



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

**SEEKING
THE
HART
OF
GOD**



**FOR A
CITY
WHERE
ALL CAN
THRIVE**

Order of Worship for

September 7, 2025 10:00 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - RALLY SUNDAY

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE Allegro G. F. Handel

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

COMMISSIONING THE FAITH FORMATION TEAM

*OPENING HYMN NCH 386 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN: An Asto Wamah Moment

*Christopher & Catherine Thompson Maclean
Camp Directors, Center Church Camp Asto Wamah*

Children are dismissed to Classrooms as the congregation sings...

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory!

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory!

Rise and shine and (clap once) give God the glory, glory!

Children of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 42: 1-2
 Luke 24: 13-35

SERMON Thrive, Week 1: Wake Up! *The Rev. Liza Arulampalam*

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgy adapted from the United Church of Canada

One: God is with us!

All: We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus (NCH 793)

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 6/8 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the Sanctus, and the second system contains the next two lines. Chord symbols (C, G7, F, Am) are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure. The lyrics are written below the staff, with the Spanish and English versions aligned.

System 1:

Chords: C, G7, C, F, C

Spanish: ¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi

English: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

System 2:

Chords: F, C, Am, F, G7, C

Spanish: cor - a - zón te sa - be de-cir: san - to e - res Dios.

English: heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

One: The body of Christ,

All: the bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,

the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to share in the feast of Christ and return to your seat down the side aisle. If you are unable to move to through the sanctuary to receive communion, let us know and a deacon will gladly bring the communion meal to where you are seated.

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions

God has laid on our hearts.

We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **Let Us Build A House**

arr. L. Larson

Sabrina Russotto, Mica Guzman, Ian Duncan, Dan Theriault, quartet

The Center Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY NCH 780

*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 400 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang

*The flowers this Rally Sunday are given in recognition of and gratitude for the
many, many years of service Nancy & David Maclean have devoted to
Center Church Camp Asto Wamah.*

*Thank you to everyone who participated in worship; we hope you will join us after worship for
an informal back-to-church luncheon in the second floor parlor
of the Church House at 60 Gold Street.*

Asto Wamah Camp Songs (feel free to join in!)
From the Camp Asto Wamah Songbook

RISE AND SHINE

Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!
Rise and shine and (*one clap*!)
 give God your glory, glory!
(*Raise hands to shoulder level and sway back and forth.*)
Children of the Lord!

The Lord said to Noah,
 "There's gonna be a floody, floody."
Lord said to Noah,
 "There's gonna be a floody, floody."
"Get those children (*clap*) out of the muddy, muddy!"
Children of the Lord.

So Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.
Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.
Made it out of (*clap*) hickory barky, barky.
Children of the Lord.

The animals, they came on, they came on by
 twosies, twosies.
The animals, they came on, they came on by
 twosies, twosies.
Elephants and (*clap*) kangaroosies, roosies.
Children of the Lord.

I LOVE THE MOUNTAINS

I love the mountains
I love the rollin' hills
I love the flowers
I love the daffodils
I love the fireside when the lights are low
Boom-dee-ah-da, boom-dee-ah-da
Boom-dee-ah-da, boom-dee-ah-da

NOW THE DAY IS OVER

Now the day is over,
Night is drawing nigh,
Shadows of the evening
Steal across the sky.

It rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies.
Rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies.
Nearly drove those (*clap once*) animals crazy, crazy.
Children of the Lord.

The sun came out and dried up the landy, landy.
Sun came out and dried up the landy, landy.
Everything was (*clap once*) fine and dandy, dandy.
Children of the Lord.

Now that is the end, the end of my story, story.
That is the end, the end of my story, story.
Everything is (*clap once*) hunky dory, dory.
Children of the Lord.

Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!
Rise and shine and (*clap once*)
 give God your glory, glory!
(*Raise hands to shoulder level and sway back and forth.*)
Children of the Lord.