

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 am, August 20, 2017

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Our deepest, most painful wounds not only leave us with scars that we bear forever, but also, if we make our peace with them, leave us wiser, stronger, more sensitive than we otherwise would have been had we not been afflicted with them.*

— Renita J. Weems (b. 1954)

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Celebrating Life Together

Rev. Kim Smith-Stanley

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\* Passing the Peace

A Time of Silence

Call to Worship

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: **It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.**

One: It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

All: **God meets us here.**

One: We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

\* Hymn *There's a Wideness in Gods Mercy*

No. 435

\* Prayer of Invocation

Katy Bedford

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

When we try to go it on our own lacking faith in divine providence,  
**Lord have mercy.**

*Time for silent reflection*

When we have not recognized God at work in the faith of others,  
**Christ have mercy.**

*Time for silent reflection*

In all that we have done and all that we have left undone,  
**Lord have mercy.**

*Time for silent reflection*

Assurance of Pardon

God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize God in our admission of need.

**Thanks, be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of our guilt and provides a way for us to walk on together.**

\* Gloria Patri

*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymn 581

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination		Brian Foree
Scripture Reading	Psalm 133	Pew Bible, O.T. Pg. 543
The word of the Lord.		
<b>Thanks be to God!</b>		
Anthem	<i>Keep Your Lamps</i>	Chancel Choir
arr. A. Thomas		
Children's Sermon		J'Lane Spence
Scripture Reading	Matthew 15:21-28	Pew Bible, N.T. Pg. 16
The word of the Lord.		
<b>Thanks be to God!</b>		
Sermon		Kim Smith-Stanley

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \* Affirmation of Faith from the Accra Confession  
**We believe that God is a God of justice. In a world of corruption, exploitation and greed, God is, in a special way, the God of the destitute, the poor, the exploited, the wronged and the abused (Ps 146.7-9). God calls for just relationships with all creation.**
- \* Hymn *Ubi Caritas* No. 205  
(sing four times)
- Prayers of the People Katy Bedford  
*It is our custom at CPC to reach out and hold the hand of those sitting next to us during the Prayers of the People.*
- Capital Campaign Update Kim Smith-Stanley
- Offering
- Offertory *Blest be the Tie That Binds* Handbell Ensemble  
by J. Fawcett / J.G. Nägeli
- \* Doxology † Hymn 606  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
- \* Prayer of Thanksgiving
- \* The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) Hymnal, Pg. 35

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

- \* Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* No. 753
- \* Benediction
- \* Choral Benediction *O For a World* Hymn 372  
**O for a world where everyone Respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.**
- \* Postlude

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- \* Worshippers are invited to rise in body or spirit
  - † Some prefer the words, "Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" to "Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost."

Please RECYCLE the bulletin,  
if you're not taking it home.  
There are baskets in the front  
and rear halls for this purpose.



## Please Remember These People in Prayer This Week

- **Brandi B**, friend of **Robin Manning**, undergoing cancer treatment.
- **Karen Chamberlin**, sister-in-law of Dan Chamberlin, undergoing cancer treatment.
- **Linda Evans**, friend of **Bill & Betty Anne Poe**, undergoing cancer treatment.
- **Wendell Whichard**, brother of **Steve Whichard**, recovering from a heart attack.
- **Becky Clark** and family, on the death of their dear friend, **Harriet Buxkemper**.
- **Laurie Loew**, friend of **Carol Johnson**, undergoing cancer treatment.
- **Alison Markley**, daughter of **Jane Markley**, with serious health issues.

**Pray for comfort and continued healing for:** Kelli Carr, Luz Escoto (Missionary in Thailand), Jane Sampson, Bette Lou Voorhis, Jack & Adele Waide, Doris Wilkinson, Katherine Williams, Steffi Yearwood.

**Inquirers and Candidates for Ministry under care of CPC:** Rick Carlson, Janine Zabriskie, Ryan Larkin, Holly Swift, Meg Vail, Ann Hartman, Laurel Dixon, and Julia Giddings.



### *Come Join us for a Celebration and a Farewell!*

After worship next Sunday, August 27th, CPC will gather to celebrate the springtime wedding of Kim and Nick Smith-Stanley – and wish a fond farewell to our fantastic Transitional Pastor, Bill Poe, on his last day with us. We will have a cake for each and a basket for each for you to drop off cards of good wishes for Kim and Nick, and thanks for Bill and Betty Anne. Do plan to join us after worship on this very busy Rally Day Sunday, August 27th! For further information, contact Sally Estes: [SallyTomTx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SallyTomTx@sbcglobal.net).

### On Rally Day: **The Blessing of the Backpacks!**

August is Back-to-School month for many members of CPC. So next Sunday, as part of Rally Day, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship. All students - pre-school, elementary, middle school, high school, college & university, graduate school, medical school, seminary, etc - are invited to bring your backpacks with you that day. Teachers & professors, bring your backpacks, too! Everyone with a backpack will be invited up during the children's sermon to be prayed over and have your backpack blessed. Start the new school year off right!



### **Texas Book Festival at CPC – Saturday, November 4**

It's that time again! For the fourth year, CPC is a venue for the Texas Book Festival (Nov. 4-5) and we need volunteers! You'll help the panels run on time, point folks to the bathroom, help with author booksignings, and more. And you get a free t-shirt!

If you can spare a couple hours on Saturday, Nov. 4, go to the TBF Volunteer Page, choose "Central Presbyterian Church/Kirkus Stage" from the menu on the left and follow instructions from there. The author lineup for CPC isn't official yet, but it's going to be good! Contact Elizabeth Stoddard with any questions: [cpc@texasbookfestival.org](mailto:cpc@texasbookfestival.org).

