
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 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 child-care 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: Bill Green

Communion preparation: Mary Jean Paschen

Communion servers: Ann Ben-
eke, Connie Boesen, Mary
Booth, Tami Caskey, Roger
and Sandy Dahl, John Fisher,
Joan Middleton, Karen

Rehberg, Carl and Susan Voss

Audio: Marvin Minor

Hosts: Kathy Haines, Laura Payne,
Ashley Sloterdijk, Rich Voss

Bus Driver: Barbara Schmidt

Deacon Flower Delivery: Joanne
Haakinson

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: Chuck Corwin, Board of Deacons.

◆ = All who are able,
please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Michael McCabe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Iona Community

Creator God, walking in the garden—

Breathe life into us.

Tempted God, praying in the desert—

Breathe life into us.

Holy God, traveling towards the city—

Breathe life into us.

◆ HYMN 475

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God,

you know the ways of good and evil.

You know the things that tempt us

and the things that give us life.

You know our frailties

and you know our sin.

We confess that we have disobeyed your word,

denying your providence and care

and relying on our own cleverness.

Have mercy on us, we pray.

Cover us with your grace,

feed us with the bread of life,

and re-create us in your image;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The psalmist declares:

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

KYRIE 575

J. Christopher Pardini

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

The Kyrie will be sung first by the choir, and then by the congregation.

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 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

OT, p. 2

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Go Not Far from Me, O God

Zingarelli

Go not far from me, O God;

cast me not away in the time of age.

Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:

that I may sing Thy glory and honor all the day long.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4:1-11
NT, p. 3

SERMON

Into the Wilderness

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ **HYMN 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

David Schack

◆ **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 775**

WALK WITH ME

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Kyrie

Francois Couperin

Worship Next Week: The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 12, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Scripture readings: Genesis 12:1-4a, John 3:1-17

Guest Preacher: Nancy Lister-Settle, Presbytery of Des Moines

Upcoming Events

Organ Recital

Sunday, March 5, 3:00 PM, in the Sanctuary

Featuring Katie Moss, award-winning solo organist from Readlyn, Iowa, on Central's 42-rank Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ. Sponsored by the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A reception will follow in the East Parlor.

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 Hugen 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 PM
- Sunday, April 2 – 8:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 4 – 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 5 – 2:00 to 8:00 PM

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

www.ToddHugenPhotography.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!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 8:00 AM, Room 112

We meet, eat and 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.

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time begins Saturday night, March 11. Remember to *Spring Forward* one hour.

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)

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 - 12th grade Bible study, worship skills, recreation

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!

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

This Week at Central

Sunday, March 5

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 4:00 PM *JustFaith* (Fireside Room)

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

- 8:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 5:30 PM Tutoring (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Christian Education Committee (Room 112)

Wednesday, March 8

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 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, March 9

- 7:00 AM Business & Finance Committee (Room 112)
- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM World & Community Concerns Committee (Rm 112)
- 6:30 PM Lenten Study Group (Halterman/Vargas home)

Friday, March 10

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes

Sunday, March 12

- 9:00 AM Education Hour – 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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