
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 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: Jann Freed

Crucifer: John Lowe

Audio: Val Smith

Hosts: Ray Getting, Jean Hamilton, Mary Jean Paschen, Mark & Barb Schmidt

Bus Driver: Kevin Maxwell

Deacon Flower Delivery:

Tami Caskey

The flowers beautifying the Sanctuary are given by the families of Alexander Egge in celebration of his baptism today.

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: RaeLynn Von der Linde, Board of Deacons.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Adagio Molto

Fairest Lord Jesus

Alexandre Guilmant

Diane Bish

CALL TO WORSHIP

Iona Community

God of darkness and light—

Open our eyes to your presence.

God of goodness and glory—

Open our minds to your wisdom.

God of mercy and kindness—

Open our hearts to your love.

◆ HYMN 630

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

we are people who still love darkness rather than light.

We keep shameful deeds secret,
but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.

We see ourselves as blameless,
but pass judgment on others.

We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable,
but step back, protecting ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray.

Bring us into your light
that we may see ourselves rightly.

Bring us into your light
that we may know ourselves loved.

Bring us into your light
that we may live more fruitful lives.

Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin,

and shine upon us with your grace.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy
will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our lives.
As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy,
and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. **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.

BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

Alexander Jeffrey Revere Egge

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)

We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

HYMN 490

BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (verse 1)

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Emily Selden

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23
LOGOS Chorus
OT, p. 464

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Morgen Bells
arr. Mary Lichlyter

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 24-25
NT, pp. 89-90

SERMON

Wallace W. Bubar

Was Blind but Now I See

◆ **HYMN 649**

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING OUR FAITH

Elizabeth Smith
One Great Hour of Sharing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs
Surely, He hath borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows.

Chancel Choir
Karl Heinrich Graun

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

◆ **HYMN 817**

DUNLAP'S CREEK

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor

Johann Jacob Froberger

Worship Next Week: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 2, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Scripture readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-6, 17, 20-27, 38-44

Communion

Upcoming Events

Personal Hearing Device Training

Sunday, March 26, 11:15 AM, in the Sanctuary

For those who need assistance hearing the worship service, we have acquired new personal hearing devices. Since they are different than the older units, there will be a training for users and hosts so that you can learn how to operate them.

USCRI Volunteer Training

Sunday, March 26, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

This training session is offered by Julianna Dubin of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. It is required for anyone who wants to be a part of their “Family Friends” program. This program enables volunteers and refugee families to develop close, meaningful relationships. If you are interested, contact Annie Brandt at 515-556-5436 or annie.s.brandt@gmail.com.

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:

- 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.
- 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

Lenten Book Study Groups

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

Sundays, April 2 & 9, 9:00 AM, Fireside Room

Thursdays, March 30, 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 2 Session 3: Ransom and Victory

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

Sunday, April 23 Session 5: Example and Encouragement

Sunday, April 30 Session 6: Event and Experience

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!

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.

Please RSVP to CE Director Greg Halterman at 279-3658 or ghalterman@dmcpc.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.

Easter Flowers

Order forms are in the East Parlor, information racks and the church office. Contributions of \$15 or more are welcome. All designations will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

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.

This Week at Central

Sunday, March 26

- 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)

Tuesday, March 28

- 8:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 5:30 PM Tutoring

Wednesday, March 29

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 2:00-8:00 PM Photo Directory Sessions (Cownie Chapel)
- 5:00 PM LOGOS Children & Dinner
- 6:00 PM LOGOS Youth & Dinner
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes

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)

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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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