
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 2017 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING **FAITH,**
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

Welcome to Central

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to the person seated next to you.

Have a prayer request? Interested in getting more involved in the church? Want to serve on a committee? Like to update your contact information?

Please use a blue Community Connection card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

Worshipping with young children? Worship is for all ages, but should your child become restless, there is childcare for children up to age 5 provided in our nursery, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship books with Bible stories, crayons, and pencils are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins, hymnals, and personal hearing systems are available. Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

Assisting in worship today:

Liturgist: Emily Selden

Crucifer: John Lowe

Communion preparation: Mary

Jean Paschen, Connie Boesen

Communion servers: Ann Beneke,

David Boyd, John Fisher, Ray Getting, Kathy Haines, Bruce Heston,

John McCarroll, Mary Eggers

McCarroll, Karen Rehberg, Ashley Sloterdijk, Carl Voss

Audio: Marvin Minor

Hosts: Mary Alice Baker, Laura

Covill, John Fisher, Rich Voss

Bus Driver: Joanne Locke

Deacon Flower Delivery: JR Dennis

The flowers beautifying the Sanctuary are given by the Schmidt family in memory of Ingrid Schmidt.

Please enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of reverence, as we prepare for worship. Be sure to silence all cell phones.

Please join us for Fellowship

Time: 11:15 AM, in the East

Parlor. Host: Sarah Grant,

Worship Committee.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Adagio in G Minor
God Himself Is Present

Thomas Albinoni
Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Iona Community

Loving God, hear our cry—

Bring us to life.

Redeeming God, rescue us—

Bring us to life.

Spirit of God, breathe on us—

Bring us to life.

♦ HYMN 412

ARNSBERG

God, Reveal Your Presence

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us.

Our will is handcuffed to sin,
and we cannot break free.

We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

We were silent when we should have said something.

We acted when we knew better.

We were still when we should have moved.

For the wrong we have done,
for the good we have failed to do,

have mercy on us,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Worshippers are invited to pause for a time of reflection,
silent prayer, and meditation.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, remember that God loved the world so much that he sent Jesus Christ to heal us and set us free. Therefore let us take hold of life—eternal life. **Amen.**

KYRIE 575

J. Christopher Pardini

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

GREETING

From our God who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Greg Halterman

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

OT, p. 762

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My God Is a Rock

Chancel Choir

arr. Shaw/Parker

Soloist: David Baxter, Baritone

My God is a rock in a weary land
Shelter in a time of storm.
I know He is a rock in a weary land
Shelter in the time of storm.

GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-6, 17, 20-27, 38-44

The Gospel of the Lord.

NT, pp. 91-92

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wallace W. Bubar

Is There Life ~~After~~ Before Death?

◆ HYMN 286

TRENTHAM

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, hear your people:
and attend to our prayers.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Sicilienne

Maria-Theresia V. Paradis

◆ DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

EUCCHARIST

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus 572

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...

... now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

As you serve your neighbor, you may say:

The bread of life.

The cup of the new covenant.

Please hold the bread until everyone has received and partake simultaneously; drink the cup when served.

PRAYER

SENDING

◆ **HYMN 822**

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

When We Are Living

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Upcoming Events

Freedom to Believe Rally

Sunday, April 2, 2:00 to 3:30 PM, West Steps of Iowa Capitol

This rally is organized by the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa in response to the hate-filled letter sent to a local mosque, the anti-Semitic phone message left at a local synagogue, and other acts of hate and bigotry against immigrants and religious minorities. The rally includes leaders, speakers, music, and poetry from Iowans across the religious spectrum, all standing together and fighting back against hate. Co-sponsoring organizations include Central Presbyterian Church, as well as more than fifty other faith communities representing Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh traditions. All are welcome!

Worship Next Week: Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Scripture readings: Matthew 21:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11

Note: the service will begin outdoors on the south lawn and patio for the blessing of the palms.

Photo Directory Sign-Up

Everyone is encouraged to participate by scheduling a 10-minute portrait sitting with Todd Hugen Photography at the church. Dates and times for portrait sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 4 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 5 – 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 9 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To sign up: go online to www.ToddHugenPhotography.com; sign up on Sundays, before or after worship at the sign-up table in 39th St Lobby; or call the church office at 279-3658

Deacons Easter Food Basket Collection

Help provide an Easter dinner for those less fortunate in our community. Hy-Vee will assemble the baskets of food for Central. A \$40 donation will cover the cost of a stocked basket. Donations will be distributed for CROSS Ministries. Please designate your gift to the Deacons' Easter Basket and mail to the church office or drop in the offering plate. Deadline is Sunday, April 2. Thank you from the Deacons!

Easter Flowers

Yellow order forms are available in the East Parlor, Narthex, 39th St. Lobby, and church office. Contributions of \$15 or more are welcome. All designations will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter.

Lenten Book Study Groups

This season's study is *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Richard Rohr.

