



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



Order of Worship for
August 9, 2026 10:00 am

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ROOTED: HEALTHY PEOPLE, HEALTHY CHURCH
WEEK 11: KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE

AUGUST 9, 2026 – ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE Seek Ye First

K. Lafferty

Deb Moyer, Piano

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *†

Please remember to take a prayer card and write down 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

Based on Psalm 100

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Many: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

Many: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

Many: Give thanks to God and praise God's name.

One: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

*OPENING HYMN NCH 25 O God Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*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 Acts 10: 9-16, 34-35, 44-48
Deuteronomy 34: 1-8

SERMON *The View from Nebo*

The Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE NCH 493 O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

A TIME OF REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Where do you think our own horizon is still too small — the "by no means, Lord" we haven't fully worked through yet?

Where in your life or the church's life have you/we had to make peace with not seeing the ending of something?

What helps you make peace with unfinished things or seeds that you plant and are unsure how they will grow?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Glorious Wonder

R. Mathes

Deb Moyer, Piano and Vocals

*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

*CLOSING HYMN NCH 451 Be Now My Vision

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL POSTLUDE Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart.
Nothing surpasses the love You impart,
You are my best thought, by day and by night.
Waking or sleeping, Your presence, my light.*

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