
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023 | 10:15 AM



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:

Guest Preacher: Medea Saunders

Liturgist: Roger Dahl

Crucifer: John Lowe

Hosts: Joe & Kathy Haines,

Brian Kramer, Lynn Mankins

Children’s Time: Medea Saunders

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Children’s Chorus Director:

Mary Pohlmann

Organist: Lois Harms

Music: Children’s Chorus,

Chancel Choir

Audio: Marvin Minor

Video: Kevin Klimowski

Editing: Matt Van Winkle

The flowers in the chancel are given by David & Nancy Boyd in memory of their mothers, Eva Jane Boyd and Doris Shimanek.

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: Lynda Pitts.

Be sure to silence all cell phones.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Michael Burkhardt

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Walter L. Pelz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth C. Duck, *Touching Holiness*

God holds out to us the promise of new life:

**Life as unpredictable, as unrehearsed,
as explosive as life at the very beginning.**

God calls us to respond to this gift with creativity,
with joy, and with courage.

In worship, we can begin to accept this gift of new life.

Let us worship God.

♦ HYMN 645

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

**Creator of the universe,
you made the world in beauty,
and restore all things in glory
through the victory of Jesus Christ.**

**We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed,
the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear
in justice, love, and peace,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

CANTICLE 240

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain)

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WORD

EPISTLE READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I Peter 3:13–22

pew Bible, NT p. 207

ANTHEM

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Children's Chorus

Keith and Kristyn Getty,

Fionán de Barra and Ed Cash

Lift high the name of Jesus,
of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace,
The beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached
and we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground,
to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul,
and tell all He's done,
'til the earth and heavens
are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus,
of Jesus our Lord.
His pow'r in us is greater than,
is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope,
to serve with love and grace,
that all who see Him shine through us
might bring the Father praise.
Lift high the name of Jesus,
of Jesus our Light.

No other name on earth can save,
can raise a soul to life.

He opens up our eyes to see
the harvest He has grown.

We labor in His fields of grace
as He leads sinners home.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 14:15–21

pew Bible, NT p. 95

SERMON

Yours Are the Hands of Christ

Medea Saunders

♦ HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 ANTHEM

Children of the Heavenly Father

Chancel Choir

Tryggare kan ingen vara

Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;

nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

◆ DOXOLOGY 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

◆ HYMN 291

SPIRIT

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Jonathan Reuss

Upcoming Events

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. **Please remember to RSVP for dinner by May 19.**

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.

Pastor on Study Leave

Wallace Bubar will be on study leave, participating in the Festival of Homiletics, from May 14–20. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please notify the church office and contact Me-dea Saunders at 515-279-3658 ext. 4 or msaunders@dmcpc.org.

Central Kids & Youth Group Picnic

Wednesday, May 17, 5:30–7:00 PM, Greenwood Park

To end the program year, we will be meeting at the Greenwood Park Shelter to have our end-of-year picnic. This year will be a potluck and family time with games. Central will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, buns, condiments, lemonade, iced tea, water, cups, plates, and utensils (from HyVee Catering).

A-R please bring a salad or savory side. S-Z please bring fruit or sweet dessert. Hope to see everyone there!

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 interactive musical experience, which is part of Central's 175th anniversary celebration. Come prepared to sing and to be inspired!

The program includes traditional favorites like *All Creatures of Our God and King*, *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*, and *Now Thank We All Our God*, along with a few contemporary selections and hymns from other cultures. The musical pieces will be interspersed with readings from the psalms as well as authors like Anne Lamott, Garrison Keillor, and Kathleen Norris.

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.

VBS Organizational Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 9:00 AM, Room 102

This meeting is for VBS Station Leaders and Volunteers to learn about their Vacation Bible School stations, fill out background check forms, anticipate supply needs, and any alternate plans in case of bad weather the week of Vacation Bible School. For more information contact Medea Saunders at msaunders@dmcp.org.

Garage Sale Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 9:00 AM, Fireside Room

Join Susan Voss before church on May 21 at 9:00 AM, to hear more about the upcoming garage sale in the fall. Volunteers are needed to make the sale happen with all the proceeds going toward Habitat for Humanity.

Youth Mission Trip Planning Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 12:30 PM, Room 201 and Zoom

This in person meeting is an opportunity for students and parents to meet one another, go over the informational materials and ask questions about the trip. Materials will be emailed in advance.

Zoom is available at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84161493492>,

Meeting ID: 841 6149 3492. For more information contact

Medea Saunders at msaunders@dmcp.org.

Fellowship, Faith & Film

Sunday, May 21, 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us in May for Fellowship, Faith & Film as we watch

The Case for Christ. In 1980, Lee Strobel is an atheist journalist and investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune. When his wife becomes a Christian, he decides to use his investigative skills as a journalist and starts gathering information and evidence to prove that Jesus did not die on a cross or rise from the dead. Join us and bring a friend as we view this film and its commentary on faith.

Refreshments will be served.

This Week @ Central

Sunday, May 14 – **Mother's Day**

- 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)
- 4:00 PM Hymn Festival featuring Mark Sedio (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 17

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 5:30 PM Central Kids & Youth Group Picnic (Greenwood Park)
- 6:15 PM Morgen Bell Rehearsal (Room 208)
- 7:00 PM Book Study (Room 201)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

Friday, May 19

**Remember to return your RSVP for the 175th Anniversary dinner.*

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 20

- 7:00 AM Habitat for Humanity Panel Build (west lot)

Sunday, May 21

- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 9:00 AM Garage Sale Planning Meeting (Fireside Room)
- 9:00 AM VBS Organizational Meeting (Room 102)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Room 101)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 12:30 PM Youth Mission Trip Planning Meeting (Room 201/Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Fellowship, Faith & Film (Fellowship Hall)

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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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