



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



Order of Worship for

June 14, 2026

10:00 am

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ROOTED: HEALTHY PEOPLE, HEALTHY CHURCH
WEEK 3: PRAYER CULTURE
JUNE 14, 2026 – ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE Allegro (from *Concerto in D Minor*) J. S. Bach
Charlotte McCoy, Violin

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*†

Please remember to take a prayer card and write down and prayers you would like to share with the congregation today. The cards will be collected and re-distributed during today's service.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him:

Many: **Lord, teach us to pray.**

We have come with the same question.
With so much to say, how do we find the words?
Lord, teach us to pray.

In this hour together, open our hearts to yours
and give us a prayer to change the world.
Lord, teach us to pray.

*HYMN NCH 508 Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire ST. AGNES

*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 Luke 11: 1-12
Ephesians 3: 14-20

SERMON Rooted, Week 3: Prayer Culture

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE Seek Ye First, the Kingdom of God

***Seek ye first, the kingdom of God
And God's righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Prompts for Discussion and Reflection

*When have you experienced the power of praying with other people?
Who/what do you feel led to pray for in the Center Church community?
What is one thing about prayer that you wish someone had taught you earlier?*

*HYMN NCH 505 Sweet Hour of Prayer

SWEET HOUR

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Allegro (from *Concerto No. 5 in D Major*)
Charlotte McCoy, Violin

F. Seitz

*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...***

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“When I Can’t Pray” *By William C. Green*

Dear God,

My faith is on-again, off-again.

Right now when I pray I feel like I’m talking to myself.

I don’t know the power of prayer I hear others talk about.

Help me understand, God, that it’s okay if I can’t believe in the power of prayer since it’s *Your* power that counts. You ask me to pray just as I am.

Your promise of guidance is much stronger than my doubts.

Whatever I can believe, or not, let me do as You ask and pray anyway.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NCH 506 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro (from *Concerto in A Minor*)

Charlotte McCoy, Violin

A. Vivaldi

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