

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

11:15AM



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

Get connected at Central



Sundays at Central

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

Worshipping as a Family

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.

Accessibility

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

Welcome Registry

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.

Prayer

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.

Easter

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.

Songs of worship are used with permission. CCLI #100150

Chaconne from *First Suite in E-Flat*

Gustav Holst; arr. Andrew Anderson

Central Brass Ensemble

Prelude

Standing (if able)

from Revelation 5:13

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who is the resurrection and the firstborn from the dead.
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!
Let us worship God through Jesus Christ the risen King!

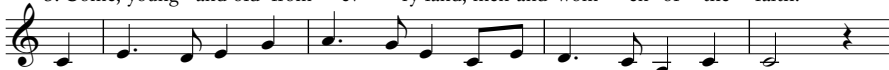
God Calls Us To Worship

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

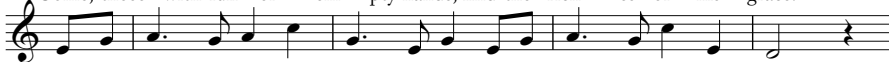
Come, People of the Risen King



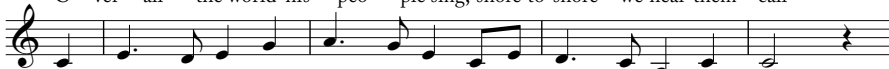
1. Come peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring him praise.
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun and those weep - ing through the night.
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the faith.



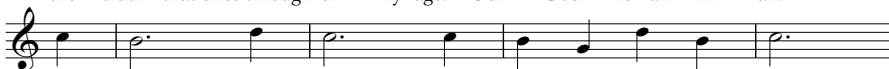
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing to the morn - ing star of grace.
Come, those who tell of bat - tles won and those strug - gling in the fight.
Come, those with full or em - pty hands, find the rich - es of his grace.



From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
For his per - fect love will nev - er change and his mer - cies nev - er cease,
O - ver all the world his peo - ple sing; shore to shore we hear them call



where stea - dy arms of mer - cy reach to gath - er chil - dren in.
but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in all."



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice!



One heart, one voice, O, church of Christ re - joice!

Text and tune: Keith & Kristyn Getty
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Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for 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

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.

Seated

from Hebrews 2:17; 7:25; 4:16

Christ was made like us in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Our Father in heaven, you are generous and kind, the Giver of every good gift.

But we take your generous grace for granted and fail to see and give thanks for the works of your sustaining power and love.

In your Son, you made us your sons and daughters, and you have promised to give us what we need to endure in loving and serving you faithfully when we seek first your kingdom.

But we often live without prayer in unceasing busyness because we trust ourselves more than you.

We believe the lie that you are distant, cruel, or uncaring, and we anxiously seek blessing and success by our own talents, money, and effort.

So we often do not have because we do not ask or expect you to act in any visible way.

Or we ask to receive your gifts without wanting or trusting you, the Giver.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, open our eyes to realize your powerful provision. Open our hearts to trust in your steadfast love. Open our hands to receive your generous gifts with constant gratitude, that we might be filled with all confidence and joy to live in constant communion with you, to ask you freely for all that we need to love and serve you, and to find grace to help in our time of need. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from John 11:25; 2 Peter 1:3

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

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.

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.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less, free!
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from shore to shore,
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery love the best.

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me,
how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more,
'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of Thy love,
how he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own,
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me,

lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
how for them he in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Text: Samuel T. Francis, 1890, alt.
Tune: EBENEZER; Thomas J. Williams, 1890

Seated

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

Luke 11:1-13

pew Bible page 869

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.

This is the living and abiding word of God.

Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

1 Peter 1:23; John 6:68

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

“Following Jesus in Prayer” – Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

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.

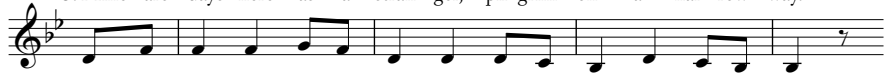
We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

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.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore



1. Mine are days that God has num-bered. I was made to walk with him.
2. Mine are tears in times of sor-row, dark-ness not yet un-der-stood.
3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger, pil-grim on a nar-row way.



Yet I look for world-ly treas-ure and for-sake the King of Kings.
Through the val-ley I must trav-el where I see no earth-ly good.
One with Christ I will en-count-er harm and ha-tred for his name.



But mine is hope in my Re-deem-er. Though I fall, his love is sure,
But mine is peace that flows from hea-ven and the strength in times of need.
But mine is ar-mor for this bat-tle, strong e-nough to last the war.



for Christ has paid for ev-'ry fail-ing. I am his for-ev-er-more. (*verse 2*)
I know my pain will not be wast-ed. Christ com-pletes his work in me. (*verse 3*)
And he has said he will de-liv-er safe-ly to the gold-en shore. (*chorus*)



Chorus
And mine are keys to Zi-on Ci-ty where be-side the King I walk.



For there my heart has found its trea-sure. Christ is mine for-ev-er-more. (*bridge*)



Bridge
Come, re-joyce now, O my soul, for his love is my re-ward.



Fear is gone and hope is sure. Christ is mine for-ev-er-more! (*chorus*)

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.

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.

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.

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.

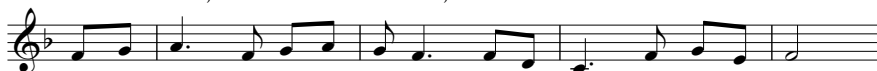
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

We Praise God

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) 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.

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! A - le - lu - ia!"

Text: Eric Schumacher, 2004

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

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.

Liturgist: Matt Woodson

Musicians: Bridget Boyle, *piano*; Patrick Crecelius, *guitar*; Pete Johnson, *percussion, vocals*; Noelle Stith, *organ*; Mariglenn Boggs, *vocals*.

Central Brass Ensemble: Allen Stith (director), Pat Stark, Peter Baartman, *trumpet*; Tim Arrington, Jill Clayton, *horn*; Paul Arrington, Susan Griesedieck, *trombone/euphonium*; Richard Johnston, Austin Winkleman, *tuba*.

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.

All-Church Picnic at Shaw Park

Mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, May 17th when we will gather at Shaw Park for our annual all-church spring picnic! Lord willing, we will have great weather and a chance to enjoy the blessing of fellowship, food and fun against the beautiful backdrop of Shaw Park. Details coming soon. Save the date and we hope to see you there!

Questioning Faith? Join Us Wednesday Evening

This Wednesday evening, join us for our next "Questioning Faith Forum" where we will dig deeper into the questions surrounding science and faith. This forum is a safe place to ask hard, honest questions about the Christian faith and to seek honest answers together in group discussion. We welcome questions about the Christian faith from all perspectives and people. Come and ask anything! Dinner at 5 pm, discussion at 6pm. Contact us at info@centralpres.com to learn more.

Central Blood Drive on Monday May 11th

Giving blood is a very practical and important way to serve and love our neighbors. Mark your calendars for Monday, May 11th when we will host our next blood drive here at Central, beginning at noon. If you are able, please drop by and participate with us anytime between noon and 6pm! Contact us at info@centralpres.com for more information.

CONNECT

GROW

SERVE

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.

