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# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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April 30, 2017 | 10:15 AM



—*The Road to Emmaus*,  
by He Qi



CONNECTING FAITH,  
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

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# Welcome to Central

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**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 units are available.** Please speak to one

of the hosts if you have special needs.

**Assisting in worship today:**

*Liturgist:* Susan Voss

*Crucifer:* John Lowe

*Communion preparation:* Mary Jean Paschen, Ann Beneke, Connie Boesen

*Communion servers:* Connie Boesen, David Boyd, Tami Caskey, Roger & Sandy Dahl, Ray Getting, Bill Green, Jean Hamilton, Bruce Heston, Joan Middleton, Carl Voss

*Audio:* Marvin Minor

*Hosts:* Mary Alice Baker, Kathy Haines, Ashley Slotterdyk, Rich Voss

*Bus Driver:* Kevin Maxwell

*Deacon Flower Delivery:* Laura Bandstra

**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: Laura Payne, Worship Committee.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*This Joyful Eastertide  
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

David Schack  
Robert A. Hobby

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice  
and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”**

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

**For the LORD has delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

### ◆ HYMN 248

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elusive God, Companion on the way—  
You walk behind us, beside us, beyond us.  
You catch us unawares.  
Break through the disappointment and despair  
clouding our vision,  
that, with wide-eyed wonder,  
we may find our way  
and journey on as messengers of your good news;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CANTICLE 277

SALVE FESTA DIES

*Hail Thee, Festival Day! (Refrain only)*

## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# WORD

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Greg Halterman

## EPISTLE READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I Peter 1:17-23

*NT, pp. 205-206*

## ANTHEM

*Allegro Agitato*

Morgen Bells

Michael Helman

## ◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain only)*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

The Gospel Acclamation will be sung both before and after the Gospel reading.

## ◆ GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 24:13-35

*NT, p. 78*

## SERMON

*Emmaus House*

Wallace W. Bubar

## ◆ HYMN 702

*Christ Be Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

◆ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of life:

Hear our prayer.

### **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Communion Prayer*

Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

We place upon your table, Lord,  
the food of life, the bread and wine,

as symbols of our daily work,  
according to your grand design.

Within these simple things there lie  
the height and depth of human life;  
our pain and tears,  
our thoughts and toils,  
our hope and fears,  
our joy and strife.

Accept them, Lord, they come from you.  
We take them humbly from your hand.  
These gifts of yours for higher use we offer,  
we offer up as you command.

◆ **DOXOLOGY 609**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **E U C H A R I S T**

### **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)

...with every breath: **We praise you, O God.**

...into the future: **We bless you, O God.**

...with us now: **We thank you, O God.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit,  
in your church, without end. **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 249**

VRUECHTEN

*Because You Live, O Christ*

### ◆ **BENEDICTION**

### ◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

J. Wayne Kerr

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## **Worship Next Week: The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Sunday, May 7, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary*

Children's Musical: *Esther*

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## Upcoming Events

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### **Spring New Members & Inquirers Class**

*Continues Sunday, 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](mailto:wbubar@dmcpc.org).

### **Children's Musical: *Esther***

*Sunday, May 7, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary*

Central's LOGOS program will present the daring, triumphant story of Esther during worship on May 7. Through the story of Esther, travel to the citadel of Susa where King Ahasuerus names Esther his new queen - and where Esther faces the decision of her life. Will wicked Haman prevail? Or will selfless Mordecai convince Esther to trust in God and save her people? With a nod to Broadway, *Esther* is filled with memorable melodies - from fun and whimsical reprises to expressive, heartfelt ballads. This triumphant musical will reassure you that our lives are in God's hands.

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

*Tuesdays, 8:00 AM, Room 112*

Find study texts online at [lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu).

### **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.

### **Spring Work/Fun Day**

*Saturday, May 6, 9:00 AM – 12 Noon*

Join us as we refresh the church grounds for spring – clean windows, lay mulch and rake gardens. All ages are welcome.

