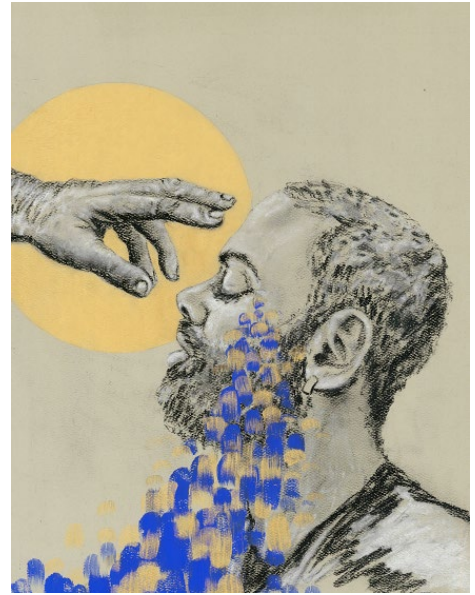




**Order of Worship for
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020, 10:00am**

***Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are here today.***



CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE: For the Beauty of the Earth

Catherine Thompson MacLean, Flute

GATHERING WORDS

HYMN: Praise to the Living God

NCH 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Are

God of new life, what would we give to have you appear with a flash of light and a clear voice like you did for Saul?

Maybe then our doubts would disappear.

Maybe then we would live as you call us to live.

However, when our lives depend on faith,

We forget your surprising grace.

Instead we draw lines around enemies and friends,
who's in and who's out.

We see the "other" faster than we see our "neighbor," and
refuse second chances.

Pull the scales from our eyes.

Help us see as you see. Help us live as you live,

And forgive us when we fail to do so. Humbly we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-20 (NRSV)

Reader: Bryan Denman

MEDITATION: Saul and Paul

The Rev. Dr. Rochelle A. Stackhouse

MUSIC: Amazing Grace

Catherine Thompson MacLean, Flute

WEAVING PRAYERS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

HYMN: My Eyes Have Seen the Glory

NCH 610

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Caribbean trad.



Our thanks to the everyone who created today's service.

Go in peace!