In Our Prayers 🔀

We pray for Don Nead and Norma Doyle for health concerns. We also pray for our Special Care friends, Shirley West and Rita Zachariah.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – April 6

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:00 a.m. Library Open House (Fitch Parlor)

MONDAY – April 7

6:00 p.m. Scouts (Scout Room)

WEDNESDAY – April 9

12:00 p.m. Charity Knitters (Discipleship) 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY - April 10

10:00 a.m. Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

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

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.

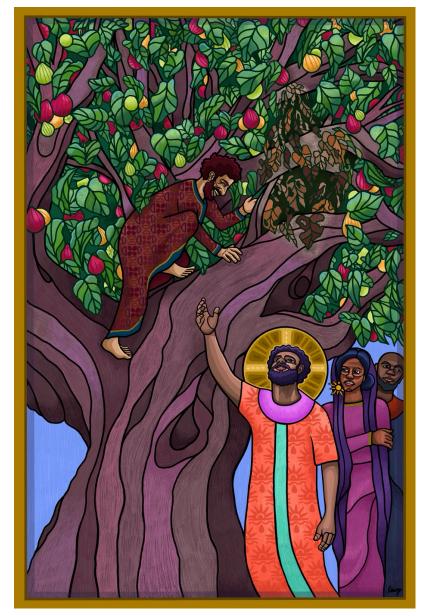
Liturgy adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Cover image: "Zacchaeus" by Lauren Wright Pittman. Inspired by Luke 19:1-10. Digital Painting. "In this visual metaphor, Jesus removes him from the tree so it has a chance to heal and nourish the whole community" (from the artist's statement).

Our greeters this morning are John and Liz Schneider.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
Organist: Doug Fletcher
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

everything [in] between: righteousness & mercy



Welcome

Prelude "Were You There?" (arr. Parker)

*Call to Worship Chip Goldsberry

Leader: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

People: We long for community. We long for God.

Leader: We come to worship because we need a good word.

People: We need connection. We need moral reminders.

Leader: We come to worship because we are in between:

People: hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.

Leader: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

People: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.

*Hymn "Sing Praises to God Who Reigns Above" 645

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous, show us mercy. When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and again, bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: When we fail to be righteous, God is merciful. When we fail to be merciful, God invites us to try again. Again and again, God moves closer to us. Again and again, God shows us the way.

People: Thanks be to God for this unending love. Amen.

*Congregational Response "Glory to God in the Highest" back cover Hymnal

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Anthem "Arise" (Baloche, Moen)

Second Reading Luke 19:1-10

Message "giving | beyond | measure" Rev. Wil Reinowski

*Hymn "God of The Sparrow" 22

Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues, ending with "sing to the glory of your name..."

Response "Holy, Holy," back cover Hymnal

The prayer continues with an invitation to the Lord's Prayer. Please join in the language God has it on your heart.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Lord's Supper

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" 726

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 "Jesus Have It All" (Jeremy Riddle)

*Doxology 606

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.

*Hymn "All the People Said Amen" (Maher, Morgan, Moak)

*Benediction

Postlude "Postlude on the Kingsfold" (Vaughan-Williams)

*Please stand as you are able