

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
April 12, 2026  
2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30AM



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CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Central

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at Central



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Family

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Easter

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](http://centralpres.com/prayer). You can also email your prayer requests to [prayer@centralpres.com](mailto:prayer@centralpres.com). If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

The colors in the church are white and gold to mark the season of Easter. During Easter, we focus on celebrating Christ's resurrection from the dead as the foundation of God's victory over sin, suffering, and death. The immortal life of the risen King is the source of salvation that gives us power for enduring life's struggle in the present and historically-grounded hope for life beyond death in God's eternal kingdom when heaven and earth become one and he makes all things new.

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Standing (if able)

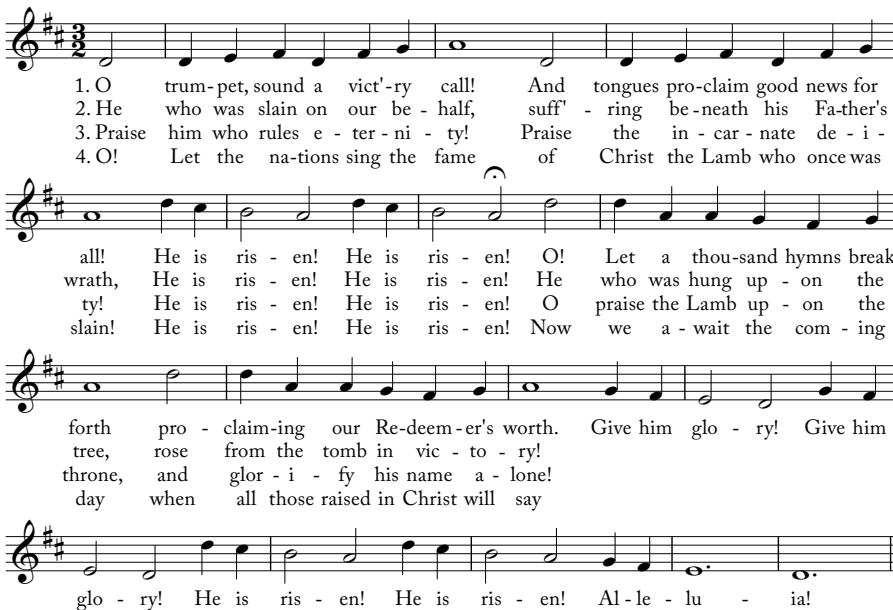
from 1 Peter 1:3

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who is the resurrection and the firstborn from the dead.**  
 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who has caused us to be born again to a living hope  
 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.  
**Let us worship God through Jesus Christ the risen King!**

**God Calls Us To Worship**

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

**He Is Risen**



1. O trum-pet, sound a vict'-ry call! And tongues pro-claim good news for  
 2. He who was slain on our be - half, suff' - ring be -neath his Fa-ther's  
 3. Praise him who rules e - ter - ni - ty! Praise the in - car - nate de - i -  
 4. O! Let the na-tions sing the fame of Christ the Lamb who once was  
 all! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! O! Let a thou-sand hymns break  
 wrath, He is ris - en! He is ris - en! He who was hung up - on the  
 ty! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! O praise the Lamb up - on the  
 slain! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Now we a - wait the com - ing  
 forth pro - claim-ing our Re-deem-er's worth. Give him glo - ry! Give him  
 tree, rose from the tomb in vic - to - ry!  
 throne, and glor - i - fy his name a - lone!  
 day when all those raised in Christ will say  
 glo - ry! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

**We Praise God**

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

Text: Eric Schumacher, 2004  
 Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623

**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**

**We 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.

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**  
**He died for us that we might live for him.**

*Seated*

from Psalm 139:23-24

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Search us and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts! See if there be any grievous way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting, that we may perfectly love you and honor your great name.

Courageous Lord,  
you walked the path of suffering in faithful obedience  
to follow the Father's mission with unwavering purpose.  
**But we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep,  
following the evil desires of our own hearts.**  
**We have been quick to speak but slow to understand,  
and our faith falters when we count the cost of serving you.**  
**We have sought security and purpose  
apart from being with you and being like you.**  
**And so we have fallen short of your glory  
and sinned against you in word and deed  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**  
Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, please captivate us with a fresh vision of your glory so that we will treasure you above all. Give us a clear mind and a humble heart to follow Christ with courageous faith and undivided purpose by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from Hebrews 12:2, Colossians 3:1, 3-4

Look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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!**

**And Can It Be?**



1. And can it be that I should gain an in-t'rest in the  
2. He left his Fa-ther's throne a-bove, so free, so in-fi-  
3. Long my im-pris-oned spi-rit lay fast bound in sin and  
4. No con-dem-nat-tion now I dread: Je-sus, and all in  
Sav-ior's blood? Died he for me who caused his pain? For me, who  
nite his grace! Emp-tied him-self of all but love, and bled for  
na-ture's night. Thine eye dif-fused a quick-ning ray: I woke-the  
him is mine! A-live in him, my liv-ing Head, and clothed in  
him to death pur-sued? A-maz-ing love! how can it  
Ad-am's help-less race! 'Tis mer-cy all, im-mense and  
dun-geon flamed with light! My chains fell off, my heart was  
right-eous-ness di-vine, bold I ap-proach th'e-ter-nal  
be That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
free, for O my God, it found out me.  
free, I rose, went forth, and fol-lowed Thee.  
throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
A-maz-ing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?

