

# Central Happenings

## SUNDAY – June 16

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

11:30 a.m. Beyond the Binary (Fitch Parlor)

## MONDAY – June 17

6:15 p.m. Central Softball (Arni Cohen Memorial Field #1)

## TUESDAY – June 18

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Summer Series Christian Education (Fitch Parlor)

## WEDNESDAY – June 19

10:00 a.m. – WOW (Fitch Parlor)

Noon Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

## THURSDAY – June 20

10:00 a.m. Library Team

There are two **Congregational Letters** in the rear of the sanctuary today. Please sign one for Hillary Neeham with prayers for her health and one for the Hartz family for the birth of Theodore West.

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](http://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.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski  
Traditional Music/Organist: Jeffrey Stearns  
Contemporary Music: Paul Foster  
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak  
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## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 16, 2024



### Welcome

**Prelude** "Prelude and Fugue in F" (J.K.F. Fischer)

**\*Call to Worship** Terry Phillips

Leader: Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

**People: The kingdom of God is growing.**

Leader: While we sleep and rise night and day:

**People: The kingdom of God is growing.**

Leader: The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

**People: The kingdom of God is growing; its large branches are home to all kinds of people.**

**\*Hymn** "This is My Father's World" 370

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes— fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by**

apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**People: We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him!**

### \*Congregational Response

"Glory to God in the Highest" back cover Hymnal

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Reading** Ezekiel 17:22-24

**Anthem** "Come with Me into the Fields" (D. Schutte)

**Second Reading** Mark 4:26-34

**Message** "Little Seeds, Big Dreams" Rev. Wil Reinowski

**\*Hymn** "For the Fruit of All Creation " 36

**\*Affirmation of Faith** "Apostles Creed" (page 35 Hymnal)

**\*Congregational Response** "Gloria Patri" (back cover Hymnal)

### Call to Prayer

#### 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 make your offering at any time.*

**Offertory** "Touch the Earth Lightly" (Murray/Gibson)

**\*Doxology** 606

### Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Life-giving God, we know that you will accomplish everything you propose. Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands. May they contribute to what you are doing so that life may flourish. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" 765

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Sortie " (Cesar Franck)

*\* Please stand as you are able.*



### In Our Prayers

*We pray for Hillary Needham for health concerns. We give joy to the Bol family for the recent addition of Theodore West Hartz, son of Austin and Katrina.*

*We pray for our brothers and sisters across the world who need a reminder today of God's love and everlasting mercy.*

*We pray for our Special Care Friends Mary Lou Allen and Peggy Anderson.*

The beautiful flowers today were provided by **The Richard Bol Family** in celebration of the birth of Theo and Ben's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Caregiver Companion is hosting a Community Caregiver Education event. **If you are a caregiver, please join us!** The meeting is on Thursday, June 27 from 2-4 pm at the Northend Community Center's Vinton Room. Panelists will include Home Instead, WLPD, Guardian Angel Hospice, Area 4, Joyful Journey, and more. RSVP at 765.423.1879.