

# Sunday Worship | April 28, 2024



\*Please rise in body or spirit

**Welcome & Announcements** | Rev. Joshua D. Gill

**Prelude and Lighting of the Worship Candle** | "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" arr. David Schelat | Allison Munn, organ | Acolyte: CJ Comunale

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\***Call to Worship** | Liturgist: John Hayduk

We come to worship with joy, trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

**We lean into God for understanding, anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**

May God hear our praise! May we be counted among the great congregation.

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.**

\***Opening Song** | #238 "Thine is the Glory"

\***Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession**

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness,  
interceding with sighs too deep for words.

**Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.**

**O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you.**

\***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 Response** | #582 "Glory to God"

\***Passing of the Peace**

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

## Time at the Table

**Scripture Reading** | John 15:1-8  
Holy Wisdom. **Holy Word.**

**Message** | "The Gardener" | Rev. Joshua D. Gill

**Anthem** | "I am the Vine" (Allen Pote) | CPC Chancel Choir

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory** | "God You Are" | Spirit Rising

**\*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Song** | "King of Heaven" | Spirit Rising

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** | "King of Heaven" | Spirit Rising

**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.

## Happening at Central

### **Graduate Sunday | June 2nd**

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

**Next Sunday's Message:**  
John 15:9-17 "Friends"

## 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.

**Worship Bridge** | For Grades 3-5 | 2nd & 4th Sundays  
Kids are dismissed with their teachers during Passing of the Peace and remain in the Youth Room (110) through the end of the worship service.

**Faith Formation Hour** | Manna & Mercy (4th grade+) meets in the Youth Room. Chapel Choir (K-3rd Grade) meets in Room 121.