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# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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May 21, 2017 | 10:15 AM



—*The Risen Lord,*  
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:* Ray Getting

*Crucifer:* John Lowe

*Audio:* Marvin Minor

*Hosts:* Mary Alice Baker, Laura Payne, Mark & Barb Schmidt

*Bus Driver:* Barb Schmidt

*Deacon Flower Delivery:*

Carl Voss

*Choir Director:* Susan Voss

**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: Courtney LaPole, Christian Education Committee.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*We Know that Christ Is Raised  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Robert A. Hobby  
Wilbur Held

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66

Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
**who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**  
Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.  
**I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.**  
Truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.  
**Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

### ♦ HYMN 12

ST. DENIO

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal One,  
your thoughts and ways are far beyond our own.  
You alone are God—awesome, holy, and most high.  
Teach us your ways, and write them on our hearts,  
so that we may put you first in our lives,  
and follow faithfully the path you show us;  
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

### **FIRST READING**

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Acts 17:22-31  
*NT, pp. 120-121*

### **ANTHEM**

*Shall We Gather at the River?*

Chancel Choir  
John Carter

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints at the river,  
That flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,  
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.

### **◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 240**

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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

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

### **◆ GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

John 14:15-21  
*NT, p. 95*

## SERMON

Wallace W. Bubar

*Your God Is Too Small*

### ◆ HYMN 688

MORECAMBE

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

### ◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the church.

In a broken and fearful world,  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## RESPONSE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIVING OUR FAITH

Ray Getting  
Business & Finance Committee

## **WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS**

With joy and thanksgiving,  
we welcome you into this community of faith.  
We promise you our love and our care,  
our friendship and our support.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we continue to grow together  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
as we live out the call to be the church of Jesus Christ.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of life:  
Hear our prayer.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

debts/debtors

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

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

## **OFFERTORY**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

Charles Callahan

## ◆ **DOXOLOGY 609**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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## ◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

# **SENDING**

## ◆ **HYMN 485**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

## ◆ **BENEDICTION**

## ◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

## **POSTLUDE**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

David Cherwien

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# Upcoming Events

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## **CE Leaders/Teachers 2016/2017**

Today we celebrate and say thank you to all of the hard working people who educate, nurture, and mentor all those, young and old, who seek a deeper understanding and relationship with God in our Sunday education hour and LOGOS program.

Our Christian education team includes:

Gabriele Albrecht	Julie Lehman & Dan Short
Suzanne Reynolds Arnold & Jake Arnold	Shaunna & Kevin Maxwell
Carissa Bacich	Kristin & Mike McCauley
Linda & Lynn Bridie	Randi & Pete McNally
Paige Caskey	Doris McNeely
Tami & Jeff Caskey	Kate & Dustin Mead
Julie Cherry	Joan Middleton
Molly Clause	Polly Middleton Schaefer
Claire Copley	Marvin Minor
Laura Covill	Anne Pitts & Jared Abbott
Mary Cox	Emily & RJ Rademacher
Kevin Croft	Amanda & Mark Rehberg
Hilary Fort	Karen Rehberg
Anita Frick	Leighton & Mike Richards
Alison Gaskell	Barb Schmidt
Tami & Brian Gentry	Rachel Scholten
Barb Getting	Emily Selden
Carmen Getting	Dave Simpson
Wendell Harms	Elizabeth Smith
Sue Heggen	Susan Stroope
Isabel Henderson	Billie Sturges
Karen & Chris Henderson	Beth Triebel
Holly Klotz	RaeLynn & Bill Von der Linde
Courtney LaPole	Susan Voss

## **Congregational Meeting**

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

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Hear the report of the Nominating Committee/elect officers
- Vote on the Pastor's 2017 Terms of Call

## **Pedalin' Presbyterians**

*Sunday, May 21, 4:20 PM, Cool Basil Restaurant*

Join Central members and friends for a bike ride on the trails through Urbandale and Clive. Starting (and ending) location is the parking lot of Cool Basil's Restaurant, 1250 NW 86th St. in Clive. Depart at 4:30 p.m. and return for dinner at 5:45–6:00 p.m. All ages and biking speeds are encouraged. The trail is paved and mostly flat with a few hills. Contact Mark & Barb Schmidt at 515-277-7075 (home), 515-707-0167 (cell) or bjschmidt42@q.com.

## **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. The weekly readings 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. Study texts can be found 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?* Participants are on an exciting journey as they discover Jesus from several different perspectives.

