



**CENTRAL  
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Central Presbyterian Church seeks to glorify the triune God  
by embracing the Gospel, building our community, making disciples and transforming societies.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2010

### PRELUDE

*Trent Briden, piano*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 139:1-12*

Liturgist: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

**You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.**

Liturgist: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

**People: Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

Liturgist: If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

**People: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;**

**the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.**

(Liturgist is Jay Thomas Hewitt, Pastor of Community Formation.)

### \* SONGS OF GOD'S KINGSHIP

#### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Williams, 1745 & Hughes, 1907*

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this bar - ren land;  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing streams doth flow;  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand;  
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my jour - ney through;  
Bear me through the swel - ling cur - rent, Land me safe on Ca - naan's side;

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no more,  
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to Thee,

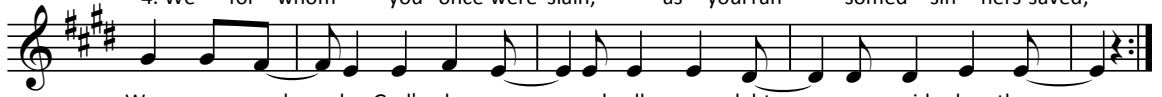
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## King of Saints

Hart, 18th c. & Wells, 2004



1. Je - sus Christ, God's ho - ly Lamb, we will laud your love - ly name;  
2. You have washed us in your blood, made us kings and priests to God;  
3. Right-eous are your ways and true, end - less hon - ors are you due.  
4. We for whom you once were slain, as your ran - somed sin - ners saved;



We were saved by God's de - cree and all our debt was paid by thee.  
Take this trib - ute of the poor for we can't we can't give more. (chorus)  
Grace and glo - ry in your shine; match - less mer - cy love di - vine.  
In this one re - quest ag - ree: Spir - it, make us more like thee. (chorus)



Chorus: Souls re - deemed your voic - es raise; Sing your dear Re - deem - er's praise.



Wor - thy thou of love and laud, King of saints in - car - nate God.

## \* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### PSALM OF PRAYER

Psalm 139:13-24

Liturgist: For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

People: **Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**  
**My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,**  
**intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Liturgist: Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.  
How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

People: **If I would count them, they are more than the sand.**  
**I awake, and I am still with you.**

Liturgist: Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!

People: **They speak against you with malicious intent;**  
**your enemies take your name in vain!**

Liturgist: Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?  
I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.

People: **Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!**  
**And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**

# SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## \*SONG OF GRACE

### The Saving One

Fieldes & Neufeld, 2010



What mer-cy was re-vealed, what self-less-ness and peace, my fate was sure - ly sealed un-til he re-scued  
No fear can hold me down, nor darknes steal my joy for blood has been poured out, the en-em-y de-



me. His par-don for my sin, his boun-ty for my need, from sla-ver-y and sin I am re-deemed.  
stroyed. Death could not hold him down; the cross was not e-nough to steal a-way his love for he is God.



*Chorus: And heav-en can't con-tain the glo-ry of the Son. Je-sus is the Christ, the sa-ving One.*



*His love has made a way; the grave is o-ver-come. Je-sus is the Christ, the sa-ving One.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

### "Working for a Living"

Clay Smith

Psalms 127

<sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the house,  
its builders labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the watchmen stand guard in vain.

<sup>2</sup> In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat —  
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

<sup>3</sup> Sons are a heritage from the Lord,  
children a reward from him.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are sons born in one's youth.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man  
whose quiver is full of them.  
They will not be put to shame  
when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

A song of ascents.  
New International Version

## OFFERTORY

### Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

*Steele, 18th c. & Twitt, 1998*

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace, be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet,  
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## \* THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please come forward row by row, starting with the front and moving back. At all times, the center aisle moves forward while the side aisles move back. As serving begins, the transepts and balcony should also begin moving. The transepts first move back along the sides and then come forward, down the center. The balcony comes down the center as you arrive downstairs. Move to the next available server once you arrive at the front. If you are not able to come forward, please raise your hand and you will be served in your seat.

Central Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

### **Prayer for Those Searching**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

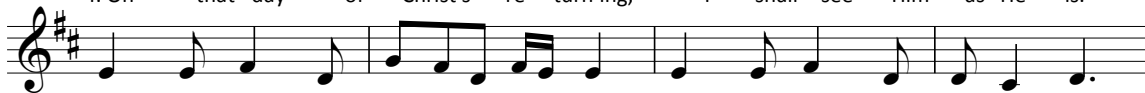
# \* SONG OF TRIUMPH

## Though the World & Many Idols

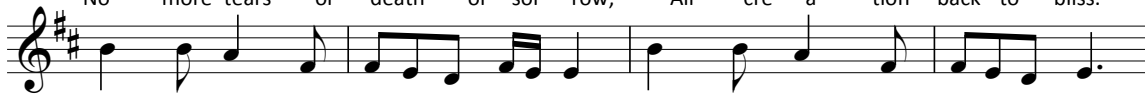
Denholm & Tuck, 2010



1. Though the world and man - y i - dols All de - mand my lo - yal - ty,  
2. Though the dev - il wields temp - ta - tion Like a dag - ger to my faith,  
3. Though my sin, my self - ab - sorp - tion Wa - ges bat - tle in my breast,  
4. On that day of Christ's re - turn - ing, I shall see Him as He is.



Clam - or for my heart's al - le - giance, Mock my faith - less pi - et - y,  
And he whis - pers ac - cu - sa - tions Of my grim, un - love - ly state,  
I do not the good I want to; I live not what I con - fess.  
No more tears or death or sor - row; All cre - a - tion back to bliss.



God, my Fath - er, my Cre - a - tor, Sought to ran - som back His own,  
Christ, my Lov - er, my Re - deem - er, While I strayed, for me He died,  
Yet my Sa - vior trans - forms me, Heart of flesh for heart of stone,  
I will wor - ship Him un - hin - dered And be - hold His lov - ing smile.



Paid the price for my re - bel - ion, Made me His by grace a - lone.  
And His Truth holds firm for - ev - er, Right - eous - ness to me ap - plied.  
His own Spir - it guides and com - forts, Pleased to make in me His home.  
I call Him my Ab - ba, Fath - er; He calls me His pre - cious child.

# \* GOD'S BLESSING

(following the words of blessing)

Minister: And all God's people said...

People: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

# POSTLUDE

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. Because God works, we work.
2. Because God works, we can rest.
3. Because God works, the fruit will endure.

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These people are available in the prayer room today to pray for your needs and the needs of those who are on your heart.

12:15 p.m. - Joe Gruneisen (elder), John Hamer (elder)

The prayer room may be reached by exiting the sanctuary through the door closest to the pulpit and turning left at the bottom of the steps.

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Songs of worship are used with permission. CCLI #100150.

## YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN...

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

*Are you new to Central and wondering how to build community in a large church, or have you been around a while but still feel disconnected?*

Visit [www.centralpres.com/communitygroups/](http://www.centralpres.com/communitygroups/) or contact Jay Thomas Hewitt to learn more, visit a group, or even consider hosting or leading.

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### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

*Would you like to get involved but aren't sure if you have the skills or the time?*

Visit [www.centralpres.com/serve](http://www.centralpres.com/serve) or contact Kate Spielman to find something that's a good fit for your abilities and your schedule.

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### CLASSES

*Are you interested in opportunities for you and your children to learn more about the Bible, theology, culture, becoming a member and a variety of other topics?*

Contact Kate Spielman to learn about Wednesday and Sunday classes coming up this fall.

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