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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
HOLY WEEK 2021

March 28 Through April 4

CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Alleluia!

## **W**elcome in the name of the Lord.

Behold how good and pleasant it is to share this time together.

May you feel cleansed and renewed by God's presence,  
equipped to face the challenges of the new week with courage, faith, and calm.

The Lord be with you.

**A**t Central, we are committed to living the words of Jesus, "Love one another." This church is open to all and welcomes everyone who chooses to worship here. We affirm that all of us are created in God's image, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental facility, economic circumstance, or physical condition.

Because we celebrate diversity, we are committed to using language in our worship that is inclusive. To preserve the integrity of the poetry, we may also use prayers, readings, hymns, or anthems in traditional versions.

Children are welcome to participate in our worship service.

If you or your children become restless,  
please be mindful that the service is broadcast  
into Chapel Hall so you can share in worship there  
without disturbing others.

## **Everyone is welcome here.**

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors,  
and invite you to complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate.

**This WORSHIP BOOKLET  
is used for all services during HOLY WEEK.  
You may take it home with you if you wish to read and use again.**

**Thank you.**

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# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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# *Easter Flowers*

*In loving memory of*

James Harrison Armstrong  
Asta Jensen Armstrong  
Otto & Viola Blessing  
Lorraine & G. Walter  
Borkland  
John P. Boyce  
Mary Elizabeth Brown  
William L. Calvert  
Gertrude L. Cannon  
Herbert L. & Laura P.  
Chaney  
Lester Cloutier  
Florence Sayre Cullen  
Guy DeKuiper  
Ruth DeKuiper  
Donald & Shirley Edgren  
Ahti & Janet Erkinen  
Pennell & Georgia Eustis  
Albert & Gladys Eustis  
A. Mason Eustis USN  
Frank & Jean Fulkerson  
H. Scotte Gordon

Mr. & Mrs. James Gorham  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert T.  
Griffith, Sr.  
Louise Allen Haviland  
Dr. Thomas & Virginia D.  
Hayden  
Donald S. Hayden  
John & Doris M. Jagger  
Donald S. Libby  
Marsha Lee  
The Moore Family  
Gwen & Fred Hambley  
Eleanor Hambley  
Jane E. Kling  
Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Kling  
Raymond Larson  
Mary F. Moore  
Gardner W. Munro  
Beverly Nelson  
George & Luella Parsons  
Herbert & Lillie Plant

Olivier Perity  
Alex & Rose Perity  
Judy Rardin  
Jack Schempp  
Arline Scott  
Frances Seeley & Ralph M.  
Racine  
Charles B. Rice  
Basil Price Sharp  
Jane Price Sharp  
James R. Silverthorn  
The Sipes Family  
Jason & Irene Soja  
Evelyn Burchard Spencer  
Thomas F. Spencer  
The Honorable Joseph H.  
Stanziani  
Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Stewart  
Jeanne Y. Stout  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sweitzer  
Leonard & Betty Worthen  
Past Members of the Choir



## USHERS FOR HOLY WEEK

### Palm Sunday- March 28

#### Task Force Members

Bill Connors  
Staci Fischer, MD  
Mary Marran  
Charles Rardin, MD

#### Ushers

Kazeem Balogun  
Jeff Baran  
Tracy Baran  
Amy Frazer  
Larry Kellam  
Elizabeth Roberts  
Peter Woodberry

#### Assistant Head Ushers

Kwaku Annan  
Beth Cotter  
D.B. Hebb  
Bill Iuliano  
Debra Moorhead

### Maundy Thursday- April 1

#### Task Force Members

Bill Connors  
Staci Fischer, MD

#### Assistant Head Ushers

D.B. Hebb  
Debra Moorhead

### Good Friday- April 2

#### Assistant Head Usher

Bill Iuliano

### Easter Vigil- Saturday, April 3

#### Head Usher

Frances Munro

### Easter- Sunday, April 4

#### Task Force Members

Bill Connors  
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Sharon Rounds, MD

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### All Holy Week Services

HEAD USHER: Frances Munro  
LIGHT & SOUND: Jim Silverthorn

# PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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The service begins with a procession starting at the Diman Place doors.

HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain:

All glory laud, and honor, to Thee, redeemer, king!  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel Thou David’s royal Son,  
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One.

The company of angels is praising Thee on high;  
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee before Thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring.  
Who in all good delights, Thou good and gracious King.

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

INVOCATION

*The Reverend Dr. Claudia P. Demick*

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, even as we wave palm branches and march the triumphant march, we have denied Your intentions for us. We have often preferred our way to Christ's way. We have served ourselves and the things we have made. We have disobeyed Your commandment to love others as we love ourselves. Forgive us, and awaken us to faith and to a life of service through Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, who came not for glory, but for humility. Who served you and rode humbly even to death for our redemption. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ANTHEM "Stabat Mater Dolorosa"

*Stabat Mater dolorosa  
Iuxta crucem lacrimosa  
Dum pendebat Filius*

The grieving Mother  
stood weeping beside the cross  
where her Son was hanging.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON:

*Mark 11:1-11*

*Joann Flaminio*

### SERMON "What are you doing untying the colt?"

*The Reverend Rebecca Spencer*

## CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you,

**Response: And with Thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us:

**Response: And grant us Thy salvation.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,

**Response: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Which 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 for ever and ever. Amen

## PRAYER RESPONSE

PLAINSONG

*(The text is taken from the processional hymn, stanzas 4 and 5.)*

## MOMENT FOR MISSION — One Great Hour of Sharing

*Mary Marran*

## OFFERTORY

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM “The Palms”

JEAN-BAPTISTE FAURE

*Refrain:*

Join all and sing, His name declare.  
Let every voice resound in acclamation  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Blessed is He who comes bringing salvation.

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay  
Are strewn this day in festal preparation;  
Where Jesus came to wipe our tears away,  
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

*Refrain*

Join all and sing, His name declare.  
Let every voice resound in acclamation  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Blessed is He who comes bringing salvation.  
Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem.

*Refrain*

Of all Thy people sing the emancipation.  
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous Cross,  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## BENEDICTION

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O Thou Who through this holy week  
Didst suffer for us all,  
The sick to cure, the lost to seek,  
To raise up them that fall.  
We cannot understand the woe  
Thy love was pleased to bear;  
O Lamb of God, we only know  
That all our hopes are there.

POSTLUDE on “*Vale will Ich dir Geben*”  
(All Glory Laud and Honor)

J.S. BACH

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE AND HOLY COMMUNION

April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

## INVOCATION

\*HYMN “Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord”

Alone Thou goest forth, O Lord, In sacrifice to die;  
Is this Thy sorrow naught to us Who pass unheeding by?

Our sins, not Thine, Thou dearest, Lord, Make us Thy sorrow feel,  
Till through our pity and our shame Love answers love’s appeal.

Give us compassion for Thee, Lord, That as we share this hour,  
Thy cross may bring us to Thy joy And resurrection power.

## READINGS FROM THE LIFE OF CHRIST:

The Nativity	Luke 2:1–7	Sandi Connors
The Temple	Luke 2:42–50	Larry Kellam
The Baptism	Luke 3:15–16, 21–22	Elizabeth Viall
The Temptations	Luke 4:1–13	Donna Chace Larson

## CHORAL RESPONSE

Ah, holy Jesus, how has Thou offended,  
That we to judge Thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

## READINGS FROM THE LIFE OF CHRIST:

The Miracles	Luke 7:11–17	Staci Fischer
The Commissioning	Luke 9:1–6	Mark McLaughlin
The Transfiguration	Luke 9:28–35	Mary Francis Bishop
The Last Supper	Luke 22:7–20	Warren Jagger

## CHORAL RESPONSE

For me, kind Jesus, was Thy incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow and Thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against Thee and our neighbor. We have walked in darkness rather than light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins. Cleanse us by Thy Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences and enable us to forgive others that we may henceforth serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### RESPONSE

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,  
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,  
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving,  
Not my deserving.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM "O Vos Omnes"

THOMAS LUIS DE VICTORIA

*O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte:*

*Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.*

*Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum.*

*Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.*

O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see:

If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

Attend, all ye people, and see my sorrow:

If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

The Betrayal Luke 22:39, 47–53

The Denial Luke 22:54–62

The Trial Luke 23:1–12

The Choice Luke 23:13–25

Tracy Baran

Charles Rardin

Caroline Considine

Robert Stout

CHORAL RESPONSE

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee; I crucified Thee.

