



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



Order of Worship for

April 26, 2026 10:30 am

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOSPEL IN GLASS, WEEK 2 - HOPE
APRIL 26, 2026 – ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC Hymn to Freedom

O. Peterson/arr. D.Reynolds

David Reynolds, Pianist

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*†

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: If I speak in the tongues of heaven and earth but do not speak love, I am a noisy gong and a clanging cymbal.

All: There are days when I am so busy with all that must be done that I spend too much time making noise and not enough time loving others.

And if I prophesy, and understand all the mysteries and all the knowledge and if I have a faith which moves mountains, but grasp the concept of love, I know nothing.

There are days when I know all the answers and am too busy knowing everything to love anyone.

If I give away all that I own, and if I give up my body for the sake of pride and do not have love, I gain nothing.

There are days when I share what I have with others only to get rid of my abundance and not because I love anyone.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

And then there are days like today where I hear these words and I remember.

Hope never ends.

Love never ends.

Prophecies will end; tongues will cease; knowledge will end. Now, we know only a little, and we understand only in part; yet, when the fullness comes, this partial understanding will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Hope never ends.

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Love never ends.

*OPENING SONG

Hosanna

Hillsong

Center Church Worship Band

*I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes,
I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing (to Chorus)*

*I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith
I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees (to Chorus)*

*Chorus:
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest*

*Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity (To Chorus)*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (x3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13

SERMON *Gospel in Glass, Week 2: Hope*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE The Goodness of God
Center Church Worship Band

Bethel Music/ J. Johnson

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Beautiful Things
Center Church Worship Band

M. Gungor

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust*

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

DOXOLOGY Give Thanks

H. Smith

***Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.***

***And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.***

Give thanks....

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING SONG

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

C. Tomlin

Vs. 1

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see*

Vs. 2

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed (To Chorus)*

Chorus

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

Vs. 3

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures (To Chorus)*

Vs. 4

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine*

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone (*Chorus*)
Center Church Worship Band

*Thank you to everyone who participated in worship and a special thank you
to the Center Church Worship Band – Dan Theriault, Logan Singerman,
David Reynolds & Arunan Arulampalam – for their gift of music this morning.*

Go forth in Peace, beloved of God.