
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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.

Overflow seating is available in the East Parlor.

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: Joan Middleton

Crucifer: John Lowe

Hosts: Ted Brown, Bob Egge, and Ray & Barb Getting

Communion preparation:

Zoe Abrahamson, Ann Beneke, Jeff Green, Mary Jean Paschen

Communion servers: Susy Damon, Barb Getting, John McCarroll, Paul Tavernier

Children's Time: Medea Saunders

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Organist: Lois Harms

Music: Chancel Choir

Audio & Editing: Ben Patzlaff

Video: Matt Van Winkle

The flowers in the chancel

are given by Susan Scharnberg, Mary Moritz and Sarah Hevertz in memory of Gary Moritz.

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

Hosted by: Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier.

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

Be sure to silence all cell phones.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God, Reveal Your Presence
Prelude on Westminster Abbey

Michael Burkhardt
Robert M. Speed

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God—

This is what we are

People of God—

This is who we are

Give thanks to God, for God is good—

The love of God is now and forever.

Iona Community

◆ HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

Give us grace to love one another,

to follow in the way of his commandments,

and to share in his risen life;

for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

CANTICLE 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain)

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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 2:2–10
pew Bible, NT p. 206

ANTHEM

We Enter Here This Holy Place

Chancel Choir
setting by Howard Helvey

We enter here this holy place,
one faith around the gifts prepared.
All are made one by God's true grace,
communion with the Spirit shared.

Our solace comes in broken bread;
but also from that Body
cries strength to live,
our hope renewed,
our pardon giv'n in sacrifice.

This cup is where salvation lives:
the Blood of Christ poured forth as wine.
Remember now that He still gives to us
the taste of live divine.

Now from this Table we will go
as one in Christ as one empowered.
To all the world our love will show
the image of God's face in ours.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 14:1–10
pew Bible, NT p. 95

SERMON

A Walk around the Boundaries

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ HYMN 459

MUNICH

O Word of God Incarnate

RESPONSE

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Barmen Declaration

**"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life;
no one comes to the Father but by me."**

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God which we have to hear,
and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of life:

Hear our prayer.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

God, Reveal Your Presence

David Cherwien

◆ DOXOLOGY 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

EUCCHARIST

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Hymnal 572)

Pavlechko

...with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

...into the future.

We bless you, O God.

...with us now.

We thank you, O God.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

As you approach the servers, please extend your open cupped hands to receive the bread. Then take a cup of grape juice from the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available in the Narthex. Prepackaged communion elements are available in the Narthex for those unable to come forward.

PRAYER

SENDING

◆ HYMN 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Robert A. Hobby

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.



Watch for your invitation in the mail this week, and remember to RSVP by May 19.

*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.

OUCH - Overcoming Unintentional Chronic Health

Thursdays, starting May 11, 6:00 to 7:00 PM, Room 206

Matt Getting is starting a support group for those suffering from chronic illness and their families in coping and managing illness in a compassionate, empathetic, safe space using ethical and empirically proven strategies.

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@dmcp.org.

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.

Graduations

We want to recognize and celebrate the Class of 2023! If you have someone in your family who is graduating this year—whether from high school, college, community college, graduate or professional school, or some other program—please contact Medea Saunders at 515-279-3658 or msaunders@dmcp.org. Let her know their name, degree, school, program, special accomplishments or awards, and future plans. Deadline to be included in the **June Cent-inel is May 19**.

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 Hy Vee Catering).

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

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. He tries to prove that the witnesses were hypnotized, or that maybe Jesus may have not actually died on the cross, or was taken off.

Join us and bring a friend as we view this film and its commentary on faith. Refreshments will be served.

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@dmcpc.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@dmcpc.org.

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.

VBS Volunteer Training

Sunday, June 4, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

At this meeting volunteers will get detailed information about each day, go over safety procedures, try out some VBS activities,

trouble shoot for their stations, and ask questions about VBS. For more information contact Medea Saunders at msaunders@dmcp.org.

Summer Bible Study with Don Elly

Wednesdays, starting June 7, 10:00 AM, Room 201

This summer, during the months of June and July, Don Elly will be leading the Wednesday morning Bible study group. Don is a retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) A graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, he was ordained in 1968. He has served as an associate pastor, pastor, and interim pastor of several congregations in the metro area, including Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Des Moines Presbyterian Church, and Union Park Presbyterian Church. For 26 years, he served as a hospital chaplain/counselor at UnityPoint Health. During the summer of 2021, he served as Central's interim sabbatical minister. Don currently leads the "Happy Hour" Bible Study Group at West Des Moines United Methodist Church. We're looking forward to welcoming him back to Central.

VBS Decorating Party

Sunday, June 11, 12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Come help us put finishing touches on classrooms and gathering spaces for this year's Vacation Bible School. Pizza will be served as well and everyone is welcome!

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! VBS is open to students in kindergarten to 5th grade. Students in 6th-12th grade are welcome to volunteer. Nursery staff will not be available during Vacation Bible School.

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 wbubar@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

After Worship Fellowship Time – Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to serve snacks, coffee or other refreshments over the summer months. There are plenty of openings in July and August, so sign up today in the East Parlor. For more information, contact the Church Office at 515-279-3658.

Summer Treat Schedule:

<i>May 7</i>	Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier
<i>May 14</i>	Lynda Pitts
<i>May 21</i>	Susy Damon
<i>May 28</i>	Laura Payne & Rob Hopkins
<i>June 4</i>	Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier
<i>June 11</i>	Mary & Randy Gordon – 175th Anniversary
<i>June 18</i>	
<i>June 25</i>	Laura Payne & Rob Hopkins
<i>July 2</i>	
<i>July 9</i>	
<i>July 16</i>	
<i>July 23</i>	
<i>July 30</i>	Laura Payne & Rob Hopkins

This Week @ Central

Sunday, May 7

- 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)

Monday, May 8

- 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting (Room 201)

Tuesday, May 9

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 112)
- 12:00 PM Community Conversations Meeting (Wesley Acres)
- 6:00 PM Communications Committee (Room 201)

Wednesday, May 10

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Room 201)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:15 PM Middle School Youth (Room 5)
- 6:30 PM Morgen Bell Rehearsal (Room 208)
- 7:00 PM Book Study (Room 201)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

Thursday, May 11

- 7:30 AM Business & Finance Committee (Room 201)
- 5:30 PM World & Community Concerns Committee (Room 201)
- 7:00 PM New Elders & Deacons Orientation (Room 201)

Friday, May 12

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 13

- 4:30 PM Shelter Meal (CISS)

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)

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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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