
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 21, 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:

Liturgist: Kathy Haines

Crucifer: John Lowe

Hosts: Scott Bandstra, John Fisher,
Bill Green, Susan Hemminger

Children’s Time: Medea Saunders

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Music: Chancel Choir

Soloist: Susan Voss

Organist: Lois Harms

Audio: Marvin Minor

Editing & Video: Matt Van Winkle

The flowers in the chancel are given in honor of the faithful Deacons and Session members who are concluding their terms at the end of May.

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: Susy Damon and Tina Dahl

Be sure to silence all cell phones.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

Alfred Fedak

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Robert A. Hobby

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 265

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, Sovereign of 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 240

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain)

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WORD

FIRST READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acts 1:1–11
pew Bible, NT p. 102

ANTHEM

We Believe That This Is Jesus

Chancel Choir
Susan Voss, soloist
arranged by Mark Sedio

We believe that this is Jesus,
Come and see, come and see.
We believe that this is Jesus,
Come and see, come and see.

The light of God lights up His face.
Come and see, come and see.
He offers us redeeming grace.
Come and see, come and see.

Did you ever see such love before?
Come and see, come and see.
Go in peace and sin no more!
Come and see, come and see.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 24:44–53
pew Bible, NT p. 79

SERMON

Up and Away

Wallace W. Bubar

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RESPONSE

- ◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING OUR FAITH

David Boyd, Per Capita
Business & Finance 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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Michael Burkhardt

◆ DOXOLOGY 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

- ◆ HYMN 268

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

- ◆ BENEDICTION

- ◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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. **While the deadline** for returning RSVPs for the dinner has passed, if you are interested in attending, please call the office today at 515-279-3658.

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.

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@dmcpcc.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.

Luncheon for Sheryl Puderbaugh
Wednesday, May 31, 12:00 PM, East Parlor

Sheryl Puderbaugh has announced her plans to leave Central at the end of May, in order to devote her time and energies to her new pastoral call in Paullina. Please join us for a catered luncheon in her honor. Bring a card to express your gratitude for her time among us here at Central.

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. For information contact Medea Saunders at msaunders@dmcpc.org.

Service of Testimony & Storytelling
Sunday, June 18, 10:15 AM

We are continuing the summer tradition that began several years ago, and are looking for some storytellers! This service will include three or four brief stories from church members. A good story should come from your own personal experience, have some spiritual element, and be no longer than five minutes. 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 Bubar at <mailto:wubar@dmcpc.org>.

This Week @ Central

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)
- 5:00 PM Fellowship, Faith & Film (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 22

- 5:30 PM Session Meeting (Room 201)

Tuesday, May 23

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 201)

Wednesday, May 24

- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir & Morgen Bells Potluck (Dewein house)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (Room 112)
- 7:00 PM Book Study (Room 201)

Friday, May 26

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closed

Sunday, May 28

- 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)

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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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