
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023 | 10:15 AM



On the Road to Emmaus
Cara B. Hochhalter



CONNECTING **FAITH,**
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

Welcome to Central

An online worship service is available on Facebook and YouTube for those unable to worship in person.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out the Community Connection card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also use the following QR Code:



Open the camera on your smart device. Point the camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears. Complete the contact form, and "Submit."

Childcare for children up to age 5 is provided in our nursery until 11:30 AM. The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship packets 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 Hemminger

Crucifer: John Lowe

Hosts: Brian Kramer, Joe & Kathy Haines, Karen Henderson

Children's Time: Medea Saunders

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Organist: Lois Harms

Music: Chancel Choir

Audio: Kevin Klimowski

Video: Matt Van Winkle

Editing: Ben Patzlaff

The flowers in the chancel

have been given in appreciation for the many wonderful volunteers who give their time so generously to the church.

For online giving, go to www.dmcpc.org/give.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service in the East Parlor.

Hosted by: Gwen Brown and Kathy Haines.

Be sure to silence all cell phones.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing (Part 1, 2)
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Jonathan Reuss
David Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Iona Community

O God, you walk alongside us—

You share our journeys.

You take us seriously—

You listen to our questions.

You surprise us and bless us—

You fill us with wonder.

You call us together—

You call us to life.

◆ HYMN 254

PUER NOBIS

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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 240

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain)

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Medea Saunders

WORD

EPISTLE READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

I Peter 1:17–23
pew Bible, NT p. 205–206

ANTHEM

The Morning Trumpet

Chancel Choir
arr. by Michael Larkin

Oh, when shall I see Jesus and reign with Him above,
And hear the trumpet sound in that morning?
And from the flowing fountains drink everlasting love,
And hear the trumpet sound in the morning?

Oh, shout glory, glory for I shall mount above the skies,
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning!

When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin?
And hear the trumpet sound in that morning?
And with my blessed Jesus hear the trumpet in the morning?

Through grace I feel determined to conquer though die,
and hear the trumpet sound in the morning.
Hallelujah! Shout Amen!
And then away to Jesus on wings of love I'll fly,
and hear the trumpet sound in the morning!

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 24:13–35

pew Bible, NT p. 78

SERMON

On the Road Again

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ HYMN 252

Day of Arising

RAABE

RESPONSE

◆ 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING OUR FAITH

Susan Voss

World and Community Concerns Committee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of life:

Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Robert A. Hobby

◆ DOXOLOGY 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

◆ HYMN 246

TRURO

Christ Is Alive

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing (Part 3)

Jonathan Reuss

Upcoming Events

Habitat for Humanity Panel Build

Saturday, May 20, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, West parking lot

Central Presbyterian Church and AT&T volunteers are ready to serve again, for one busy day of building walls. There are two half-day shifts - we need 22 people each shift. No experience necessary. Volunteers must be 16 years old. Contact Todd Mattison or the Church Office at 515-279-3658.

175th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for this wonderful weekend of celebration! Among the special guests joining us will be former pastors Carl Cooper, Karen Chakoian, Jim Wallace, and Jan Scott.

*Saturday, June 10, 5:00 PM,
Wakonda Club, 3915 Fleur Drive*

Saturday night's program includes a social hour with music, dinner, remarks by former pastors, and a video about our church's rich history.

Sunday, June 11, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

The festive worship service will include music by the Chancel Choir and Morgen Bells, and Karen Chakoian preaching.

Spring Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 6, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

The Building & Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the Spring Fun Clean-up Day. Many hands make light work as they say, and there are many spring-cleaning tasks to accomplish.

Please consider helping us beautify Central indoors and out. Donuts, coffee, and good company will be provided. Contact the church office at 515-279-3658, if you need more information.



Through the Church the Song Goes On

Hymn Festival featuring Mark Sedio
with the Central Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
Sunday, May 14, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary

Join us for a wonderful musical experience, which is part of Central's 175th anniversary celebration.

A hymn festival differs from a choral concert, in that it is interactive and everyone in attendance gets to sing. This hymn festival will include a number of beloved congregational hymns for all to sing, along with a couple of choral anthems, interspersed with readings.

Mark Sedio is an internationally-known organist, conductor, and composer, having presented hymn festivals, recitals, and workshops throughout North America and Europe.



For two decades, he served as organist and choir director at Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis. He has also held various faculty and instructor positions at Augsburg University, Gustavus Adolphus College, and Luther Seminary.

Over 125 of his compositions for organ, piano, choral and instrumental ensembles are available from a variety of publishers. His hymn tunes, texts and harmonization appear in various denominational hymnals and supplements. He chaired the worship committee for the 2008 national convention of the American Guild of Organists and has served as liturgical and musical consultant for numerous denominational gatherings. He is a graduate of Augsburg University and the University of Iowa.

We are very excited to be able to bring him to Des Moines.

Sunday School

Sundays, 9:15–10:00 AM, Room 101

Sunday school for elementary children is underway, with an eight-week long study of the Gospel of John, followed by a five-week long study of The Lord's Prayer. Classes are offered from 9:15-10:00 AM. Any children from grades K-5 are welcome to attend. Classes are taught by Medea Saunders. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Medea at msaunders@dmcp.org.

Vacation Bible School

June 12-16, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Save the date for our 2023 Vacation Bible School, "Pets Unleashed." This will be a fun week of learning about our theme of "Jesus Cares for Us." It will include music, playground, projects with purpose, and a pet blessing! Open to students in Kindergarten to 5th grade. Students in 6th-12th grade are welcome to volunteer.



Crew Leaders needed for Vacation Bible School! Jump into the adventure with a special staff training meeting. Attend Pets Unleashed VBS each day. Participate in fun activities while building relationships with a group of three to five elementary aged kids. Arrive early to help greet Crew members each day. If you are interested in being a Pets Unleashed Crew Leader, contact Medea Saunders at msaunders@dmcp.org or call 515-279-3658.

Wednesday Night Book Study

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Room 201

We are currently reading Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. This book reflects a long spiritual adventure after Nouwen experienced an encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Books are available in the church office, Kindle and even Audible.

This Week @ Central

Sunday, April 23

- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Room 101)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)

Tuesday, April 25

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 112)

Wednesday, April 26

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM DMARC Youth Service Project (East Parlor)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM Morgen Bell Rehearsal (Room 208)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (Room 112)
- 7:00 PM Book Study (Room 201)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

Thursday, April 27

- 5:30 PM Foundation Board Meeting (Room 201)

Friday, April 28

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 30

- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Room 101)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 12:00 PM ARL Youth Service Project (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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