The Crucifixion Luke 23:32–38

The Death Luke 23:44–49

The Entombment Luke 23:50–56

Laurel McLaughlin

Peter Woodberry

William Templeton

HYMN “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Refrain: *O sometimes it causes me to tremble.*

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

DARKNESS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*The roses at the lectern are given in memory of  
Ed Luciano*

# GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021

Noon

PRELUDE “Prière”

CÉSAR FRANCK

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Stabat Mater”

GIOVANNI BATTISTA PERGOLESI

*STABAT MATER dolorosa  
Iuxta crucem lacrimosa  
Dum pendeat Filius.*

*CUIUS ANIMAM gementem  
Contristatam et dolentem  
Pertransiuit gladius.*

*O QUAM TRISTIS et afflicta  
Fuit illa benedicta  
Mater unigeniti!*

*QUAE MOEREBAT et dolebat,  
Et tremebat, dum videbat  
Nati poenas incliti.*

*QUIS EST HOMO qui non fletet,  
Matrem Christi si videret  
In tanto supplicio?*

*Quis non posset contristari,  
Christi Matrem contemplari  
Dolentem cum Filio?*

*Pro peccatis suae gentis  
Vidit Iesum in tormentis,  
Et flagellis subditum.*

*VIDIT SUUM dulcem natum  
Moriendo desolatum  
Dum emisit spiritum.*

*EJA MATER, fons amoris  
Me sentire vim doloris  
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.*

*FAC, UT ARDEAT cor meum  
In amando Christum Deum  
Ut sibi complaceam.*

*SANCTA MATER, istud agas,  
Crucifixi fige plagas  
cordi meo valide.*

There stood the mother grieving,  
Beside the cross weeping,  
While on it hung her Son

Whose saddened soul,  
Sighing and suffering,  
A sword pierced through.

O how sad and how afflicted  
Was that blessed mother  
Of the only-begotten!

Loving mother, who was grieving  
And trembling, while she beheld  
The torments of her glorious Son.

Who would not weep  
To behold the mother of Christ  
In such great distress?

Who could not be saddened  
To see the Mother of Christ  
Suffering with her only Son?

For the sins of His people,  
She saw Jesus in torment  
And subjected to stripes.

She saw her own sweet Son,  
Whose dying caused His desolation,  
While He yielded up His spirit.

O mother, fount of love,  
Make me feel the force of your grief,  
So that I may mourn with you,

Grant that my heart may burn  
In loving Christ my God,  
So that I may be pleasing to Him.

Holy Mother, may you do this:  
Fix the stripes of the Crucified  
Deeply into my heart.

*Tui nati vulnerati,  
Tam dignati pro me pati,  
Poenas mecum divide.*

*Fac me tecum, pie, flere,  
Crucifixo condolere,  
Donec ego vixero.*

*Juxta crucem tecum stare,  
Et me tibi sociare  
In planctu desidero.*

*Virgo virginum praeclara,  
Mihi jam non sis amara  
Fac me tecum plangere.*

*FAC UT PORTEM Christi mortem,  
passionis fac consortem,  
et plagas recolere.*

*Fac me plagis vulnerari,  
Fac me cruce inebriari,  
Et cruore Filii.*

*INFLAMMATUS ET ACCENSUS  
per te, Virgo, sim defensus  
in die iudicii.*

*Fac me cruce custodiri  
morte Christi praemuniri  
confoveri gratia.*

*QUANDO CORPUS MORIETUR,  
fac ut animæ donetur  
Paradisi gloria. Amen.*

Share with me the pains  
Of your wounded son  
Who deigned to suffer so much for me.

Make me lovingly weep with you,  
To suffer with the Crucified  
So long as I shall live.

To stand with you beside the cross,  
And to join with you in deep lament:  
This I long for and desire.

O virgin all virgins excelling,  
Be not inclement with me now;  
Cause me to mourn with you

Grant that I may bear the death of Christ;  
Make me a sharer in His passion  
And ever mindful of His wounds.

Let me be wounded by His wounds,  
Cause me to be inebriated by the Cross  
And the blood of your Son.

