Sunday Worship | May 5, 2024



*Please rise in body or spirit

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Joshua D. Gill

Prelude and Lighting of the Worship Candle | "Glorious" | Spirit Rising

Acolyte: Nick DeSando

*Call to Worship | Liturgist: Jenn Russell

The psalmist encourages us to praise God for all the marvelous things God has done.

We join with all creation in praise, for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.

We sing because God chooses us out of God's great love.

We choose God's love, which bears us in fullness beyond compare.

*Opening Song | "God You Are" | Spirit Rising

*Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*Song Reprise | "God You Are" | Spirit Rising

*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

Time at the Table

Scripture Reading | John 15:9-17 Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Message | "Friends" | Rev. Joshua D. Gill

Anthem | "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another (Pepper Choplin) | CPC Chancel Choir

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Invitation to the Table
- Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- Lord's Prayer
- Words of the Institution
- Prayer After Communion

Offertory | "They'll Know We Are Christians" arr. David Schelat | Allison Munn, organ Today's loose offering will go directly to the Deacon Fund.

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song | #465 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude | "Festival Toccata" by Percy Fletcher | Allison Munn, organ

Happening at Central

Graduate Sunday | June 2nd

We will be honoring graduates of high school 8 college on Sunday, June 2nd. If you have a child you would like to be included, please reach out to Lainey Timmermon at communications@cpcdowningtown.org so we can collect their information!

CCP Board Opening

The CCP Board will have a board member position available this June. We welcome any ordained elders, particularly those with interest in education, working with children, and the life of the preschool, to inquire by emailing alexandra.barainyak@gmail.com for more details.

Next Sunday's Message:John 17:6-19 "Jesus' prayer"

Kids at Central

Children of all ages are welcome in Sunday worship. Should you wish for your child to attend programming we also offer the following:

Nursery | Babies 0-3 may also be signed into our nursery, located behind the sanctuary. Children can be signed in at any point during the service.

Godly Play | Ages 4- 2nd Grade. Following "Time at the Table" in this morning's service, children are invited to leave the sanctuary and join us for programming. At the end of the service, you can pick your children up in Room 118.

Manna & Mercy | Grades 4+ Join us in the Youth Room at 10:45 a.m.

Chapel Choir | K-3rd Grade meets Sundays from 10:45-11:30 in Room 121 (next to Fellowship Hall)

Welcome!

If this is your first Sunday at Central, or you're back for the first time in a while, we are so happy you're here! To learn about current happenings at Central, please stop by the Welcome Center, or speak with a greeter after service so we can say hello and give you a bit of information about us.