"Woman, great is your  
**faith!**"  
... And her daughter was healed  
**instantly.**

# Announcements

Attendance last Sunday morning, August 13, was 89.

Refreshments this morning are provided by Helen Garman.

**Flowers for the Sanctuary:** We have many opportunities for you to donate flowers for our Sunday services. Doing so lets you commemorate a loved one and celebrate the glory of God, and at the same time provides us all with beauty! Please stop by the Flower Calendar, posted in the First Floor Hall, or call the church office at 512-472-2445.

## Birthdays

Abigail Martin	8/20
Mary Swierenga	8/21
Peggy Terry	8/21
Angel Fernandez	8/21
Maddie Kennedy	8/21
Gabriel Bernal	8/21
Lexi Van Haren	8/23
Robin Manning	8/24
Melanie Spriggs	8/24
Bill Lytch	8/25
Ibrahim Mbaya	8/26



## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CPC?

The Christian Education Team would like to see where you go and what you are up to this Summer. We'll kick off the Fall, on Rally Day, August 27, by showing the congregation a slide show of the pictures you send us from your summer adventures. We know that in whatever you do this summer, whether home or abroad, you will be spreading joy. Capture that joy and share it with us! Please email your photos to Katy Bedford: [katy@cpcaustin.org](mailto:katy@cpcaustin.org).

## **WE NEED SINGERS!**

The more the merrier! If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Cindy Couch at 512-569-9039 or email [couch@gmail.com](mailto:couch@gmail.com).

It is necessary to have some knowledge of music reading. You do not have to be a solo singer, but it is helpful to have some choral background.

Choir members sign out when they are out of town or have conflicts with rehearsal. You are not signing your life away.

We need a few more people, and studies show that people who sing are happier and live longer lives!

– Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays  
from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

**Donations, Please!** The Central Mission supports our neighbors who come to CPC for assistance. Please prayerfully consider making a donation, which may be brought to the church office at any time. Please contact Kim Smith-Stanley if you have any questions: [kim@cpcaustin.org](mailto:kim@cpcaustin.org) or call the church office: 512-472-2445 - Thanks!

*Our focus for Summer: Travel-Size Toiletries!  
Shampoo, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Shower Gel, et cetera*

## Noonday Concert Series

Every Thursday, at 12:05 pm, Central Presbyterian presents a free 30 min. concert in the sanctuary. The concerts are followed by lunch in Smoot Hall. Lunch reservations are required, and may be made online at [tinyurl.com/ThursConcert](http://tinyurl.com/ThursConcert) or by calling the church office at 512-472-2445. This week's concert:

**Gary Knippa & The Friends**



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**Nathan Quiring**  
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**Katy Bedford**  
Interim Christian Educator for  
Children and Youth  
**Win Bent**  
Office Manager

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## Information for Visitors

Please take a moment to fill out the **Visitor’s Response Card**. After worship, join us for our Fellowship Hour in Smoot Hall, and we hope you will return to worship with us again.

**All Children Are Welcome in Worship.** Activity folders are located at the sanctuary entrances. Near the back balcony, there is a quiet room with changing table and rocker for infants and moms who need a brief respite. Childcare is available in the Children’s Wing.

**Joys & Concerns Cards** (blue) are available in the pew rack. Completed cards can be given to a pastor or worship leader during “Passing of the Peace” or passed to an usher during the Children’s Sermon.

**Parking** on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings is available in the St. David’s garage (on Trinity between 7th & 8th Streets). Parking is also provided by kind courtesy of the Vaughn Building behind our church for older folks, those with mobility issues and families with young children.

## LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.



For those who are hearing impaired, there is equipment for your use in the church office.

**Deliberately diverse and fully inclusive,** Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Austin is a community of Christian faith where each person is welcomed as a unique child of God.

## Adult Christian Education

*Rally Day is August 27!*

**Adult Sunday School** is taking a sabbath from August 6 to September 3. Starting September 10, Mary Swierenga will be leading a class on Parker Palmer’s book, *Healing the Heart of Democracy*.

» For further information about Adult Christian Education, or if you have suggestions for classes, please contact:

Mary Swierenga: mlvswierenga@gmail.com  
Robin Manning: geographylady@gmail.com

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## Nursery, Children, and Youth

*Childcare for nursery and elementary children is available in the Children’s Wing (2nd Floor), beginning at 9:30 am.*

**Children’s Sunday School** is taking a sabbath from August 6 to August 20. Childcare is available for children under 5 years old. This is a good time for your children to see what worship looks like after the Children’s Sermon. Feel free to contact Katy Bedford with any concerns or questions at [katy@c PCAustin.org](mailto:katy@c PCAustin.org)

**Children’s Choir** rehearsals (for ages 5-11) will resume in September. Parents whose children are new to the children’s choir, please contact Hannah Boyd at [hgcooper23@gmail.com](mailto:hgcooper23@gmail.com).

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## This Week at CPC

– Sunday –

9:30 am    Childcare begins  
11:00 am    Worship Service  
12:00 noon   Fellowship Hour (Smoot Hall)  
12:30 pm    Youth Fellowship: Jr & Sr High

– Monday –

*No Men’s Coffee Hour (returning in September)*

– Wednesday –

7:00 pm    Chancel Choir Reh (Room 304)

– Thursday –

8:30 am    The Central Mission  
12:05 pm    Noonday Concert and Lunch

– Sunday: Rally Day –

9:00 am    Breakfast by the Deacons (Smoot Hall)  
9:30 am    Rally Day Program  
11:00 am    Worship Service  
12:00 noon   Fellowship Hour (Smoot Hall)  
12:30 pm    Youth Fellowship: Jr & Sr High

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Monday through Friday at 12:00 noon,  
there is an AA meeting in Room 103