

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

11:15AM

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LESSONS FROM THE CHURCHES IN REVELATION



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

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Whether you're just beginning to explore the Christian faith or a longtime believer, we're glad you're here and pray you will experience the love and grace of Jesus today. Central is for anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus Christ and grow together in real community.

Especially if this is your first time as our guest, welcome. We are thrilled you are here, and would love to connect with you. You are encouraged to fill out a connection card at one of our welcome tables in either lobby or in the Fellowship Hall, or simply scan the QR code.

Worship: 8:30am & 11:15am

Sunday school: 10:00am-11:00am

Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families.

During both services, nursery care is available for families with children ages 8 weeks through 3 years. The nursery entrance is on the first floor.

A nursing mother's room is located on the first floor off of the Fellowship Hall.

For kids ages 3 through kindergarten, we offer "children's worship" during the sermon. After worshipping with their family during the first part of the service, kids ages 3 through kindergarten will be invited to join our leaders at the front of the sanctuary. After the sermon, the kids return to the sanctuary to meet their parents.

Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Amplification devices are also available from the ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Located in each pew is a "Welcome Registry." We encourage you to please use this to let us know you worshiped at Central today. After putting your name down, please pass the book down your pew.

At Central, we believe in the power of prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer requests using the cards located in the pew, or online at centralpres.com/prayer. You can also email your prayer requests to prayer@centralpres.com. If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

The colors at the front of the church are purple to mark the season of Lent. During Lent we focus on Christ's suffering as he sacrificed himself to serve a fallen world even to the point of death on a cross. We also lament the brokenness of ourselves and our world, and we renew our commitment to follow Jesus on the path of suffering service for the sake of God's kingdom that he first walked on our behalf as the Suffering Servant-King.

Prelude in B Minor BWV 869

J. S. Bach

Prelude

Standing (if able)

from John 1:29; Revelation 1:5-6

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

To Jesus who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Hallelujah, Amen!

God Calls Us To Worship

God gathers us before his heavenly throne for a special time to renew our relationship with him together.

O Worship the King



1. O wor-ship the King, all glo-ri-ous a - bove, and grate-ful - ly sing
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light,
3. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the air,
4. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee we do trust,
5. O meas - ure - less might, un - change - a - ble love, whom an - gels de - light



his won - der - ful love, our Shield and De - fen - der, the An - cient of
whose can - o - py space! His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds
it shines in the light, it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the
nor find thee to fail: thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the
to wor - ship a - bove! Your ran - somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a -



Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
form, and dark is his path on the wings of a storm.
plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.
blaze, in true ad - or - a - tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1833

Tune: LYONS; attr. J. Michael Haydn, 1770

Christ humbled himself to give his life for us.
Therefore God has highly exalted him!

We Praise God

We respond to God's call by honoring his majesty and goodness in song.

We Pray For God To Help Us Worship

We ask the Lord to work in us by his Holy Spirit to give us the desire and ability to respond to him in worship.

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin

Together as the people of God, we acknowledge honestly to God what is wrong and broken in us and ask for his forgiveness and transforming grace.

Seated

from Revelation 3:19; Proverbs 28:13

Jesus said, "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent." Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess that our hearts are bent toward evil,
and we are too easily lured by sinful desires
to wander from your way like lost sheep.
We have often closed our hearts to you,
refusing to repent and return to you
when your Spirit convicts and guides us.
We have ignored or delighted in sins
that we should have hated and put to death,
and we have willingly broken your holy law
in thought, word, and deed
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
Lord, we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, turn our wandering hearts back to you in true repentance and faith in Christ. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may hate our sin with godly sorrow and turn to you with confidence in your mercy, with delight in your will, and with new commitment to walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from 1 Peter 2:24; Romans 8:1-2

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

God Declares Our Forgiveness

God responds joyfully to our confession by declaring his forgiveness and the security of his grace and delight in us as his beloved daughters and sons.

My Worth Is Not in What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and
 2. My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or
 3. As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die, fame, youth, and beau-ty hur-ry
 4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu-man wis-dom's fleet-ing
 5. Two won-ders here that I con-fess: my worth and my un-wor-thi-



bone, but in the cost-ly wounds of love at the cross. *(verse 2)*
 shame, but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. *(chorus)*
 by, but life e-ter-nal calls to us at the cross. *(verse 4)*
 light, but I will boast in know-ing Christ at the cross. *(chorus)*
 ness. My val-ue fixed, my ran-som paid, at the cross. *(chorus)*

Chorus



I re-joice in my Re-deem-er, great-est trea-sure, well-spring of my soul.



I will trust in him, no o-ther. My soul is sat-is-fied in him a-lone.

Text and tune: Keith & Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick
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We Praise God

Having been assured of God's favor, we offer thanks and praise for salvation from sin and reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

Children ages 3 - kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship and will return during the offering.

Seated

God Instructs Us In Scripture Reading

God speaks to us
through the Bible to
instruct, encourage,
correct, comfort, and
equip us to know, love,
and follow him.

We respond to God by
affirming our trust in his
word.

God Instructs Us In Preaching

God speaks to us to
explain what his word
means and how to
respond to him with
loving obedience in our
daily lives.

Revelation 3:14-22

The Lord teaches the humble his way.

My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.

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Psalm 25:9; 119:81

Rev. Dr. Tom Gibbs

All I Have Is Christ



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way.
2. But as I ran my hell - bound race, in - diff - rent to the cost,
3. Now, Lord I would be yours a - lone and live so all might see



The sin that pro - mised joy and life had led me to the grave.
you looked u - pon my help - less state and led me to the cross.
the strength to fol - low your com - mands could ne - ver come from me.

