



Central Presbyterian Church

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

* Worshipers are invited to rise in body or spirit.

If you do not wish to be seen on the live video feed for the service, please sit in a pew under a balcony.

Prelude

Nathan Quiring

Welcome and Announcements

Katheryn Barlow-Williams

Passing of the Peace

Introit

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 1)

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

All: **We delight in God's Word of love, we meditate on it day and night.**

One: Worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

All: **God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither in the presence of God's love.**

One: Friends, let us gather for worship and bask in God's transforming power.

*Hymn #741: Guide My Feet (vv. 1-3)

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Prayer of Confession

Jim Collier

All: **Savior God, we invite you into our lives but then forget, and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted by our own priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. As we come to you in silent prayer, help us focus us on you, your Word, and the power of your Spirit. (*Silent reflection*)**

Assurance of Pardon

One: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us to a divine path of new beginnings. We are a new creation with a song of joy to share.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (Hymn #582)

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

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.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 1
John 17:6-19

Pew Bible, O.T. Pg. 463
Pew Bible, N.T. Pg. 105

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Witness
arr. Hall Johnson

Catherine Bartoli and Nathan Quiring

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

You Belong to Love

Katheryn Barlow-Williams

*Hymn #460: Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad
así en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día
y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como
nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.
No nos dejes caer en tentación,
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder
y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Moment for Mission: Stop Shooting Concert

Carlos Cordero

Offering

Giving is a form of worship and we offer our gifts to bring Christ's hope to our world. For ways to give, see information following the order of worship.

Offertory Music

And Joy is Everywhere
Andrea Ramsey

Chancel Choir

*Doxology: Hymn #606 †

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 Dedication

*Hymn #634: To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: Hymn #372

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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

† Some prefer the words, "Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" to "Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost".

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Ways to support CPC's ministries:

- Text "2024stewardship", "Pastor", "Neighbors", or "Cpcdonations" to 53555
- To give via Debit/Credit Card use the QR code by pointing your phone's camera to scan it
- For PayPal and Zelle donations, use bookkeeper@cpcaustin.org
- Mail a check to the church office, 200 E 8th Street, Austin, TX 78701
- To give in person, ushers will be located at the doors of the sanctuary following the service





EVENTS CALENDAR

May 17 & 18 – Volunteers will repair Central Mission Clothing Closet - contact Mark Hasting or Clif Collins to help!
May 18 – Un/Heard FREE Choral Concert “STOP SHOOTING” - 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary
May 19 – Pentecost Sunday & Youth Senior Sunday
May 26 – Potluck lunch & removal of Vidas Robadas installation – after worship
June 16 – Kickoff to Summer Service Week: Church Blood Drive – 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at St. David's parking lot
June 16-21 – Summer Service Week – experience another Austin!



Weekly Announcements

Use the QR code to view this week's e-blast and more details on CPC events!

Ongoing Weekly Gatherings

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.—Lectionary Bible Study
Wednesdays at noon—Check n' Chat (ZOOM)
Thursdays at 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.—Central Mission
Thursdays at noon—Noonday Concert Series

Have you signed up yet?

