



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



**Order of Worship for**  
**April 27, 2025                      10:30 am**

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR APRIL 27, 2025  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE Chorale (from Opus 68 No. 4) Robert Schumann (1810-1856)  
*Norman McFarlane, Organist*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Creator God, we praise you!

**Risen Christ, we greet you!**

Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

**Alleluia! We have seen the Risen Christ! Alleluia!**

You alone are holy, O God, and so we worship you.

**You have brought Christ up out of the grave.**

**You have brought life out of death, hope out of despair.**

We have seen your victory in our lives;

We have beheld your Risen Christ among us.

**For what we have seen, we give thanks.**

**For what is yet to come, we give you our hearts.**

**We worship you, and give you ourselves. Alleluia!**

\*OPENING HYMN NCH 241 Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Do you typically lock the doors of your house?*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Andrea Phillips

*Congregation sings:*

**Halle, Hallelujah, Halle-lu-jah! (3x)**

**Hallelujah, Halle-lu-jah!**

SCRIPTURE      John 20: 19-31  
                      Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-32

SERMON *Locked Doors*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

**\*HYMN NCH 250 Listen to Your Savior Call**

## ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

## PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

## CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Draw Near All Ye People (From *Elijah*)  
Stewart Battle, soloist

F. Mendelssohn

\*DOXOLOGY NCH 780

## OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN NCH 253 Yours is the Glory**

## JUDAS MACCABEUS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Con Moto Maestoso*  
(from Organ Sonata No. 3 in A Major)  
Norman McFarlane, Organist

### F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Thank you to everyone who participated in worship this morning. Go in Peace!*