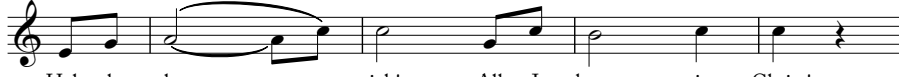


I had no hope that you would own a re - bel to your will.
And I be - held God's love dis - played: you suf - fered in my place.
O Fa - ther, use my ran - somed life in a - ny way you choose



And if you had not loved me first, I would re - fuse you still. *(to verse 2)*
You bore the wrath re - served for me; now all I know is grace! *(to chorus)*
and let my song for - ev - er be: my on - ly boast is you. *(to chorus)*

Chorus



Hal - le - lu - - jah! All I have is Christ!



Hal - le - lu - - jah! Je - sus is my life.

Text and tune: Jordan Kaufflin
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We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

We respond to God's word by offering renewed love and commitment both in song and in gifts of money to support God's mission in the world.

**We Hear
Testimony of
God's Mission**

Michael Miller
The Micah Project (Honduras)

**We Pray For
The Church And
The World**

We respond to God's word by asking him to transform our lives, our communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus with the Lord's Prayer as a summary prayer for the mission of God's kingdom.

Standing (if able)

(prayers for the church and the world)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Seated

Central welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Is your child interested in receiving communion for the first time? Please email family@centralpres.com for more information.

Please hold the elements until all have been served, and we will eat and drink together as directed by the pastor. The communion bread is gluten-free.

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 him thanks and praise!

Therefore, with the whole company of heaven and the whole church on earth, we give you thanks for your great glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(prayer of thanks & words of institution)

Now let us celebrate the feast of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

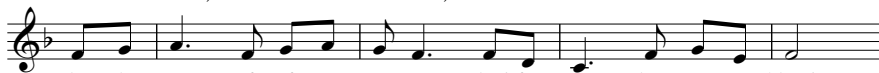
God Feeds Us at His Table

We celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin, Satan, and death through his death and resurrection by eating and drinking symbols of Jesus' body and blood. The Holy Spirit works through this act to nourish us by the life of Jesus, to unite us with God and with one another in friendship, and to give us a foretaste and promise of Jesus' return to make all things new.

Here Is Love



1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood,
 2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, foun - tains o - pened deep and wide;
 3. Here is love that con - quered e - vil: Christ, the first - born from the grave.
 4. That same love be - yond all meas - ure, mocked and slain by hate - ful men,
 5. Here is love, vast as the heav - ens, count - less as the stars a - bove



when the Prince of Life, our Ran - som, shed for us his pre - cious blood.
 through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.
 Death has failed to be found e - qual to the life of him who saves.
 lives and reigns in re - sur - rec - tion and can nev - er die a - gain.
 are the souls that he has ran - somed, pre - cious daugh - ters, treas - ured sons.



Who his love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing his praise?
 Grace and love, like might - y ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove;
 In the val - ley of our dark - ness dawned his ev - er - last - ing light.
 Here is love for all the a - ges, Rad - iant Sun of heav'n, he stands,
 We are called to feast for - ev - er on a love be - yond our time;



He can ne - ver be for - got - ten, through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
 heav - en's peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.
 Per - fect love in glor - ious rad - iance has re - pelled death's hell - ish night.
 call - ing home his Fath - er's child - ren, hold - ing forth his woun - ded hands.
 Glor - ious Fath - er, Son, and Spir - it now with man are in - ter - twined.

Text: (vs. 1, 2) W. Rees, tr. W. Edwards, 1900
 (vs. 3, 5) M. Giles; (vs. 4) V. Rives
 Tune: CYMRAEG; R. Lowry, 1876

Standing (if able)

And all God's people said...

Hallelujah! Amen.

This Is My Father's World

This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet.
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done.
Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'This Is My Father's World'. It consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Tune: TERRA BEATA; Traditional English melody

Toccata in B

E. Gigout

Liturgist: Rev. Taylor Bruce

Musicians: Matthew Mazzone, *piano, organ, vocals*; Alex Spors, *guitar, vocals*; Julia Clemens, *bass*; Robert Clemens, *percussion*; Kristi Williams, *vocals*.

God Blesses Us And Sends Us Out

God sends us out into the world with his blessing to live with him and serve the mission of his kingdom.

Postlude

Connect, Grow, Serve

At Central, we seek the transformation of our lives, communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God. This vision becomes more and more a reality when we **connect, grow,** and **serve.** Below are a few opportunities coming up for you to belong to God's mission and his work at and through Central.

Today After Church: Micah Project Celebration

Today after the second service, we invite you to join us for a special lunch to celebrate 25 years of ministry for the Micah Project. Our very own Michael Miller, who grew up here at Central, started this wonderful ministry in 2000. Central has supported it from the very beginning and it continues to be a significant part of our annual Missions Ministry. Come celebrate what God continues to do through this ministry!

Church-Wide Study – Final Week

This week, we conclude our study on repentance and there are several ways for you to participate:

- This morning at 10am in Fellowship Hall.
- This afternoon online at 4pm
- By watching a recording of the weekly lesson later in the week.

Feel free to contact us at info@centralpres.com for more information or if you need help.

Trivia Night for Our School

Our school, Central Christian, is hosting a trivia night on Saturday, April 26 to raise funds for their various needs. It will be a fun night out in downtown Clayton, so perhaps consider getting a group of friends and reserving a table to join us. Please contact us at info@centralpres.com for more information.

If you would like more information about these or other upcoming opportunities, please scan the QR code to the right, email us at communications@centralpres.com, or call the church office at 314-727-2777.

CONNECT

GROW

SERVE