Lest I burn in flames enkindled,  
May I, through thee, O virgin,  
Be defended on judgement day.

O Christ, when I must depart,  
Grant that, through Your mother,  
I may obtain the palm of victory.

When my body perishes,  
Grant that my soul be given  
The glory of Paradise.

## OFFERTORY

### 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 for ever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*The congregation is asked to depart observing silence.*

### SOLOISTS

Diana McVey, *Soprano*

Kara Lund, *Alto*

*“We covenant with the Lord and with one another  
and do bind ourselves in the presence of God,  
to walk together in all the ways which are revealed to us by God,  
as the Word is made known to us.” †*

# EASTER DAY

## *Festival Service of Worship*

April 4, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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### PRELUDES:

“Carillon-Sortie”

HENRI MULET

“Prelude in G Major" BWV 541

J.S. BACH

“Te Deum”

JEAN LANGLAIS

“Festival Procession”

RICHARD STRAUSS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Reverend Dr. Claudia P. Demick*

### \*HYMN “Christ, the Lord, Is Ris’n Today”

Christ, the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, in Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia  
God has opened paradise. Alleluia!

### WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

## INVOCATION

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have walked with us throughout our Lenten journey and celebrated our growing understanding of your love. Forgive us when we neglect to share that love with others. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, help us to remember that we are to become “Easter People” of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. May we be the disciples that you need to serve this world. We ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SCRIPTURE READING

*John 20:1-18*

*William Clafin*

SERMON "We do not know where they have laid Him."

*The Reverend Rebecca Spencer*

## CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you,

**Response: And with Thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us:

**Response: And grant us Thy salvation.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,

**Response: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Which 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 for ever and ever. Amen

PRAYER RESPONSE

MICHAEL PRAETORIUS

O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Eastertide;  
From every weapon death can wield  
Thine own redeemed forever shield.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Light’s Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky”

HORATIO PARKER

Light’s glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
Heav’n thunders forth its victor cry;  
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
And groaning Hell makes wild reply.

While He, the King, the mighty King,  
Despoiling death of all its sting,  
And, trampling down the powers of night,  
Brings forth His ransomed saints to light.

That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
The sun shown out with fairer light,  
When to their longing eyes restor’d  
The apostles saw their risen Lord:

He bade them see His hands, His side,  
Where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
These tokens true which made it plain  
Their Lord indeed was risen again.

O Jesu, King of gentleness,  
Do Thou Thyself our hearts possess;  
That we may give Thee all our days,  
The tribute of our grateful praise.

O Lord of all with us abide,  
The strife is o’er, the battle done,  
In this our joyful Eastertide;  
The victory of life is won,  
From every weapon death can wield,  
The triumph song has begun.  
Thine own redeemed forever shield.

Alleluia!

All praise be Thine, O risen Lord,  
From death to endless life restored;  
All praise to God, Creator be,  
And Holy Ghost eternally.  
Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN “Alleluia! The Strife Is O’er”

The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which sounded Thee,  
From death’s dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to thee: Alleluia

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Toccatà” (*Symphony V*)

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

WORSHIP ENDS — Witness and Service begin

**Join us on the West Lawn for an informal "Hallelujah Chorus"**

## MUSIC NOTES

### Easter Day Instrumentalists

Trumpet: John Allmark, Jenn Zevos

Horn: Anne Howarth

Trombone: Jim Messbauer

Timpani: Michael Iadevaia

Brass parts in the Easter Hymns were arranged  
by Patrick Aiken, and Richard Webster

**Know someone  
interested  
in Central  
as a  
church home?**

**Inquirers' Meeting\***

Wednesday, April 21

**Faith Exploration\***

Tuesday, April 27

**New Member Sunday**

May 2

\*These meetings are held  
at Central.

For more information

call Central Church at 331-1960

Or fill out a pew card  
to request a call  
from the Minister.

## **THE EGG HUNT**

for toddlers through 5th graders!  
will begin at 9:45 Easter morning on the West Lawn  
between the church and Hamilton House.

## **Be a Good Egg for One Egg Haiti**

Central members are invited to join the Church School in a special collection for the 'Great 50 Days' of the Easter season (culminating in Pentecost) in which we'll not only be recycling the dozens of plastic eggs from our Egg Hunt, but we'll take them home and fill them with money to go to the One Egg Haiti project! It provides school children in Haiti with much needed nutritional help, through an egg a day.



## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

To uplift our celebration of Baptisms in our community of faith, we will offer Baptisms on the following day:

**Sunday after Easter: April 11, 2021**

Please speak with the Rev. Rebecca Spencer if you would like to be included in this very important part of life at Central.

## Church Directories Available

The 2021/22 church directory is ready. Pick up your copy in the Church Office the next time you are at Central. If you are not planning to come to Central, please contact the church office and we can send you a copy

## You are safe at Central

Central's Regathering Task Force is on hand every Sunday during Worship to ensure we follow state safety guidelines. We are contact tracing, checking temperatures, and asking worshippers to double-mask (extra masks are available). In addition, we are keeping some doors open to improve ventilation. So please dress warmly!

## Re-Imagining Chapel Hall

With every COVID safety protocol in place, you are invited to stroll through a one-way display in Chapel Hall to see the creative and inspired new vision for this 180-year-old Central community gathering space.

On Sunday, April 25th, just after worship, this brief walking tour around Chapel Hall will allow you to see the space as it is, and how it will look as a Re-Imagined resource. The presentation is designed to be fun, informative, safe, brief, and – inspiring!

The exhibition will remain in place for several weeks, to allow anyone to enjoy the experience at their convenience, and in isolation if you prefer. You may drop by Central when the office is open, and walk through the presentation at your convenience. We guarantee you will be inspired!

## Join us for Adult Sunday School

Jesus' Short Stories—a.k.a. The Parables

Join us for conversation around some of Jesus' parables as we listen through new ears to them and are challenged in new ways by Jesus' provocative stories. Ask Claudia for the Zoom link.

April 11 through May 2, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### **Memorial Flowers**

Central provides flowers on its Communion Table each week to beautify our Sanctuary. That's just the first step of a very important mission: to provide fresh flower bouquets to members in need of cheer, a reminder that they are missed, loved and an important part of our congregation.

If you would like to sponsor flowers to honor someone important in your life, please contact the church office at 401-331-1960.

### **Help Amos House**

Whether personal care items, food, or a pair of winter gloves, your in-kind donation makes a difference. Please note that in-kind donations are only accepted Monday through Friday, by appointment. Please contact the Amos House office at 401-272-0220 to schedule a drop off day that works best for you.

### **Camp Street Ministries**

Let's fill the shelves! Cereal and shelf stable milk are needed for the food pantry. Please bring in donations of these items and leave them in the baskets inside the sanctuary doors as you arrive for worship or drop them off in the church office during the week.

Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### **SUNDAY, March 28 (PALM SUNDAY)**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School (virtual)
- 10:10 a.m. Outdoor Procession with Palms
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:30 p.m. NEOS (virtual)
- 2:00 p.m. WORD (virtual)

### **TUESDAY, March 30**

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Chapel Hall)

### **THURSDAY, April 1 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)**

- 7:00 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary) Live only

### **FRIDAY, April 2 (GOOD FRIDAY)**

- Noon Good Friday Service (Sanctuary) Live only

### **SATURDAY, April 3**

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil (West Lawn or Wilson Chapel) Live only

### **SUNDAY, April 4 (EASTER)**

- 9:45 a.m. Egg Hunt (West Lawn)
- 10:10 a.m. Instrumental Music Preludes
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Church School (grades 5 and below)

**Thank you!**

Thank you to all of the members and their families who came to the Spring Church Clean up. Your hard work and dedication to Central helped to beautify the church for Holy Week.

Central Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, believes in God who calls the world into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death. It acknowledges the risen Christ as the ultimate example of God's grace, a gift freely given to all. It looks to the Word of God in the scriptures and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to prosper its redemptive work in the world.

We strive to be a community of God's people in a way that calls each of us to active discipleship. Our purpose is to work for the increase in the love of God and neighbor through worship, caring, sharing, and outreach.

*Christianity is the name of a journey,  
a journey not solely of personal contemplation,  
but one of communal venture that is the Church.*

*It is a journey open to everyone,  
regardless of their condition, regardless of their past;  
all that is required is a decision to follow Him.*

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