Text: Charles Wesley, 1738

Tune: SAGINA; Thomas Campbell, 1825

## 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.

## 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.

**We Remember  
Our Baptism by  
Professing Our  
Faith (Apostles'  
Creed)**

\* "hell" here means the place or state of the dead, not a place or state of punishment. The creed affirms that Jesus experienced the full reality of human death as his soul was severed from his dead body until his resurrection restored the full unity of his person.

\*\* "catholic" here means universal, not Roman Catholic

**New Baptized  
Member**

*Seated*

Church of God, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\*  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Theodore Trey Holland  
Son of John Holland & Sally Iocca  
Brother of Lydia Holland

## **Easter Anthem**

Chancel Choir

The Lord is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!  
Now is Christ risen from the dead  
and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah!  
And did He rise? Did He rise?  
Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!  
He rose, he rose, He burst the bars of death,  
He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave.  
Then I rose, then first Humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,  
And seized eternal Youth.  
Hail, all immortal hail, hail.  
Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man,  
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

Text: from the New Testament and Young's *Night Thoughts*  
Music: William Billings

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

## **Luke 9:51-62**

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This is the living and abiding word of God.  
**Lord, you have the words of eternal life.**

1 Peter 1:23; John 6:68

**“Following Jesus with Purpose” – Rev. Charles Godwin**

## **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.

## We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

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

## The Lord Is My Salvation



1. The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from a rag - ing sea,
2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls. His strength will help me scale these walls.
3. My hope is hid - den in the Lord. He flow'rs each prom - ise of his Word.
4. In times of wait - ing, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,
5. And when I reach my fin - al day, he will not leave me in the grave,



and I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. *(to verse 2)*  
I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. *(to chorus)*  
When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. *(to verse 4)*  
I know his grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. *(to chorus)*  
but I will rise; he will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. *(to chorus)*

### Chorus



Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love.



My debt is paid and the vic - t'ry won: the Lord is my sal - va - tion.

### Bridge



Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry be to God the Son.



Glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit. The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

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Harvest

*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.**

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

**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.

Jesus Shall Reign

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces - sive  
 2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns, the pris - ner leaps to  
 3. Where he dis - plays his heal - ing pow'r death and the curse are  
 4. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his love with  
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring their grate - ful hon - ors

jour - neys run. His king - dom stretch from shore to  
 lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal  
 known no more. In him the tribes of A - dam  
 sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es shall pro -  
 to our King. An - gels des - cend with songs a -

shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.  
 boast more bless - ings than their fath - er lost.  
 claim their ear - ly prais - es to his name.  
 gain and earth re - peat the loud A - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719  
 Tune: DUKE STREET; John W. Hatton, 1793

And all God's people said...

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

## 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.

### Easter Doxology - He Is Risen

O! Let the na-tions sing the fame of Christ the Lamb who once was slain!

He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Now we a-wait the com-ing day when

all those raised in Christ will say, "Give him glo - ry! Give him

glo - ry! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Al-le - lu - ia!"

Text: Eric Schumacher, 2004  
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

### Toccata on LASST UNS ERFREUEN

C. Callahan

### Postlude

Liturgist: Rev. Cole Lescher

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano and organ*

# 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.

## **“Journey Men” This Thursday April 16 @ 6 pm**

“Journey Men” is a time of food, fellowship and encouragement, when men of faith (and guests) get together to hear how the Lord Jesus is at work in the life of another man through testimony and discussion. Iron sharpens iron, and this is a powerful time of encouraging each other in the Lord. Our next event is this coming Thursday, April 16 at 6 pm. Contact us at [info@centralpres.com](mailto:info@centralpres.com) for questions or more information.

## **Community Night Returns – Dinner, Bible Studies and More**

Our Wednesday night ministry – “Community Night” – returns this Wednesday evening. Join us for dinner at 5 pm. If you haven't been part of our Wednesday night ministry before, maybe this week is a great time to start. Bible studies begin at 6 pm. We hope to see you this Wednesday! Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor.

## **On Mission**

We have a robust Missions Ministry at Central, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ down the block and around the world. Have you ever thought about getting involved with our Missions Ministry? Tomorrow evening (Monday, April 13) is our next monthly Missions meeting at 6:30 pm here in the church parlor. Feel free to join us and learn more about what God is doing! Questions? Feel free to contact us at [info@centralpres.com](mailto:info@centralpres.com).

CONNECT

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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](mailto:communications@centralpres.com), or call the church office at 314-727-2777.

