

An Open and Affirming Congregation of The United Church of Christ





Order of Worship for

September 14, 2025 10:30 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Please rise in body or spirit.

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE Air (from Water Music)

G. F. Handel

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Children of God: welcome!

Left side: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

Right side: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN NCH 42 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Andrea Phillips

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

Caribbean Melody

Halle, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Halle, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Halle, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 6: 4-5

Luke 4: 14-21

SERMON Thrive, Week 2: Testify!

The Rev. Liza Arulampalam

HYMN NCH 63 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

MERCY

Verse 1 & 2: Choir; Verses 3 & 4: Choir and Congregation

ACTS OF TESTIMONY

"We are a People Who ..."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

R. Vaughn Williams

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 (Unison)

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds; Planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly So that God's way may be realized anew in this world. Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NCH 300 Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso (from *Water Music*)

G. F. Handel

Thank you to everyone who participated in worship; Go in peace!