## **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 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/dmcp> or by contacting Greg Halterman, VBS director at 515-279-3658. Cost is \$30.00 for the week!

## **Vacation Bible School... for ADULTS!**

*Wednesdays, beginning May 31, 10:00 to 11:30 AM, Room 112*

*“Job and the Life of Faith: Wisdom for Today’s World”*

A summer Bible study series led by Wallace W. Bubar.

There was never a time when the Book of Job was not relevant, but it is especially so today. The Book of Job cuts straight to the heart of what it means to be human. It is one of the most profound explorations of the life of faith ever written, and wrestles with some of life’s most perplexing questions. Why do bad things happen to good people? Is there a correspondence between sin and suffering, obedience and blessing? Why should we serve God if there are no guarantees of blessings and freedom from loss and harm? Bring your own questions, and come join us as we explore the Book of Job together.

## ***Central's Got Talent Variety Show***

*Friday, June 23, 6:00 PM*

Do you have what it takes? Can you sing, play an instrument or do stand-up? Maybe you have been practicing in your garage and are looking for a place to launch your career in entertainment. If the answer to any of these questions is “YES!” then look no further. The Variety Show will raise funds for three charities chosen by the Wednesday night LOGOS kids. All types of talent are invited to be a part of this fun and entertaining show that will feature our Chancel Choir members performing selections from Meredith Wilson’s iconic “Music Man” set in the great state of Iowa. **Auditions** will take place in the Fellowship Hall **Sunday, June 4** starting at 11:30 AM and **Wednesday, June 7** starting at 6:00 PM. Sign up for your spot by going to <http://signup.com/go/nXpzlDw> or contact Greg Halterman at [ghalterman@dmcpc.org](mailto:ghalterman@dmcpc.org) or 515-279-3658.

## **Synod School 2017**

*July 23-28, Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa*

Christian Education is offering scholarships to attend this year’s Synod School at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

The classes are great and the activities for youth unparalleled. If you or your family would like to go, contact Greg Halterman for more information. So far there are three Central members going!

## 2017 Per Capita

Per Capita is a per member assessment that supports the administrative expenses generated by the various levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Each church in the Presbytery of Des Moines contributes \$40.43 per member. Central paid \$22,722 in January for its 562 members.

Of that, the DM Presbytery receives \$15,450 (68%) for:

- ✓ Administration of about 56 churches in our presbytery
- ✓ Presbytery meetings
- ✓ Some mission projects
- ✓ \$265,000 of Presbytery's \$487,000 budget comes from Per Capita

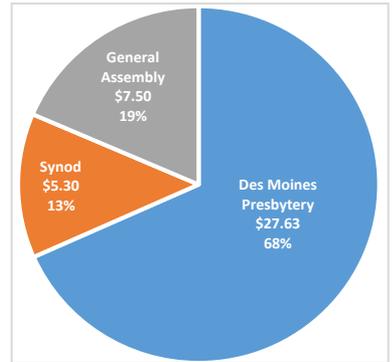
The Synod of Lakes and Prairies receives \$4,317 (19%) for:

- ✓ Education, training and support for our 16 local presbyteries
- ✓ Grant for development and redevelopment of churches
- ✓ Administration of loans
- ✓ Church-related colleges and campus ministries

The General Assembly receives \$2,953 (13%) for:

- ✓ World-wide mission
- ✓ National ministries
- ✓ Support specific congregations

Each member is asked to contribute \$41 to offset this fixed cost to keep our budget directed toward the important mission of the church.



## Party on the Patio

*Thursday, June 8, 5:00 to 7:00 PM*

Socialize on Central's East Patio this summer when members and friends are invited to gather for refreshments and conversation.

Thursday evenings (June 8, July 13 and August 10) from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Come for fellowship and fun. No reservations required.

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# This Week at Central

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## **Sunday, May 21**

- 9:00 AM Sunday School Breakfast/Teacher Recognition
- 9:00 AM Adult Ed (Room 201)
- 9:15 AM Commission of Session (Room 202)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 4:20 PM Pedalin' Presbyterians (Cool Basil Parking Lot)

## **Tuesday, May 23**

- 8:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)

## **Wednesday, May 24**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)

## **Friday, May 26**

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes

## **Sunday, May 28**

- 9:15 AM Commission of Session (Room 202)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

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## **Worship Next Week: The Ascension of the Lord**

*Sunday, May 28, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary*

Scripture readings: Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53

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## Church Staff

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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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