

Central United Methodist Church



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021
10:45 a.m.

Our Vision:

***Making Christ known by extending hospitality,
serving the community, and embracing all.***

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Welcome! We're glad you are here. Keeping in mind our call to do no harm, please remember the five core practices: Wear a mask, physically distance of at least 6ft, wash your hands, disinfect frequently used surfaces and opt to worship online if you feel sick.

We Gather to Praise God

Gathering Music	Meditabor	Trey Daugherty
Prelude	Glorify Thy Name	arr. Mark Hayes
Welcome	<i>Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!</i>	Rev. Jimmy Sherrod
Opening Prayer		Rev. Stephanie Parrott
Call to Worship	(Inspired by Psalm 30)	

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones. **God hears us in our fear and our sorrow**
Where there was no way. **God leads us in a new way**
Where there was no mercy. **God surprises us with fresh mercy**
Where there is exhaustion. **God invites us to rest.**
Where there was weeping. **God invites us to step into a new dance.**
Our weeping is turned into dancing. Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Song	Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vv. 1,4)	UMH 302
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We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Scripture	John 21:1-14	
A Time For Young Christians		Rev. Parrott
Song	Word of God Speak	Millard/Kipley
Sermon	Catch Your Breath In Times of Exhaustion	Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

Song	Be Still	Jennifer Lunday Lewis
Offering Our Gifts		

Doxology	[spoken] Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
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Song

Pie' Jesus

Andrew Lloyd Weber

Merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus
Father, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest, grant them rest.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God
Father, who takes away the sins of the world.
Grant them rest, grant them rest, everlasting...everlasting rest.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Parrott

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

The Risen Christ 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God.

You have created all that is and we are grateful.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He proclaimed freedom for the bound, justice for the oppressed, grace for the lost, love for the prodigal.

Through the life and ministry of Jesus, we can imagine and live into a community of love where no one is afraid.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us...

And so, we remember... We offer ourselves ...We claim renewed strength for the journey...

As we proclaim the great mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

We Are Scattered to Serve God In Our World

*Closing Song

The Cry of My Heart

The Faith We Sing No. 2115

Benediction

Postlude

Vivant (Long Live)

Trey Daugherty

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Update from Central's COVID-19 Task Force

As more and more people are vaccinated and things begin to open up, our task force reminds all of us to continue with the five core practices as set forth by the CDC. Recently, local churches received some updated guidance from the conference. None of the updates affect our current policies. However, we do want to pass along a statement from our conference task force: "The Task Force wants to strongly encourage everyone who is able to receive the vaccine to take it as soon as possible. We have already seen how the vaccine has impacted the drop in new cases and deaths. We believe wearing masks, staying socially distanced, and getting vaccinated is the fastest way to return to our pre-COVID activities and gatherings." Our Central task force concurs as we continue to live out our call to do no harm. We will share further updates as warranted. Thank you for all that you do to ensure we can gather safely with our church family.

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Billy Varnell will have knee surgery in a few weeks.

Susanna Dearen (Patty Parham's sister) is recovering from oral surgery last Monday.

Please continue to remember **Clara Hagaman** (1412 Tipton Station Rd, 37920), **Sancy Hail** (7545 Thunder Ct, Powell, 37849), **Bobbie Jones** (friend of Carolyn Cottrell), **Allen Knable** (4371 Lifespring Ln, Room 303, 37918), **Barbara Marks** (1315 Snowdon Dr., 37912), **Richard Moon** (7655 April Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Doris Jean Moore** (7404 Kentfield Dr, 37919), and **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918).

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