
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 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 10:00 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: Greg Halterman

Audio: Val Smith

Organist: Richard Dewein

Hosts: Mary Alice Baker, Scott Bandstra, Ray Getting, Holly Klotz

Bus Driver: Marvin Minor

Deacon Flower Delivery: Jo Poole

Our guest preacher is Nancy Lister-Settle, Hunger Action Advocate for the Presbytery of Des Moines.

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. Hosts: Tami Caskey, Karen Rehberg, Board of Deacons.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Lord, Have Mercy on Me
Herr, ich habe missgehandelt

J. S. Bach
F. W. Marpurg

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

♦ HYMN 49

LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
we confess that we have been far more ready
to say we believe,
than to trust you to lead us
to new ventures of faithfulness.
We are afraid of the evil that surrounds us.
We fear rejection, failure, and ridicule.
We admire Jesus,
but it is difficult to follow in footsteps
that lead to a cross.
In the midst of life as we know it here,
how can we catch glimpses of eternity?
Save us, we pray, from our timidity,
and use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Word of the Lord.

OT, p. 9

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health

William Byrd

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord;
Thy law is my delight.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
and Thy judgements shall help me.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

NT, p. 81

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Nancy Lister-Settle

Born Again, and Again

◆ **HYMN 707**

HALL

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING OUR FAITH

Kate Selden-Egge
Board of Deacons

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt

F. W. Zachau

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

◆ **HYMN 724**

ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Canzonetta

Dietrich Buxtehude

Worship Next Week: The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 19, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Scripture readings: Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-26

Baptism

Upcoming Events

Photo Directory Sign-Up

This spring, Central plans to print a 2017 Photo Directory of our members! Everyone is encouraged to participate by scheduling a 10-minute portrait sitting with Todd Huguen Photography at the church. You will be able to select which photo to include in the directory and you can also purchase photos if you'd like. No pressure sales! Dates and times for portrait sessions are as follows:

- Wednesday, March 29 – 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 2 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 4 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 5 – 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

To sign up for your portrait session, go online to:

www.ToddHuguenPhotography.com or sign up on Sundays, before or after worship at the **sign-up table in 39th St Lobby today**. Or call the church office to schedule a time for your portrait sitting!

Lenten Book Study Groups

This season's study is *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Fr. Richard Rohr who founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Rohr's book offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth.

Dates, times and places:

*Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9
9:00 AM, Fireside Room*

*Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6
6:30 PM, Halterman/Vargas home in Lower Beaver*

Books are available for \$20.00 in the church office or downloadable to your electronic device. Study guides will be provided. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards in the East Parlor, 39th Street Lobby and outside the Christian Education office. Groups are limited to 10 people so it is highly encouraged that you reserve your space as quickly as possible.

Adult Education: Lenten Series

Sundays, Beginning March 5 – April 9, 9:00 AM, Room 201

Join a conversation about the nature and importance of Jesus' cross and resurrection. *Making Sense of the Cross*, written by David J. Lose, includes a video component, conversation starters and an activity that will engage participants as we move toward Holy Week and help to define the cross as an integral part of the Christian Faith. A book accompanies this study, but is not required. Purchase in the church office or download to your Kindle.

The Lenten Study Schedule is as follows:

Sunday, March 5	Session 1: A Man Hanging on a Tree
Sunday, March 12	Session 2: Portraits and Perspectives
Sunday, March 19	Session 3: Ransom and Victory
Sunday, March 26	Session 4: Substitution, Satisfaction & Sacrifice
Sunday, April 2	Session 5: Example and Encouragement
Sunday, April 9	Session 6: Event and Experience

Children's Sunday School

In March, children will continue to follow Jesus as he begins to wind down his ministry and focus what his life means and the importance of following God's will. Children will gather in their classrooms at 9:00 AM, then transition to the worship center in Room 4 at 9:15 AM for a time of candle lighting, singing and storytelling, then return to their classrooms for additional crafts or discussion that reflect the theme of the day's lessons. At 10:00 AM parents and children transition to the sanctuary for the 10:15 AM worship service. **Note: Due to Spring Break, there will be no children's or youth Sunday School on March 12 or 19.**

Sunday School Classrooms

Preschool (ages 3–4)	Room 102
Kindergarten - 1st grade	Room 101
2nd–5th grades	Room 2
Middle & High School	Room 202 (6th–12th grades)

Save the dates

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 9, 12 Noon – 3:00 PM

Annual Women's Retreat, at the Hotel Pattee, April 21 - 22

Details forthcoming

LOGOS Program

We are moving into the third month of our LOGOS ministry and are already seeing the impact of this cross-generational gathering of children and adults that takes place every Wednesday. Deep relationships are being formed which will play an invaluable role in the sustaining of lifelong discipleship and promote a renewed spirit in the life of the church. There is room for more participants who wish to walk the Lenten journey together and share their feelings along the way about what it means to be a disciple of our risen Lord. Contact Greg Halterman, Christian Education Director at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 279-3658 for more information about how you, a loved one or a child can benefit from this experience.

Schedule for Wednesday evenings:

5:00 PM K through 5th grade

6:00 PM All ages Family time dinner and activities at tables

6:30 PM 6th to 12th grade Bible study, worship skills, recreation

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 8:00 AM, Room 112

We meet, we eat and we talk. This is the format of this devoted group of disciples who never miss their morning coffee and morning Bible discussion. Study texts can be found online at lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu. The weekly readings help us navigate through the entire Bible in a three-year scope and are often the liturgical text for the upcoming Sunday. We find it prepares us for worship and helps us better understand the pastor's sermon.

March Book Group

The book group will meet on Thursday, March 16. Discussion of *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine & the Murder of a President* by Candice Millard will be led by Pat Baehr.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 112

The group is studying the Presbyterian Women *Horizons* magazine Bible study *Who Is Jesus?* written by Judy Yates Siker. This study will take the participants on an exciting journey as they discover Jesus from several different perspectives.

Deacons Easter Food Basket Collection

Help provide an Easter dinner for those less fortunate in our community. HyVee will assemble the baskets of food for Central. In order to facilitate this process, Central is asking for a monetary contribution to cover the cost of food for the baskets. 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!

This Week at Central

Sunday, March 12

9:00 AM Lenten Study (Room 201 & Fireside Room)
No Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

4:00 PM *JustFaith* (Fireside Room)

Monday, March 13

6:00 PM Board of Deacons (Room 202)

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)

Wednesday, March 15

10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)

7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Thursday, March 16

4:00 PM Book Group

6:30 PM Lenten Study (Halterman/Vargas home)

Friday, March 17

12:00 PM Church Office Closes

Sunday, March 19

9:00 AM Lenten Study (Room 201 & Fireside Room)
No Sunday School

9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

4:00 PM *JustFaith* (Fireside Room)

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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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