
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2020 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING **FAITH,**
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

Welcome to Central

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

Have a prayer request? Interested in getting involved in the church? Want to serve on a committee? Like to update your contact information?

Please enter the Chapel in a spirit of reverence, as we prepare for worship. Be sure to silence all cell phones.

Worshiping with young children?

A Children's coloring page has been provided on the last page of the bulletin for you to download and print.

Assisting in worship today:

Preacher: Annika Lister Stroope

Soloist: Beth Triebel

Video/Audio: Kim Coulter

Pianist: Lois Harms

Music Leader: Rich Dewein

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The flowers beautifying the

Sanctuary are given by Bill & Jan Green in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, March 21, 1970.

♦ = All who are able,
please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

When Thou Art Near

J.S. Bach

GREETING

The grace, mercy, and peace of God be with you all.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our light and our salvation;
what shall we fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives;
of what shall we be afraid?**

We seek to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of our lives.

Psalm 27

To behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to come to worship God.

◆ **HYMN 840**

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When Peace Like a River

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well

With my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God,
you have made known to us the ways of life.
Yet too often, we put other things above you
and turn toward the ways of death.
Forgive us and guide us back into your presence,
that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us.
In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God.
Thanks be to God!

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 91

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

Beth Triebel
John Newton

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19–29

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Peace Be with You

Annika Lister Stroope

◆ HYMN 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.

How can I keep from singing?
(Refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
(Refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
(Refrain)

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING OUR FAITH

One Great Hour of Sharing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

OFFERTORY

Air

G. F. Handel

◆ DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

SENDING

◆ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Fifers

Jean-François Dandrieu

Worship Next Week: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 29, 10:15 AM

Scripture readings: I Samuel 16:1–13, John 9:1–7, 35–41

Upcoming Events

Pastor on Vacation

The pastor is on vacation and out of town from March 16–22.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope at 402-942-1636 or ospannika@gmail.com. Annika is our parish associate for adult education and mission at Central.

The AMOS Lunch & Learn has been cancelled

~~*Sunday, March 29, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall*~~

We will plan to meet the new lead organizer for AMOS, Courtney Dufford, at a later date.

Card Shower for a Dear Friend and Central Member

A note from Christine Clark, daughter of **Connie DePond**:

My mother, Connie DePond, is a member of Central Presbyterian and will turn 85 years old on March 23, 2020. Would it be possible to request members of the congregation to send her birthday cards?

Connie DePond

600 E. Hillcrest Ave. #307

Indianola, IA 50125

Thank you, Christine Clark, 515-250-0337

Donations for Easter Flowers

Easter is Sunday, April 12, 2020. Your contribution helps Central purchase Easter lilies, spring flowers and arrangements for the worship. Order forms are available to download and print from the website or by calling the church office to place your order. Please complete and return with payment to the office by Sunday, April 5, 2020. You may also pay via Central's online giving tool, at: www.dmcpc.org/give/

***What We Believe* Study Group to meet Wednesday, via ZOOM**

Wednesday, March 25, 6:00–7:00 PM

This group will explore the foundational beliefs of what Christians believe. The study is facilitated by Central's Seminary Intern Sheryl Puderbaugh in an online chat room via Zoom Meeting tool. If you have an internet connection it will be simple as clicking on the blue URL link below. The topic will be on *Atonement*. You will be able to access Zoom from a computer, tablet or smartphone. You can sign up for Zoom (it is free) and create an account prior to class AND download either the Desktop App or Mobile App depending on how you will be participating. You will need to provide an email and password to get set up OR you can sign in with your Google or Facebook accounts. To join the *What We Believe* Class, use this URL link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/490346423?pwd=RXVQMGhORDlnYkROM2IzNWxlRTJjUT09>

When it opens, you'll be promoted to click "Open Zoom Meeting" or you can go to the Zoom app and "Join a Meeting" use this Meeting ID: 490 346 423

April 1 *Salvation*

April 8 *Salvation*

Sunday Adult Education

Sunday, March 29, 9:00 AM, Fireside Room

In the season of Lent, there are many traditions across Christianity. Popular notions about Lenten disciplines often default to "giving up", such as a favorite (but perhaps not healthy) food or refraining from a habit. Can Lent be a 40-day experience of deepening our faith? Can a Lenten discipline encourage us to be "the hands and feet of Christ in the world?" Explore resources, practices, and traditions from across the wide berth of Christianity and how contemplation and action can be partners in our faith. Adult Education will, like Sunday worship, be offered digitally. More information to come from the Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope, parish associate for adult education about how to connect with Adult Education when we resume on Sunday, March 29th.

Missional Study Group: *The Faith of Our Future* to meet Sunday, via ZOOM

Sunday, March 29, 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

All are invited to participate in this exciting exploration of our Christian faith in the 21st century, led by Sheryl Puderbaugh. It will be a guided discovery and discussion group, seeking to understand the changes in our world which are impacting our faith and faith communities and the importance of the Gospel in 21st-century world. The topic for Sunday, March 29 is *Trends & Adaptations: Why, how and where the church is successfully adapting to a new age*. You will be able to access Zoom from a computer, tablet or smartphone. You can sign up for Zoom (it is free) and create an account prior to class AND download either the Desktop App or Mobile App depending on how you will be participating. You will need to provide an email and password to get set up OR you can sign in with your Google or Facebook accounts. To join *The Faith of Our Future* Zoom study group, use this URL link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/186296319?pwd=c3NBREdGenlYRUwveFdjR1BXd042Zz09>

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April 5 *Models of Church "Growth" in the Des Moines Area*

April 19 *What Have We Discovered*

April 26 *The Future: Action Steps for Central Presbyterian Church in Response to
What We Have Learned*

May 3 *Share Our Discoveries with the Congregation and Presbytery*

Holy Week at Central

Palm Sunday, April 5

10:15 AM Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 9

7:00 PM Communion service

Good Friday, April 10

7:00 PM Tenebrae service

Easter Sunday, April 22

8:00 AM Worship with Communion

9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt & Fellowship

10:15 AM Worship

Deacons' Easter Baskets Drive, March 8–April 5

See flier graphic for online giving link.



REFUEL STATION



The Refuel Station is a mobile food pantry partnership between the DMARC Food Pantry Network and Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Iowa (BGCCI) to provide healthy, kid-friendly, grab-n-go food items. The Refuel Station visits six BGGCI club locations across Des Moines every week. Programming and host locations are provided by BGCCI, while DMARC staffs, stocks, and operates the Refuel Station.



A donation of \$28.80 provides 10 children with an "Easter Basket" of six fruits and vegetables

The Board of Deacons is challenging Central to raise \$2,880 to provide "Easter Baskets" for 1,000 children



You can donate by writing a check to Central Presbyterian with "Easter Baskets" in the memo line or give online at the link below:

dmarcunited.org/donate/virtual-drive/central-presbyterian

HOLY GOD

YOU ARE WITH US

from the spinning planets in our



to the



that lives on the tiniest paw
of the tiniest **mouse**.

you care for the

CREATION

&

you care for

US

Whether we are out in the

WORLD

or tucked
inside our

Home,

we know that You are as **CLOSE** as the

AIR THAT WE BREATHE.

Thank You for being our friend and comforter.

Amen

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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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