

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE**

July 9, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! Come and worship,
you who woke early and you who slept late;
you who come often, and you who don't.

**ALL: Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,
there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,
and more than enough grace to go around.
Let's worship God together!**

*A HYMN FOR GATHERING "Be Thou My Vision" No. 451

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS Hymnal No. 34

Today we welcome Margaret Ritenburgh into the Central Church Family.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Congregation Sings "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" No 277 (vs. 1 & 2)

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER "The Gift of Love" No. 408 (vs. 1 & 3)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Doc and Donna Probes

TODAY'S GOSPEL STORY Luke 19: 1-10 (NT p. 82)

SERMON

“Empathy: The Power to Listen Well”

A CREED OF OUR FAITH (inspired by Central’s 8th Grade Confirmation Class)

One: We believe in God as Creator –

The One who made the bang behind the Big Bang,
Who created the heavens, earth, air we breathe,
plus all that is seen and unseen;
From the atom to the human soul to the furthest galaxy
not even Hubble can see.

Women: We believe in God as Christ –

The One who walked and talked among us, knowing our pain and joy;
Who knew we needed a human affirmation of what God is like;
Who loved, healed, gave, and forgave deeper
than anyone before or since;
Who suffered a criminal’s death unjustly,
but rose again to live on in us.

Men: We believe in God as Holy Spirit –

The One who bumps our conscience to do the right thing;
Who always, always points us to God’s ways,
reminding us we are part of something bigger than ourselves;
Who reminds us to step away from the jail cell
we make for ourselves and our neighbors.

ALL: We believe God is in the Church –

**The place where I’m shown how to think for myself as a Christian,
but also how to love my neighbor;**

**Where I get a thousand reminders to live like Christ,
and see how to serve while leading.**

The Church is so much more than a building; it is a happening.

On top of all this, we are still learning. This we believe.

PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

“We Gather Together”

No. 131

*Doxology

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here
below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer Over the Gifts

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***HYMN FOR SERVING**

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

No. 114

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**