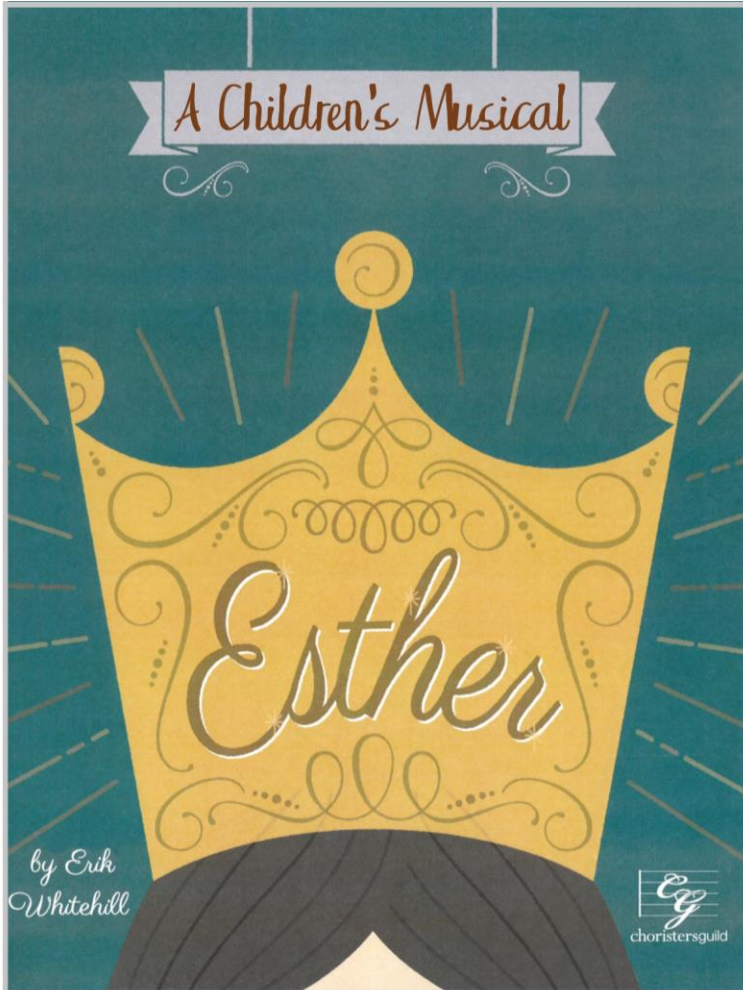

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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 units are available. Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

Assisting in worship today:

Liturgist: Joyce McSorley

Audio: Marvin Minor

Hosts: Scott Bandstra, Laura Covill, Ray Getting, Holly Klotz

Bus Driver: Barb Schmidt

Deacon Flower Delivery: Chuck Corwin

The flowers beautifying the sanctuary are given in memory of Avo Townsend by Ann Davidson and Avo's grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. David Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Davidson, and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Davidson.

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: Karen Henderson, Christian Education Committee.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Children of the Heavenly Father
I Love to Tell the Story*

Alice Jordan
Peter Pindar Stearns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD,

who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

◆ HYMN 41

LYONS

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Holy God of Israel,
your hand is upon your people
to guide and protect them through the ages.
Keep in your service those whom you have called,
that the powers of this world may not overwhelm us,
but that, secure in your love,
we may carry out your will in the face of adversity;
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!

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL: ESTHER

SCENE ONE

The Citadel of Susa

Choir

The Citadel of Susa (Reprise I)

Choir

King Ahasuerus Seeks a Wife

Choir

You May Be a Queen

Mordecai, Choir

SCENE TWO

Contestant #1 Intro

Fluffy the Camel

Contestant #2

Could It Be?

Esther, Choir

You Are Now a Queen

Choir

SCENE THREE

It's All About Me

Haman, Choir

SCENE FOUR

A Dark Day Arrives

Mordecai, Choir

SCENE FIVE

In Your Hands

Esther

SCENE SIX

The Citadel of Susa (Reprise II)

Choir

SCENE SEVEN

In the Name of the King

Haman

In the Name of the King (Reprise)

Choir

SCENE EIGHT

The Citadel of Susa (Reprise III)
In Your Hands (Finale)

Choir
Choir

In Your Hands (Finale)

Choir first time

Congregation joins second time



We put our lives in your hands. — Dir-ect us.



