



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



**Order of Worship for
July 28, 2024 10:00 am**

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



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING SONG Come, Now is the Time to Worship

B. Doerksen

**Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, Come!**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now!**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come here to draw water—

All: Thirsty for new life.

One: We come here to draw water—

All: Bringing our past and our present, our messy truths and our deepest scars.

One: We come here to draw water—

All: Carrying shame, and in need of grace.

One: Fortunately for us, God always meets us at the well.
So breathe deeply and drink up.

**All: God is here. The water is clean.
Let us worship God.**

*OPENING SONG 10,000 Reasons

J. Myrin and M. Redman

Chorus:

**Bless the Lord, oh my soul,
Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name!
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name**

v2.

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

v1.

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again!
Whatever may pass
and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(to Chorus)**

v3.

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come -
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore,**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Which is better, pool or beach?

Congregation sings as children are dismissed to their classrooms:

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

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE: John 4:1-29 (NRSV)

SERMON "Unraveled Shame"

The Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE The Woman at the Well

O. Lane

Andrea Olson, vocals, and Dan Theriault, guitar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jireh

Elevation Worship

Arunan Arulampalam, guitar and vocals

*DOXOLOGY Give Thanks

D. Moen

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us"

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND CONFESSION**

God, we dedicate these gifts to you, and as we do so we confess:

Like the woman at the well, we so often are unraveled by shame.

We carry shame for broken relationships.

**We carry shame for being unable to balance
work and parenting,
tithing and bills,
productivity and Sabbath.**

**We get stuck in a comparison game and in critical self-monologues,
Consumed with the nagging feeling that we should be able to do more.**

Forgive us for forgetting that we are made in your image.

Forgive us for forgetting that you see us and love us as we are.

Unravel the shame that unravels us.

Gratefully we pray,

Amen.

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

***CLOSING SONG Open the Eyes of My Heart**

P. Baloché

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,

Open the eyes of my heart!

I want to see You,

I want to see You,

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory,

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see you

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION