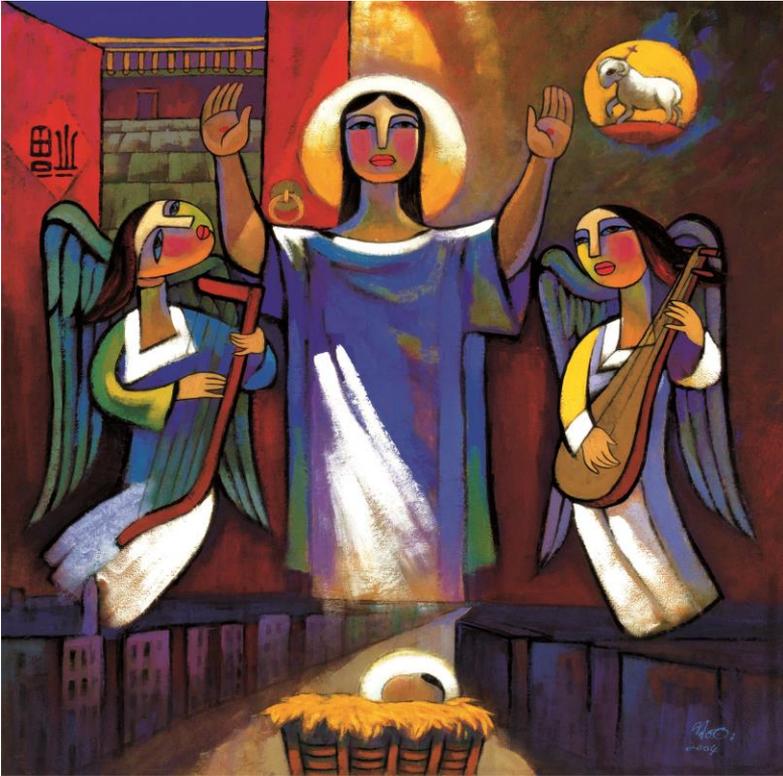


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# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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May 28, 2017 | 10:15 AM



—Messiah,  
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:* Tom Swartwood

*Crucifer:* John Lowe

*Audio:* Val Smith

*Hosts:* Mark & Amanda Rehberg,

Laura Covill, Karen Henderson

*Bus Driver:* Kevin Maxwell

*Deacon Flower Delivery:* Tami Caskey

**The flowers beautifying the sanctuary** are given by Bill and Liz Goodwin in memory of the pastors of their youth: for Liz, Westminster pastors Orr and Yeates; and for Bill, Cottage Grove pastors Mordy, MacLennan and Ingersoll.

**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: Emily Selden, Christian Education Committee.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Variations on "America"*  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Charles Wesley  
Alice Jordan

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
**For the LORD, the Most High, is worthy of praise;**  
**God rules over all the earth.**  
God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD, with the sound of a trumpet.  
**Sing praises to God, sing praises;**  
**for God is sovereign over all the earth.**

### ◆ HYMN 263

CORONATION

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory,  
sovereign over all nations,  
the risen and ascended Christ calls us  
to carry your message of life to all people.  
Led by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
may we witness always  
to the hope to which we are called  
as we share Christ's love  
to the ends of the earth. 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**

### **FIRST READING**

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Acts 1:1-11  
*NT, p. 102*

### **ANTHEM**

*Amazing Grace*

Chancel Choir  
arr. Jackson Berkey

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.  
Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.  
When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun!  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

### **◆ 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.

Luke 24:44-53  
*NT, p. 79*

**SERMON**

*Can I Get a Witness?*

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ **HYMN 722**

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

◆ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God put his power to work in Christ  
when he raised him from the dead,  
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,  
far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,  
and above every name that is named,  
not only in this age but also in the age to come.  
And he has put all things under his feet,  
and has made him the head over all things for the church,  
which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:20-23

## RESPONSE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LIVING OUR FAITH

Connie Boesen  
World & Community Concerns 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

*Praise the King of Glory*

Eugene Englert

Praise the King of endless glory, praise the Lord,  
King of kings anointed: let all men adore,  
Lord above appointed; let us bow before Him!  
He shall triumph, Christ the ruler from his birth;  
He is king forever over all the earth.

Son of God and yet our brother,  
Christ who rules the earth and sky.

King of kings anointed let all men adore,  
Lord of lords appointed let us bow before him.

## DOXOLOGY 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## ◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# SENDING

## ◆ HYMN 265

DUKE STREET

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

## ◆ BENEDICTION

## ◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Recessional*

William P. Rowan

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## Upcoming Events

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### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

*Tuesdays, 8:00 AM, Fellowship Hall*

In the early church there were no sanctuaries, no Fellowship Halls or Christian Education wings. Worship took place over a meal either in a private residence or local gathering place. We are reliving that tradition every Tuesday morning as we share a meal and discuss the word given to us in *The Holy Bible*. It is a chance to see how select passages from the Bible come together in varying themes of redemption, grace, compassion and transformation. This Bible study meets in Fellowship Hall (it is, after all, there) shares a special meal and studies the weekly lectionary texts. The texts can be found at <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>. Contact Christian Education Director Greg Halterman for more details at [ghalterman@dmcpc.org](mailto:ghalterman@dmcpc.org).

