



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



Order of Worship for
June 15, 2025 10:00 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP – JUNE 15, 2025
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE June

Catherine Thompson Maclean, flute

P. I. Tchaikovsky

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)

One: I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**All: Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise**

*OPENING HYMN NCH 22 Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

LOBE DEN HERREN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Which national parks have you visited?

*Congregation Sings:

***This land is your land,
This land is my land;
From California to the New York island,
From the redwood forests to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.***

W. Guthrie

Children leave for Sunday School Classrooms

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Eric J. Hearst

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139

SERMON *Grandeur*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE NCH 12 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Eric J. Hearst

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Sicilienne

G. Faure

Catherine Thompson Maclean, flute

*DOXOLOGY NCH 780

***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 423 Great is Your Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION (*Printed on the Next Page*)

POSTLUDE The Wish

F. Chopin

Catherine Thompson Maclean, flute

Thank you to everyone who participated in worship! Go in Peace!

BENEDICTION

From the Chapel of Transfiguration, Grand Teton National Park

Go for the Grandeur of God's Creation.

Go and see the Art of Creation all around you.

Go to recall life's Diversity.

Go to see if it is as beautiful in real life as it is in your Imagination.

Go to return to the site of Your Favorite Dreams, and Remember what it is to Marvel.

Go to see nature's Paradox: When circumstances Change, life must adapt with the unexpected
Consequences-and yet Nature Thrives.

Go because you want to cross Borders, to go to a new Place.

Go because it is Home or it is where your Roots are.

Go because you're on a Mission.

Go for the sake of the Journey or the Experience.

Go because you crave Movement.

Go to celebrate a Beginning, a Landmark, or an Ending.

Go to find Connection, then Reconciliation, then Unity.

Go for the Community and the Companionship and the Teamwork,
or go for the Solitude and Isolation.

Go and refresh your Spirit. Go for the Sabbath.

Go for all the Time you need to regain Perspective.

Go and start a new Story.

Go to remember a Language without words.

Go and remember your Name, or forget it for a while.

Go to seek the Turbulence and the Chaos and the Wilderness, and
then find Restoration and Emancipation and Joy.

Go in search of Preservation and Protection when Darkness looms.
the Potential for wondrous things.

Go and face Adversity, seek Guidance, remember to Trust, and see

Go for Reflection, and to see a Vision of what your life could be.

Go to remember the Sustenance and the Foundation of our faith
and lives we have in God.

Go and see God Reveal the Signs of divine love all around you.

Go to remember God Nurtures you and expects you in turn to
nurture the world we share.

Go and see Paradise, for us to share now and forever.

Go because Life is a Gift from God and we should live every moment
as though it is our last.

Go.

And go in Peace. Amen.