**CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**March 2, 2025 10am**

**Communion Sunday**

**Deacons on Duty for March: Olivia Weber, Cheryl Smith, Rob Kirschner and**

 **Tina Hazzard**

**PreludeMatt Valenti**

**† *Please stand if you are able.***

**Welcome and Announcements Reverend Averill**

Meditation Moment **Matt Valenti**

**Call to Worship** **Reverend Averill**

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, Our Lord: Welcome to this time set aside to focus on the Holy Spirit who is working among us. May our hearts be open and eager to receive God’s Word this morning!

*All hymns are from the Red & Grey Hymnal*

**†**Red Hymnal**: Hymn 251 Holy, Holy, Holy** **Matt Valenti**

**Invocation (unison) Bobby Valenti**

**Dear Lord, we come together to worship you. Help turn our minds to you during this service so that we may better understand you and the words of your Holy Book. AMEN.**

**Lord’s Prayer (unison) Bobby Valenti**

*Let us join together to speak the words Jesus taught us….****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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever. Amen.***

**†Gloria Patri:***(please stand if you are able)*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end,* *Amen.*

**Center Faith Singers**

**R****esponsive Reading** (adapted from *Psalm 99)* **Bobby Valenti**

Leader:The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
**People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
Leader: The Lord is great in Zion.
**People: He is exalted over all the peoples.**
Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
**People: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity.**
Leader: You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
**People: Extol the Lord our God.**

Leader: Worship at his footstool.
**People: Holy is he!**

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called

 on his name.
**People: They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**
Leader: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.

**People: They kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.**

Leader: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an

 avenger of their wrongdoings.
**People: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our**

 **God is holy.**

**†**Red Hymnal**: Hymn 385 Stand up, Stand up for Jesus** **Matt Valenti**

**Old Testament Lesson (NRSV) *Exodus 34:29-35*****Bobby Valenti**

*(see insert)*

**New Testament Lesson (**NRSV**) *Luke 9:28-36*****Reverend Averill**

*(see insert)*

**Sunday Message  *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”***  **Reverend Averill**

**Our Gifts, Tithes and Morning Offerings**

*Please place prayer request cards in offering plates*

**†Doxology Matt Valenti**

**†Prayer of Offering Reverend Averill**

Dear Lord, we offer up to you these gifts, both monetary and spiritual, which are given to you this day in this your House. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**  **Reverend Averill**

Intensive Prayers **Reverend Averill**

Communion  **Reverend Averill**

Invitation

Hymn of Preparation **776 *Let Us Break Bread Together***

Blessing & Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Reverend Averill**

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.

**†**Grey Hymnal**: Hymn 721 Shine, Jesus, Shine** **Matt Valenti**

Benediction *(Please remain seated)* **Reverend Averill** The Love of God the Father, the Grace of God the Son, and the Fellowship of God the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. AMEN.

**Postlude Matt Valenti**