



ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 21, 2021

“The hour has
come for the
Son of
man to be
glorified.”

John 12:23

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.

HEAD USHER: Frances Munro
SOUND & LIGHTING: Jim Silverthorn

If you would like a LARGE PRINT
bulletin, please ask one of the ushers.

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. †

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

During the prelude, many congregants prepare for worship with prayer, meditation, and contemplation. The Board of Deacons asks the congregation to be aware of the importance of this quiet time for many individuals.

March 21, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE “Prelude on ‘Rhosymedre’”

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick

HYMN “My Song Is Love Unknown”

My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me.
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.
O who am I, That for my sake,
My Lord should take frail flesh and die.

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days could gaily spend.

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

INVOCATION

UNISON OF PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving kindness.
According to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us
thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins. Create in us clean hearts,
O God, and renew right spirits within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-33

Mary Marran

SERMON “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

The Rev. Rebecca Spencer

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And with Thy Spirit.

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

People: And grant us Thy salvation.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Fac Ut Portem Christi Mortem”

GIOVANNI BATTISTA PERGOLESI

*Fac ut portem Christi mortem,
passionis fac consortem,
et plagas recolere.*

Make me to bear Christ’s death,
sharing in His passion,
and commemorate his wounds.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN: “Drop, Drop, Slow Tears”

Drop, drop, slow tears, And bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from heav’n The news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye See sin but through my tears.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Fantasia in G Minor” BWV 542

J.S. BACH

EGG DECORATING IN MEMORY OF ANN BLIVEN

All Central members and friends are invited to honor Ann and come decorate eggs. This event is not just for kids, ALL ages are welcome. Come get creative and remember to bring some blown out eggs. There will be plenty of supplies on hand.

We will gather in Chapel Hall Saturday March 27th from 2-4 p.m. Individual tables will be set up for families and friends to allow for social distancing; please remember to wear your masks.

In honor of Ann, who was always giving to others, feel free to bring a box of Cheerios and powdered milk to share with Camp Street Ministries.

Any questions on how to blow out eggs, and to ensure that there are enough supplies, please RSVP to Torin at torinrichards@gmail.com.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten service on March 24th will be in person.

Lenten Meditation 5:30- 6:00 p.m.

March 24- Jerilyn Brown

Lenten Supper Series 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

March 24- To Be Announced

PALM SUNDAY- MARCH 28

Outdoor Procession with Palms- 10:10 a.m.

Service at 10:30 a.m. (available on YouTube after 5:00 p.m.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY- APRIL 1

Service at 7:00 p.m. (live service only- will not be available virtually)

More information coming soon

GOOD FRIDAY- APRIL 2

Service at Noon (live service only- will not be available virtually)

“Stabat Mater”

EASTER VIGIL- SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Service at 7:30 p.m. (live service only- will not be available virtually)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Children’s Egg Hunt on West Lawn- 9:45 a.m.

Instrumental music prelude- 10:10 a.m.

Service at 10:30 a.m.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Any member or friend of Central who would like to give Easter flowers in memory of a loved one is invited to complete the form included in the today’s bulletin. Please place your request in the offering plate. A donation of \$40 per name is requested. Names will be included in the Holy Week program. Tomorrow is the last day to submit names.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

SUNDAY, March 21

- 10:30 a.m. Church School (virtual)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (virtual)
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation (virtual)
- 12:30 p.m. WORD (virtual)
- 6:00 p.m. NEOS (virtual)
- 6:00 p.m. The Beautitides (virtual)

WEDNESDAY, March 24

- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Meditation (In Person)
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Mission Gathering (In Person)

THURSDAY, March 25

- 12:30 Rebecca's Book Club-Stamped by Ibram Kendi

SATURDAY, March 27

- 9:00 a.m. Spring Clean Up
- 2:00 p.m. Egg Decorating (Chapel Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Retreat Group (Virtual)

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- 11:30 p.m. NEOS (virtual)
- 4:00 p.m. WORD (virtual)

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH

Please come help spruce up Central for Holy Week. We need expert and non-expert help for a variety of jobs including dusting, cleaning windows, raking, weeding and more.

Bring the whole family and join us for a couple of hours of volunteer service. Stop by anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to help. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

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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