



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



## Order of Worship for

May 31, 2026

10:00 am

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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ROOTED: HEALTHY PEOPLE, HEALTHY CHURCH  
WEEK 1: CONNECTED COMMUNITY  
MAY 31, 2026 – ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE Shall we Gather at the River

Arr. L. Goss

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT\*†

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Eric J. Hearst

*From the United Methodist Church*

One: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share,  
the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

**Many: Come! Let us worship!**

The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are  
and all that we carry to worship.

**Come! Let us worship!**

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering,  
and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

**Come! Let us worship!**

So, come, members of the family of God!

Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love,  
and woven together as community in Christ.

**Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*HYMN NCH 70 God is Here! As We Your People Meet (vs. 1 & 4)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*PASSING OF PEACE

*The children are dismissed to their classrooms as the congregation sings.*

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

*Traditional Caribbean Melody*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:18-23  
Acts 2:42-47

SERMON Rooted, Week 1: Connected Community Rev. Liza Arulampalam

*Reflection Questions:*

*When have you felt most connected to community at church?*

*What is one way you are personally willing to help foster connectedness and relationship at Center Church?*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Dr. Eric J. Hearst

OFFERTORY Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing R. Robinson  
*Dan Theriault, soloist*

\*DOXOLOGY Give Thanks D. Moen

*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 Rev. Dr. Eric J. Hearst

\*CLOSING HYMN (*Insert, next page*) We are One in the Spirit ST. BRENDAN'S

We are One in the Spirit

Hymn Tune ST. BRENDAN'S  
Text by P. Scholtes

**1. We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity  
will one day be restored (to Refrain)**

*Refrain*

**And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
and they'll know we are Christians,  
by our love.**

**2. We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land. (to Refrain)**

**3. We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other,  
we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each one's dignity  
and save each one's pride. (to Refrain)**

**4. All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus,  
who is God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one. (to Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro

G. F. Handel

*Thank you to everyone who participated in worship today, Go in Peace!*