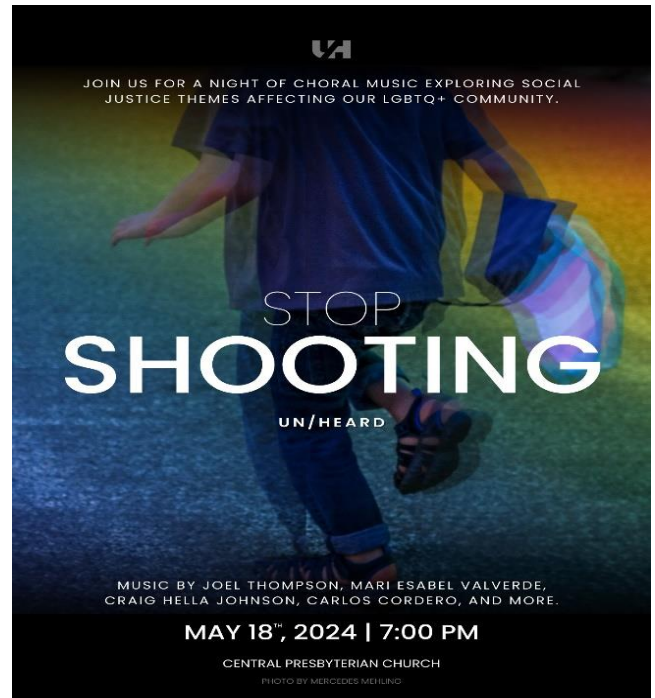
Serve your Church community by hosting the after-worship Fellowship Hour. You, you and your kids, your fellow pew-sitters - whatever “group” you like can be hosts! It can be done by one, but it's easier and more fun when 2 or more get together. The signup list is in the downstairs hallway—look for it today!

The CPC Nominating Team is seeking candidates to serve a three-year term as an elder, deacon, or trustee. Send recommendations to Scott Rust at escottrust@gmail.com.



This Week's Birthdays

May 13 - Cindy Mikel
May 14 - Alex De La Cruz
May 15 - Karin Ascot
May 17 - Cherie Simpson



Church Staff

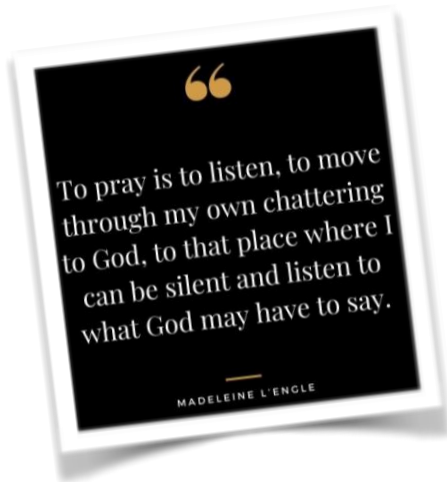
Pastor Kathryn Barlow-Williams
Director of Music Ministry Carlos Cordero
Organist/Pianist Nathan Quiring
Office Manager..... Lisa Korson
Bookkeeper Cindy Mikel

Neighbors Program Manager Andi Brauer
Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator Robyn Greer
Custodian Lety Mendieta
Groundskeeper Brandon Lairson

Parish Associates: Jim Collier, Tom Estes & Mary Swierenga

Living the Word...

I imagine John 17:6-19 like the ending of a movie. The nostalgic instrumental music sets in. There is a drone that starts with landscape shots and then moves into this intimate moment of Jesus with his disciples. My body moves closer to the screen because I want to hear what Jesus is saying as his final words to his disciples. It starts with mumbles, then I realize what Jesus is doing. He is praying for his disciples. Jesus prays that they will have wisdom, that they will be protected, and that they would always stay near to truth. In *A Ring of Endless Light*, Madeleine L'Engle writes:



"Prayer was never meant to be magic," Mother said.

"Then why bother with it?" Suzy scowled.

"Because it's an act of love," Mother said.

Jesus embodies love when he spends his last moments on earth praying for his disciples. This passage is a gentle reminder of why we follow Jesus and why, even after all this time, we are still on this Christian journey: love.

- What can be inferred about what Jesus valued by the way he spent his final days?
- Who can you raise up in prayer today?

~ Janelle Hiroshige

To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fiercely.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

~ Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church



Guide My Feet

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1 Guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand ...

