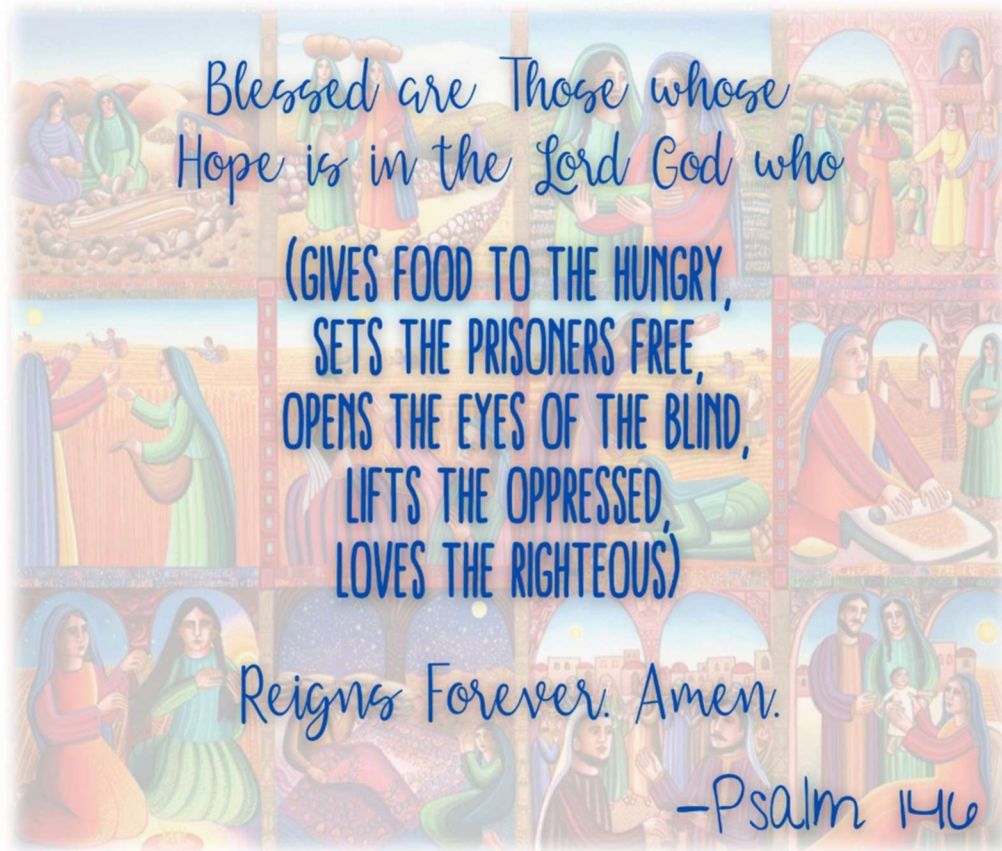




*An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of The United Church of Christ*



## Order of Worship for

November 10, 2024      10:30 am

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE Prelude in G

F. Mendelssohn

CHORAL INTROIT I Surrender All

*Sabrina Russotto, Mica Guzman, and Ian Duncan  
Warburton Music Interns*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Adapted from "This Joy" by the Resistance Revival Chorus*

Leader: This joy that I have,  
the world didn't give it to me.

**People: The world didn't give it; the world can't take it away.**

Leader: This strength that I have,  
the world didn't give it to me.

**People: The world didn't give it; the world can't take it away.**

Leader: This love that I have,  
the world didn't give it to me.

**People: The world didn't give it; the world can't take it away.**

Leader: This pride that I have, the  
world didn't give it to me.

**People: The world didn't give it; the world can't take it away.**

Leader: This peace that I have,  
the world didn't give it to me.

**People: The world didn't give it; the world can't take it away.**

PRAISING GOD "This Joy" (video)

Resistance Revival Chorus

POEM *To Carry a Dream*

Sarah Are

*To carry a dream  
Is to plant trees in old age,  
To be a part of a church,  
That is human and frayed.*

*To carry a dream is foolish and wild.  
It's the faith of a child,  
Wishing on stars.*

*But to carry a dream is also hopeful and wise  
The faith of our elders,  
Saying God will provide.*

*So may we walk  
Until we see the light.  
May the pebble in our shoe  
Remind us why we fight.  
May they say  
We are foolish and unwise,  
And may we continue to dream;  
May hope keep us alive.*

\*HYMN NCH 561 When in our Music God is Glorified

ENGLEBERG

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*What is one thing you are doing to care for yourself this week?*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Congregation sings:  
**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja (3X) Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja!***

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE Mark 12: 38 - 44 (NRSV)

SERMON *Religious Optics and Loose Change*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE Take my Life

C. Tomlin

*Arunan Arulampalam, soloist*

*Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, God, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love,  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as You choose.*

*Here am I, all of me,  
take my life, it's all for Thee...*

*Take my will and make it Thine,  
it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord I pour  
at Your feet, its treasure store,  
Take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for Thee.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Look at the World

John Rutter

*Center Church Choir*

\*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, you heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NCH 565 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

AUSTRIAN HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang

*Thank you to everyone who participated in today's worship!  
Members are asked to please stay after worship for our budget informational meeting.*

