



ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 20, 2021

“I come to you in  
the name of the  
Lord of Hosts”

1 Samuel 17:45b

We covenant with the Lord and with one another  
and do bind ourselves in the presence of God,  
to walk together in all the ways which are revealed to us by God,  
as the Word is made known to us. †

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Welcome to worship. May you find hope, comfort and the love of God here.*

June 20, 2021

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper strong amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed the truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, when we are confronted by what seem to be insurmountable problems in our lives, forgive us when we doubt in You. When we are confronted with giant-sized issues give us the faith to match them. Let our trust be in You even when the odds seem to be against us. Give us courage to face our fears knowing that You walk alongside us. Open our hearts and our minds to all that we are called to be and to do through the grace which You consistently extend to us. For all this we give thanks and praise to You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING  
1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

The Rev. Caroline Inlow Patterson

SERMON “The Bigger They Are...”

The Rev. Claudia P. Demick

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with Thy Spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us;

**People: And grant us Thy salvation.**

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

**People: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father Which 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 for ever and ever. Amen

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN “All Who Would Valiant Be”

She who would valiant be ‘Gainst all disaster,  
Let her in constancy Follow the master.  
There’s no discouragement Shall make her once relent  
Her first avowed intent To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round With dismal stories,  
Do but themselves confound; His strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might, Though he with giants fight;  
He will make good his right To be a pilgrim.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ENDS – Witness and Service Begin

Central Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, believes in God who calls the world into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death. It acknowledges the risen Christ as the ultimate example of God's grace, a gift freely given to all. It looks to the Word of God in the scriptures and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to prosper its redemptive work in the world.

We strive to be a community of God's people in a way that calls each of us to active discipleship. Our purpose is to work for the increase in the love of God and neighbor through worship, caring, sharing, and outreach.

*Christianity is the name of a journey,  
a journey not solely of personal contemplation,  
but one of communal venture that is the Church.*

*It is a journey open to everyone,  
regardless of their condition, regardless of their past;  
all that is required is a decision to follow Him.*

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