5 Search my heart ...

3 Stand by me ...

6 Guide my feet ...

4 I'm your child ...

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

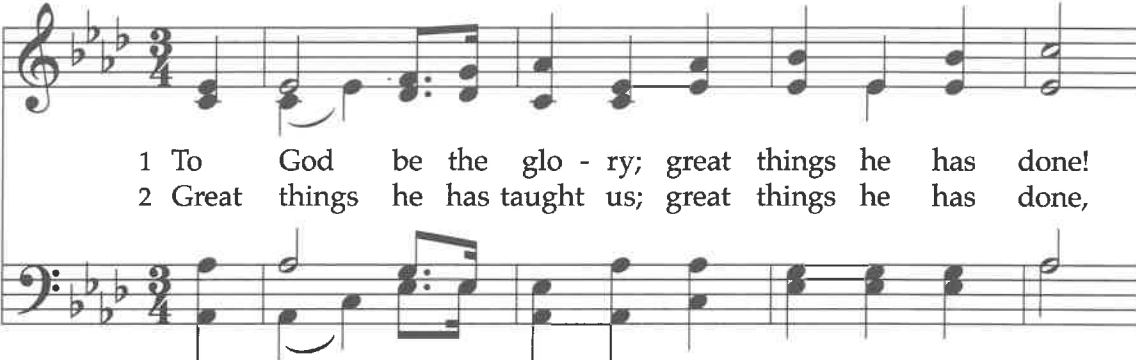
as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

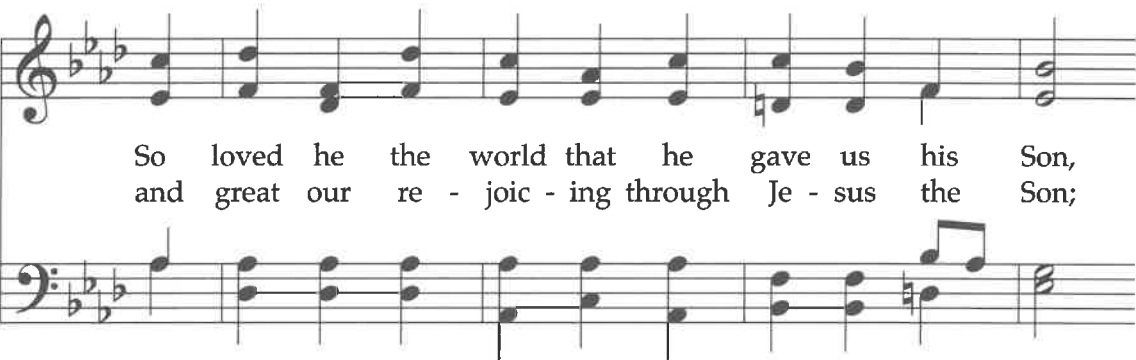
My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua Assembly.

