*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**
Hear the good news: Your call has been answered. Christ has healed you and forgives your sin. With glad hearts, let us return praise to God!

**\*SUNG RESPONSE 582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**ANTHEM *Blessed, Blessed*** Susan Palo Cherwein & David Cherwein

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 17:11-19

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN 694 *Great God of Every Blessing***

**AN INVITATION TO OFFERING** *(Leader)*

Our Gracious God has provided for us in ways that we do not always recognize. In this moment, we pause to express our gratitude for all God has given us. We accept this invitation to offer our gifts as an opportunity to say thank you for God’s many blessings.

**OFFERTORY      *The Gentle Rain*** George Shearing

*Please use the yellow prayer request cards found in the pew and place them in the offering plate to be included in the prayers of the people and/or the email prayer ministry of CPC.*

**\*DOXOLOGY***(Unison)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Christ, whose mighty power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**& THE LORD’S PRAYER**
In a world of goodness and struggle, we are grateful for your blessings, O God. As we seek to claim your life in those hard parts of our lives—the very places you teach us to look for your freeing presence— teach us to trust that you are always there. Accept these gifts as evidence of our desire to participate with you in the care of your beloved. May they be sent into our community and into the world around us, that others may claim the hope of your presence. We praise you for your faithfulness. Trusting this, we bring before you the prayers of our community . . .

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power**

**and the glory, forever.  Amen.**

**\* HYMN 742 We Will Walk with God** *(sing through 3 times)*

**We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.**

**We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.**

**We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

**We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE    *Down by the Riverside*** Spiritual, arr. by Bradley Sowash

\* *Indicates a time in the service when you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

Visitors, friends, members, welcome to worship! Please feel free to participate in ways that you feel led, and comfortable if you would just like to observe.  If you are interested in learning more about making Central Presbyterian your church home, please speak with Pastor Jennifer or the welcome greeter following the service.

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We are glad you are here and invite you to

join us for coffee and snacks in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

**TODAY AT CENTRAL**

**10:00am Worship, Sanctuary**

**11:00am Fellowship and 2nd Sunday potluck, Fellowship Hall**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-12:30pm, 1:30-4:00pm**

**Friday - Closed**

Mon, Oct 14 9:00am Central Walkers

 11:00am Bible Study Parlor

 4:30pm Worship & Common Life Pastor’s Office

 5:30pm Session Rm 121-A

 6:30pm Badminton Group Fellowship Hall

Tues, Oct 15 10:00am Christian Discipleship Pastor’s Office

Wed, Oct 16 3:00pm Book Group Parlor

 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary



***OCTOBER STUDENT FOOD DRIVE -*** For the month of October we will be collecting food for the Student Food Pantry as a way of raising awareness about food scarcity for young adults, and a tangible way to welcome back our student neighbors. Please give generously.

Food Pantry Needs: canned fruits & vegetables (*especially* tomato products, but *not* green beans), canned beans *(especially* black & garbanzo), canned meats *(especially* tuna), hearty soups & chili, pasta, small bags of rice.

***ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST OCTOBER 19, 9:00AM-***

Join us Saturday, October 19, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast made by the men! There is no cost, but there will be an offering. Sanyelle Wilson from Looking Glass will join us as the guest speaker. She will talk about their programs, youth homelessness and sex trafficking.

***PHOTO DAYS ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17-19 -*** Please sign up for your photo session today. Sign up in the Narthex/Fellowship Hall with a member of the Worship and Common Life Committee. ***New this year***… People can be photographed with their pet(s) if desired.

As in the past Lifetouch will give us the opportunity to purchase optional prints and packages of our photos. Every individual or family will receive a copy of the directory at no cost. Contact Julianne Stermer for more information at 541-554-5593.

***THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE IS NOW CALLING FOR FALL GRANT APPLICATIONS.*** The Committee has limited funds available this year for grants that benefit the mission and goals of Central. We invite groups to ***submit grant proposals by November 18, 2019.*** Completed applications should be turned in or emailed to Sheryl Peterson, Office Manager in the church office. Proposals should be typed for clarity. Either an electronic version of the form or a printed copy is available from the church office. All grant proposals require approval from the ministry team or staff member that would oversee the use of the funds. A decision on proposals will be made at the Endowment Fund Committee meeting in December with funds available in early December.

***COIN OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER*** **-** will be used to support our work with the St. Vincent DePaul Interfaith Family Shelter. We have supported this program for over 30 years and are excited that it now has a permanent location for the families. Please give generously on Sunday mornings!

***STRICTLY ORGANIC COFFEE -***for $14 a pound, is available in the Narthex from Carolyn Keener after worship today. Buy a bag of decaf or regular coffee; it's certified organic, shade grown, and farmer friendly. Any profit Central makes will be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*.*

***FISH -*** A warm beverage hits the spot on a cool morning. Donate hot chocolate or cocoa individual packets to FISH in October. Donate a two-pound can of ground coffee, and FISH volunteers will divide it into one-cup packages for families. FISH does not purchase beverage supplies for its clients, but they are popular items on the take out cart when they are available.

***We thank the following faithful people who are helping behind the scenes today:***

***Lectionary – Sunday, October 20***

***Jer. 31:27-34***

***Psalm 119:97-104***

***2 Tim. 3:14-4:5***

 ***Luke 18:1-8***

***Ministers All***

***Coffee Hour Fellowship Committee***

***Deacon on Call Louise deKluyver***

***Welcome Greeter Jane Rimerman***

***Liturgist Scott Pratt***

***Transport Team Nancy Richter***

***Pastor Rev. Jennifer Martin***

***Organist Dan Rinnan***

***Building Host Joe Olney***

**Flowers today have been given by the congregation to the glory of God and to Pastor Jennifer Martin in honor of Clergy Appreciation Day. We appreciate everything you do for others, Jennifer!**



**CENTRAL**

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**A CARING, INQUIRING, INCLUSIVE**

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**OCTOBER 13, 2019**



 *Ten Lepers*, Giclee on canvas, James C. Christensen (1942-2017)

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