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

*Wednesdays, beginning May 31, 10:00 to 11:30 AM, Fireside Room*  
"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. If you would like to participate, please let Wallace know at 279-3658 or [wbubar@dmcpc.org](mailto:wbubar@dmcpc.org).

### **Party on the Patio**

*Thursday, June 8, 5:00 to 6:30 PM*

Socialize on Central's East Patio this summer when everyone is 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.

## ***From the Ashes***

*Sunday, June 11, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall*

Join us for an advanced screening of the new documentary film, *From the Ashes* produced by RadicalMedia in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies. *From the Ashes* captures Americans in communities across the country as they wrestle with the legacy of the coal industry and what its future should be. The film goes beyond the rhetoric of the “war on coal” to present compelling and often heart breaking stories about what’s at stake for our economy, health, and climate. Learn more about an industry on the edge and what it means for their lives. A follow-up discussion facilitated by Christian Education Director Greg Halterman and lunch will be provided for an in-kind donation.

## **Vacation Bible School**

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

*Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*

We are ready to take off on our Hero Central Vacation Bible School. All children from Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to soar with us on this superhero adventure that includes energizing music, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, hand-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. To be part of all the super fun at VBS *Hero Central*, register online at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/dmcpc> or by contacting Greg Halterman, at 515-279-3658. Cost is \$30.00 for the week!

## ***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.

### **Central Storytellers Project**

We are looking for a few good storytellers to participate in a special summer worship service on June 25, at 10:15 AM. The theme is "I Love to Tell the Story." The service will include three or four stories from church members. Stories should come from your own personal experience, have some spiritual element, and be no longer than five minutes. Everyone has a story to tell. It could be uplifting, or poignant, or funny. It could be a profound experience you had growing up. It could be about a person who touched your life in a significant way. It could be a time when you came to see God in a new way. If you are interested in participating and sharing your story, contact Wallace W. Bubar at [wbubar@dmcpc.org](mailto:wbubar@dmcpc.org) or 515-279-3658.

### **Ecumenical Advocacy Days Discussion**

*Sunday, June 25, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall*

Susan Stroope, Central's representative to Ecumenical Advocacy Days, will talk about her experience. EAD is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community that is grounded in biblical witness and shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Their goal, through worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness, is to strengthen the Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues. This year's theme, *Confronting Chaos, Forging Community* grappled with the intersectionality of racism, materialism, and militarism, and provided educational opportunities on the impact they have around the world, in our communities and in our own lives. An in-kind donation for lunch is requested.

## **Synod School 2017**

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

The Christian Education department is offering scholarships to attend this year's Synod School at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. 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!

## **Hymn Sing in July**

Do you have favorites? Perhaps a favorite food or TV show. We all have those things we include as "favorites." But how about your favorite hymn? During the month of June (deadline June 30) you will have the opportunity to give us your 3 favorite hymns. There will be sheets in the Narthex, office, East Parlor and lobbies. Place in the offering plate or email to Music Director Rich Dewein at [rdewein@dmcpc.org](mailto:rdewein@dmcpc.org). On July 16 the worship service will encompass the top 8 or 9 hymns that you have indicated. We will try to have some informational facts about the hymns chosen and we will sing all or portions of them. We hope that each of you will take part in this endeavor. There will probably be a real cross section of hymns as well as several that are favorites of everyone. (You may vote each Sunday if you wish!)

## **Central Seeks New Church Custodian**

Central Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time custodian to be responsible for the overall cleanliness of the church building interior and for maintaining an environment of hospitality for members and visitors. Work hours: 12 hours/week, with some flexibility on days and times. Education/experience required: high school diploma or GED, and 2 years of prior custodial/janitorial work. Compensation: \$11-12/hour. A full job description and employment application are available at [www.dmcpc.org/employment](http://www.dmcpc.org/employment). (Tim Clark will remain on our staff as Resident Caretaker.)

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# This Week at Central

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## **Sunday, May 28**

9:15 AM Commission of Session (Room 202)

10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

## **Monday, May 29**

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

## **Tuesday, May 30**

8:00 AM Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## **Wednesday, May 31**

10:00 AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)

## **Friday, June 2**

12:00 PM Church Office Closes

## **Saturday, June 3**

10:00 AM New Officer Training (Fireside Room)

## **Sunday, June 4**

10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

11:30 AM Talent Show Auditions (East Parlor)

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## **Worship Next Week: The Day of Pentecost**

*Sunday, June 4, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary*

Scripture readings: Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39

Communion will be served

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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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