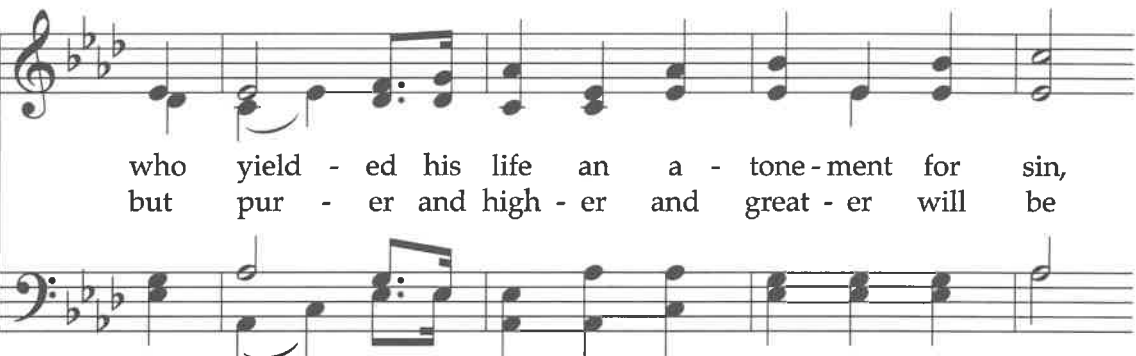
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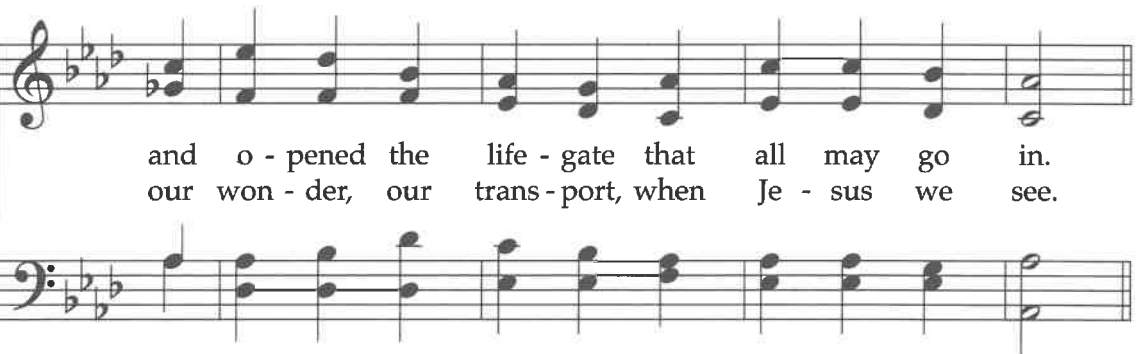
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

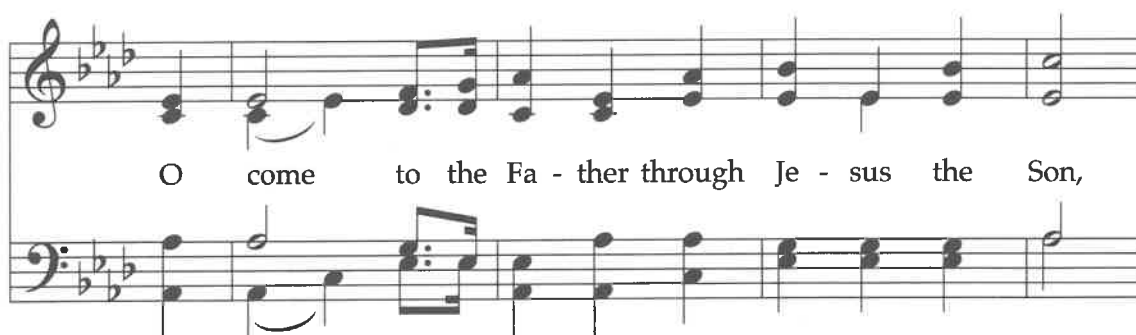
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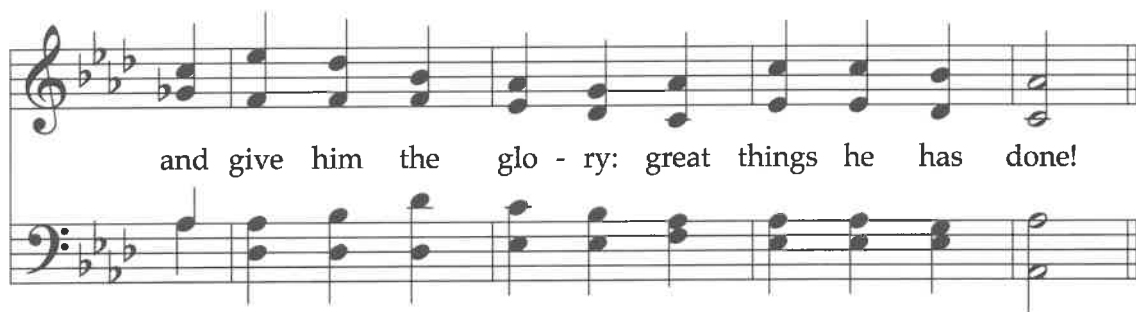
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!