



**Order of Worship for
June 14, 2020, 10:30am**



Welcome to Online Worship at Center Church!

We are delighted that you are here today.

CHIMES

PRELUDE: Toccata in E Minor

J.S. Bach

WELCOME to Center Church!

GATHERING WORDS

HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory

NCH436

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Are

God of creation, humanity is capable of such evil. Stories in scripture alongside stories on the news remind us of that truth all the time. For the moments when we choose violence over peace, exclusion over inclusion, and fear over hope, forgive us. When we choose pride over what is right and comfort over justice, show us mercy. And when we numb our pain instead of leaning into empathy, unravel us, for we long to be made new. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 3:7, 21:1-14 (NRSV)

Reader: Cheryl Thomas

MEDITATION: Rizpah Mourns

The Rev. Dr. Rochelle A. Stackhouse

MUSIC: Pie Jesu (from *Requiem*)

G. Fauré

Mary McCue, soprano soloist

WEAVING PRAYERS: PUBLIC MOURNING

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("DEBTS")

CLOSING HYMN: Rizpah Was A Loving Mother (see next page)

text: Stephen M. Fearing
music: Thomas John Williams

BLESSING

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

Our thanks to everyone who helped shape today's service.

*Following today's service, church members are invited to
continue on Zoom for our 2019 Annual Meeting.*

Go in peace!

Rizpah Was A Loving Mother

A Hymn Inspired by 2 Samuel 2:1-14

Text: Stephen M. Fearing 2019

Unit: EBE Z R

Meter: 8.7.8.7 D

Music: Thomas John Williams, 1890



1, Riz - pah was a lo - ving mo - ther forced to watch her
2. Sleep - mg naught but a sack - d of l, Riz - pah watched lim
, 'Through her Lmgih - t' pu - blic vi - gil, Ri2 - pah proache she
4, ar the pa - rent all a - round u, thoi.c who - child - ren



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sons de - cay Long she held her sol lcmn vi gil
lest - 1 - fied. he sbolNed us ti sense less 1/10 - hmce,
live m fear, See their an - glish at the 1/10 - leuce,



rilled itfi :naught but heav - ! cric Da vidJ o - forhed
shicid. - mg them through nig}lt and day Soo:n lhc: bi rds came -
RIZ pah' - grief was jus! - 1 - fied. May we foa rn from
le-tts make just - ice per - se - vero. let us J learn from



them. m, pnce 1o stt tis fy those wronged by Saul.
for tile fea1 - ing but he chased them from he:r son -
her in sis1 - c:11cc ,nay wc cease our poi1t - less rage_
R:u; - pall's mourn - mg, we hear her w-il - mg cry.



Soon her boys were ex - c - cut - ed, strung up lo be viewed by all.
Ma ny W] t° = nessed Riz - pahis an = 6uis11 watched her mourn her pre emus ones.
May e 11 - ne.is this hard sto - y, ush er m. a kind - er age.
Help u, Lord; to cease OR.111' fighl - ing. May our me1 - ,cy muU - 1 - p11