Sunday, April 9, 9:00 AM, Fireside Room

Thursday, April 6, 6:30 PM, Halterman/Vargas home

Books are available for \$20.00 in the church office or downloadable to your electronic device. Study guides will be provided.

Adult Education: *Making Sense of the Cross*, by David J. Lose

Sundays, 9:00 AM, Room 201

Join a conversation about the nature and importance of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

Sunday, April 9 Session 4: Substitution, Satisfaction & Sacrifice

Sunday, April 23 Session 5: Example and Encouragement

Sunday, April 30 Session 6: Event and Experience

Family Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 12:00 to 3:00 PM

The Easter Bunny wants YOU to hop on over to Central for our first annual Family Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck! The Eggs-travaganza will begin with a potluck lunch at 12 noon, with the Easter Bunny kicking off the Egg hunt shortly thereafter. As always, there will be a **golden egg**. We will finish with fun games and relays.

The Bunny does need help with the egg supply, so we ask that each family bring 2 dozen filled plastic eggs, per child participating, to the Christian Education office by 12 noon on Friday, April 7.

Potluck contribution:

A-F Drinks for children and adults;

G-P Sides & Salads;

Q-Z Entrees.

RSVP to Greg Halterman at 279-3658 or ghalterman@dmcp.org.

Will *you* be the one to find the golden egg?

Palm Sunday Procession and Prayer Service for Peace

Sunday, April 9, 3:00 PM, Grace United Methodist Church

The procession begins at 3:00 PM at Grace United Methodist Church (38th & Cottage Grove), and ends at First Christian Church (25th & University). Organized by the Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace and co-sponsored by Central Presbyterian Church.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9, 10:15 AM

We will gather outdoors this year on the south lawn and patio for the blessing of the palms. Then we will process together into the Sanctuary, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 6:00 PM

Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM followed by the service which begins at 7:00 PM, also in the Fellowship Hall. Communion will be shared together around the dinner tables.

Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 PM

The story of Jesus' passion will be shared in Scripture and song amid the gathering darkness, in a solemn Service of Tenebrae led by Rich Dewein and the Chancel Choir.

Easter Vigil, April 16, 8:00 AM

Led by Greg Halterman and our youth.

Easter Breakfast, April 16, 9:00 -10:00 AM

Easter Sunday, April 16, 10:15 AM

We celebrate with joy Jesus' triumph over death and let the Alleluias sound forth once again.

Annual Women's Retreat

Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, at Hotel Pattee in Perry

Ignite the Flame led by keynote speaker, Holly Zobeck, a life coach, speaker and author with a passion for sharing and teaching empowerment of God in our everyday lives.

\$90/shared room, \$150/single room, \$25/day only

Brochures available in Narthex, East Parlor, 39th St. Lobby and office. Deadline for registration is April 6. Fill out the registration form and mail to church or leave in offering plate with a check. For more information, contact Greg Halterman at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 279-3658.

Central College A Cappella Choir to Sing at Central

Sunday, April 23, 10:15, in the Sanctuary

The Central College A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Mark Babcock, will be our special guests in worship, and will sing several anthems in the service.

Spring New Members & Inquirers Class

Three Sunday Sessions: April 23, April 30, and May 7

11:45 AM to 1:00 PM, in the Fireside Room

Lunch will be served and childcare is available. This class is for anyone who is interested in learning more about our congregation, our programs and ministries, how we organize to get things done, and what it means to be a Presbyterian. If you'd like to sign up, or have questions, please contact the pastor at 515-279-3658 or wbubar@dmcpc.org.

Lost and Found

If you lost it, we may have found it. Please check the table in the 39th St. Lobby next to Cownie Chapel.

This Week at Central

Sunday, April 2

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Lenten Study (Room 201 & Fireside Room)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 4:00 PM *JustFaith* (Fireside Room)

Monday, April 3

- 4:30 PM Worship Committee (Room 112)
- 7:00 PM Communication Committee (Room 112)

Tuesday, April 4

- 8:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 4:00-6:00 PM Photo Directory Session (Cownie Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Tutoring (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 5

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 2:00-8:00 PM Photo Directory Session (Cownie Chapel)
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Room 112)
- 5:00 PM LOGOS Children & Dinner
- 6:00 PM LOGOS Youth & Dinner
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (39th St Lobby)
- 6:30 PM Human Resources Committee (Room 112)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Thursday, April 6

- 7:00 AM Business & Finance Committee (Room 112)
- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM World & Community Concerns Committee (Rm 112)

Friday, April 7

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes

Saturday, April 8

- 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM Potluck and Easter Eggs-travaganza

Sunday, April 9 *Palm Sunday*

- 9:00 AM Education Hour (Lenten Studies & Sunday School)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 3:00 PM Palm Sunday Prayer Procession (Grace Methodist)

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Mission Statement

We strive to be a Christian congregation
dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,
caring for one another,
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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