



*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of The United Church of Christ*



**Order of Worship for
February 11, 2024, 10:30am**

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

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Adagio (Organ Sonata I)*

F. Mendelssohn

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ, you shone on the mountain top, radiant with the glory of God.

All: We have seen your glory in our lives, and we worship in awe!

God, in the beginning you created light, and in Jesus you shone with grace.

Alleluia! Shine in us, so that we may be light for the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 304 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* tune: CORONATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

We encourage you to greet each other verbally or by a friendly wave of peace

Lent starts next week! Are you giving anything up or committing to anything new?

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation sings:

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja (3X) Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja!

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 9:2-9*

SERMON: *Transfiguration*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE: *In His Hands*

arr. M. Bonds

Katherine Suarez, Warburton Music Intern

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*unison*)

God of light, you appeared in glory in Christ on the mountain. We open the eyes of our hearts now so that we may see Christ truly, and see you in your resurrection power. Open our eyes, that we may always see with faith your light within us, your glory among us, and the dawn of your hope that rises upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Once To Every Man and Nation*

arr. D. S. York
Center Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heav-en-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Gracious God, we give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. May we be beacons of your mercy, and lamps of love in the dark places in this world. May our light so shine that others may see, and glorify you. We pray in the name and the spirit of Christ, our Light. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: NCH 182 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* tune: HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Allegro (Organ Sonata I)*

F. Mendelssohn

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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING Congregation. "We include into full participation in the life of this church persons of any age, race, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and physical, emotional and mental capacity" (from the statement adopted October 23, 1994.) In recognition of the richness of backgrounds of our congregation, a **DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES** will find expression in our worship services. Center Church offers an **OPEN COMMUNION**. Adults and children from all religious backgrounds are invited to partake.

TEXT ALERTS To receive text alerts regarding church activities and cancellations, please text the word CENTER to (860) 300-3697. (Message and data rates may apply according to your data plan.)

FACEBOOK LIVE We livestream our worship services on Facebook each week, and your presence here constitutes your permission for your image to be shown. If you prefer not to be seen, speak with the minister or whoever is operating the phone up front to determine where a good seat might be to avoid the camera. Our viewership is growing and we are excited to welcome a congregation in cyberspace!

Church Information

ON STREET PARKING is available during Sunday Worship Services on Gold Street and on the west side of Lewis Street, and is FREE on Sundays. The church is maintaining our relationship with the Traveler's Garage which is temporarily closed due to Covid-19. Stay tuned as we partner with other garages in the area.

REST ROOMS are located in the basement of the Meeting House. Please use the stairs in the southeast corner of the building. For safety, please have an adult accompany your child to the restroom.

CHURCH SCHOOL is held at the Church House (60 Gold Street) for preschool to 12th Grade. Children are to remain with their families in the Meeting House during worship until they depart for Church School following the Children's Moment. Please pick your child up promptly at 12:00pm. For their safety, children will remain with their Church School instructor until an adult picks them up. Church School is not held during the Summer.

CHILDCARE and NURSERY care are provided by trained, capable, and nurturing staff and volunteers, and is available in the Meeting House basement for infants and toddlers (up to two years of age.) A nursery without staff is also located on the second floor of the Church House.

CURRENT SUNDAY ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES Announcements regarding Adult Education classes are announced in our publications.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS to the sanctuary is via the lift outside at the south end of the portico. If possible, please call the church office in advance for assistance in using the lift.

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