## **Adult Education: Radical Hospitality**

*Sundays, May 7, 14 & 21, 9:00 AM, Room 201*

Radical hospitality can be defined as affecting fundamentals in a friendly generous reception of guests, visitors or strangers. Part of radical hospitality is joining in justice and support of those who have escaped violence in their countries of origin and arrive in the US with hope for a better future for themselves and their families. In a three week study, adults will have the opportunity to explore the vision of radical hospitality from a both a professional and Biblical perspective. On May 7, Carly Ross, Director of the local office of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, will speak on her experiences and invite discussion. Then on May 14 and 21 we will enjoy a two part series titled, "Immigration: Today's Civil Dilemma and Theological Challenge" produced by the Mennonite Church USA. Contact Greg Halterman, Christian Education Director at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 279-3658 for more information.

## **Muslim Community Organization (Masjid An-Noor) Open House**

*Saturday, May 6, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM*

*1117 42nd Street, Des Moines*

Our neighbors from the nearby mosque invite the community to attend this open house to learn more about them, their religion, and their house of worship. This is the mosque where many of us from Central attended a prayer service and dinner last year. Mohamad Khan writes: "Your congregation has supported us wholeheartedly in the past and we certainly appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness. We shall be most honored to have your presence." All are welcome.

## **LOGOS**

LOGOS concludes May 10 with Holy Humor Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Holy humor worship has its roots in the ancient Greek Church as way to celebrate the resurrection and welcome back the "alleluia." We will play games as a group, sing fun songs and pray to the God that loves to watch His creation be in joyful community. Children, parents, grandparents can join us from 5pm to 6pm. Contact Greg Halterman, Christian Education Director at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 279-3658 for more information.

## **Congregational Meeting**

*Sunday, May 21, 11:15 AM, Sanctuary*

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to elect new officers on Sunday, May 21, at 11:15 AM, for the purpose of electing ruling elders, deacons, and members of the Nominating Committee for the coming year. There will also be a vote on the Pastor's terms of call, which it is the responsibility of the congregation to approve each year.

## **Vacation Bible School**

*Monday-Friday, June 12-16, 1:00-4:00 PM*

*Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God*

Central invites all children from Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade to soar with us at *Hero Central* Vacation Bible School. This superhero adventure experience includes energizing music, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, hands-on mission hero work, delicious snacks and great games. All participants and volunteers will receive a free t-shirt along with some super take-home reminders of their fun time at VBS 2017. The fun runs from Monday, June 12 to Friday, June 16. To be part of all the super fun at VBS Hero Central, register online at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/dmcpcc> or by contacting Greg Halterman, VBS director at 515-279-3658. Cost is \$30.00 for the entire week!

## **About the Cover Artwork**

Throughout this Easter season, we are featuring on our bulletins the artwork of He Qi, an artist originally from China, who now resides in the United States. He studied art at Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing Art Institute, and Hamburg Art Institute in Germany. He Qi depicts familiar biblical scenes, but in a contemporary way and with a Chinese influence. His art has been displayed in museums, galleries, universities and churches around the world. At present, he is a guest professor at Drew University in New Jersey. For more information, visit [www.heqiart.com](http://www.heqiart.com). All of the artwork is reprinted here by permission of the artist.

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# This Week at Central

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## **Sunday, April 30**

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Lenten Study (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 11:45 AM New Members Class (Fireside Room)

## **Monday, May 1**

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

## **Tuesday, May 2**

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

## **Wednesday, May 3**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Room 112)
- 5:00 PM *Esther* Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (39<sup>th</sup> St Lobby)
- 6:30 PM Human Resources Committee (Room 112)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

## **Thursday, May 4**

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

## **Friday, May 5**

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes

## **Saturday, May 6**

- 8:00 AM Audio Training
- 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Work/Fun Day – All Ages
- 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM *Esther* Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## **Sunday, May 7**

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Ed (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 11:45 AM New Members Class (Fireside Room)

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## Mission Statement

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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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