Give us the words — to say. — In



joy or de - spair, — you're al - ways there. —



Help us and guide — us we pray! — Calm our fears. —



— You un - der - stand. — We don't



know what you've — got planned, but



e - ven so, — our lives —



are in your — hands.

From: *Esther* (CGC58).

Text: Erik Whitehill

Music: *Esther*, by Erik Whitehill

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RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Michael Burkhardt

◆ DOXOLOGY 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

◆ HYMN 69

HERE I AM

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

◆ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Worship Next Week: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Scripture readings: I Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

Baccalaureate

ESTHER

Written by Erik Whitehill

Mordecai	Sam McCauley
Esther	Lena Bubar
King Ahasuerus	Brooks Arnold
Haman	Meredith Gentry
Narrator	Elena Gentry
Shaashgaz	Avery Short
Hegai	Sydney McCauley
Contestant #1	Norah Frick
Contestant #2	Polly Eubank
Fluffy the Camel	Sophie Bubar
Bigthan	Grace Getting
Teresh	Sofia Getting
Keeper of the Records	Makenna Rehberg
King's Heralds/King's Guards	Elizabeth Mead, William Arnold Sam Richards
Castle Caterers	Tami & Paige Caskey
Soloists	Alex Gaskell, Sam LaPole, Avery Short Sydney McCauley, Maggie Richards
Chorus	Cullen Arnold, Sophie Hamilton, Stella Maxwell Max McCauley, Lily Mead
Sound Technicians	Marvin Minor, Val Smith, Kim Coulter
Costumes	Yvonne Dewein
Flutists	Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski, Miguel Vargas
Stage Hands	Claire McNally, Cam McNally
Director's Assistants	Courtney LaPole, Anita Frick, Julie Cherry Emily Selden, Beth Triebel, Mike & Kristin McCauley Gabriele Albrecht, Brian & Tami Gentry, Julie Lehman Jacob & Suzanne Reynolds Arnold, Wendell Harms, Randi McNally
Director/Accompanist	Greg Halterman

Upcoming Events

Spring New Members & Inquirers Class

Continues Sunday, 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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 8:00 AM, Room 112

Find study texts online at 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.

LOGOS

Wednesday, May 10, 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

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 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Contact Greg Halterman, Christian Education Director at 279-3658 or ghalterman@dmcpc.org or for more information.

Adult Education: Radical Hospitality

Sundays, May 14 and 21, 9:00 AM, Room 201

Join the discussion in 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.

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:

Ruling Elder, Class of 2019

Lisa Veach

Ruling Elders, Class of 2020

Mike Bassett Bruce Heston Shaunna Maxwell

Mary Eggers McCarroll Brook Smith

Board of Deacons, Class of 2018

Kevin Klimowski

Youth Deacon Class of 2018

Finn McNally

Board of Deacons, Class of 2020

Dennis Atherton Julie Cherry Kathy Haines

Linda Hamilton Ann Lovell Miguel Vargas

Nominating Committee

Laura Bandstra J.R. Dennis Randy Gordon

Joe Haines Karen Rehberg Elizabeth Smith

- Vote on the Pastor's 2017 Terms of Call

The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar

Wendell J. Harms

Moderator

Clerk of Session

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 5th 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/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/nXpzIDw> or contact Greg Halterman at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

Synod School

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, 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!

This Week at Central

Sunday, May 7

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:00 AM Esther Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 11:45 AM New Members Class (Fireside Room)

Monday, May 8

- 6:00 PM Board of Deacons (Room 202)

Tuesday, May 9

- 8:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 12:00 Noon Holiday Market Meeting (Room 112)
- 5:30 PM Tutoring (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 10

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 5:00 PM LOGOS Holy Humor
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Friday, May 12

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes

Sunday, May 14 *Baccalaureate*

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

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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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