



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



Order of Worship for

June 22, 2025

10:00 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP – JUNE 22, 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PIANO PRELUDE Great is thy Faithfulness

B. Walter

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The land holds us.

All: Sky breathes in us.

Trees stand around us like ancestors.

Birds sing to us like friends.

Rivers flow with tears of joy.

Living beings feed us and walk with us.

In the end, the earth receives us.

All Creation is God's love poured out;

we receive it with joy, care for it with gratitude,

and in unity with all Creation we worship God. Alleluia!.

*OPENING HYMN Heavens are Telling
(To the Tune of *Morning Has Broken*)**

Heavens are telling, galaxies singing,

Your Word compelling,

“Let there be light.”

All living beings shine with your glory;

All we are seeing is your delight.

God, your love flows in every direction,

Filling and blessing every dark place.

Even the shadows shine with your presence,

Even the darkness hums with your grace.

Everything moving moves by your Spirit:

Flight of the birds and dance of the stars,

Migrating whales and flow of the river;

Breath of the wind is breath that is ours.

Bless every creature,

bright with God's glory;

Bless every feature, fin, fur and wing.

Each is completing God's wondrous story;

Each is God's greeting; praises they sing.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**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

SCRIPTURE Psalm 48: 1-3; 9-14

SERMON *Re-imagining Paradise: Zion National Park*

Rev. Deb Moyer

MUSICAL RESPONSE NCH 307 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Creator God, we confess we have not honored your Creation;
we have not loved it as you have loved us.
We have thought ourselves separate, not part of your Creation.
Forgive our ignorance and arrogance,
our greed and destructiveness.
Bring us again into the oneness of your Creation;
forgive us, heal our fears and transform our desires,
and shepherd us to be good stewards
of the gift of life.

Together: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY How Great is Our God

C. Tomlin

Andrea Olson, soloist

*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 Join in the Circle
(To the tune of *Be Thou my Vision*)**

***God, we are one with the water and land,
Made from the dust of the earth by your hand:
One in your Spirit that in us all sings,
One with Creation, and all living things.***

***Giver of Life, God, our Source and our Womb:
In selfish greed, we abuse and consume.
Heal us, forgive us, and bring us new birth;
Bring us back home to our place in the earth.***

***Maker, Sustainer and Healer of all,
Servant of Love, may we honor your call:
“Join in the circle, and flourish and live:
Take, bless and share, now, this life that I give.”***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

B. Marcello

*****Today's liturgy and song lyrics are by Steve Garnass-Holmes.
Thank you to everyone who participated in worship! Go in Peace!***