

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

\* indicates to stand as you are able;  
if sitting is better for you, feel free to do so!

Preparing for Worship                      Ever, Only, All for Thee  
by Robert J. Powell

Greeting    *Pastor Michelle*  
Announcements                                      *Amber Gaylord*  
*There are pads in the seats to help us connect with you—please  
take some time during the service to fill it out and pass it along.  
Feel free to check in on Facebook as well.*

### We Are Called to Worship

One: Let silent tongues find voice,

**All: Let words arise from a deep place,  
for our God is an awesome God.**

One: God is in the poor and the forgotten,  
the homeless and the hungry.

**All: God aches at the harm we do to the earth  
and to one another.**

One: Let us speak out with justice and compassion,  
act with kindness and mercy.

**All: Let us worship God in song and silence,  
word and action.**

One: Let us Pray Together

**Holy One, we are grateful for all you have given us--for  
life, for breath, for being. Open our eyes to the  
blessings near us, fill us with gratitude for the call you  
give us to live as your people. Fill us with integrity and  
courage, vision and strength, to bring your love to a  
world that hungers for it. Help us to bring to others  
freedom from poverty, from oppression, from injustice,  
from being counted as nothing. Help us to give as  
freely to you and to others as you have given to us. We  
ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Song #157 (red)                                      Jesus Shall Reign**

\*We Exchange Signs of Peace and Blessing  
*Please greet your neighbors, especially those you don't yet know*

A Time for the Child in All of Us (11 am)

Special Music (11am)                                      *Cappella Ringers*  
O Sacred Head Now Wounded                      arr: Kevin McChesney

Scripture                      Ephesians 2:1-10                      *Bonnie Cole*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes

Offertory

Response: All things come from you, O God.

**All: And of your own have we given you.**

**\*Song of Dedication #64 Holy, Holy, Holy**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Song #420 (red)                                      Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

We Hear Joys and Concerns and Pray for Each Other

*Following the pastor's prayer, we will speak the names of others  
not already named who need special prayers today.*

*This ends with the words: "Lord, in Your Love,"  
the people respond: "Hear our prayers."*

The Lord's Prayer #895 (red)

Scripture                      John 12:20-26                      *Donna Spearman*  
The Sermon    *Pastor Michelle*

**\*Song #670 (red)                                      Go Forth for God**

\*Blessing

Preparing for the Week                                      Postlude on Hashivenu

Turn Us Back to You, O Lord (Lam 5:21)      arr. Christina Harmon  
*Music can be a wonderful preparation for the week ahead;  
why not spend some time in prayer before departing...*

### Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Charles and Donna Brinser by Family

#### Our Mission Statement

*Central UMC is a fully inclusive church that seeks, embraces,  
educates, worships, and serves, all in God's love.*

*The baptismal font remains out in the sanctuary as a visible  
reminder of our baptisms. Please take a moment as you  
enter or depart to pause, touch the water if you wish as you  
remember your own baptism. If you'd like a pebble for  
remembrance, please feel free to take one with you.*

## This Week

### Sunday, March 18 – We Care Sunday

8:00      Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)

8:30      WORSHIP – Usher Team 2

9:00      Café Central – dining room

9:30      Sunday School

11:00      WORSHIP

7:00      Contemporary Worship

### Monday, March 19

8-4      WIC

5:30      Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)

6:15      Reconciling - library

7:30      Book Study at Jonathan's

### Tuesday, March 20

10-12      Clothing Center

12:00      Sarah Circle

1:00      Book Study

7:00      Deborah Circle

7:30      Sierra Club – dining room

### Wednesday, March 21

8-4      Sanctuary is open for prayer

11-1      Clothing Center

1:00      Grace Circle

6:00      Lenten Supper & Service

### Thursday, March 22

5:00      Shepherd Supper

5:30-7      Clothing Center

6:30      Cappella Ringers

7:30      Chancel Choir

### Friday, March 23

7:30      A.A.

### Saturday, March 24

9:00      Easter Egg Hunt &  
Pancake Breakfast – dining room

### Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

8:00      Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)

8:30      WORSHIP – Usher Team 3

9:00      Café Central – dining room

9:30      Sunday School

11:00      WORSHIP



### Announcements

**We Care Sunday** Please take a label or two of one of our homebound members or military and send them a card letting them know they are a part of Central.

**Contemporary Worship** is tonight at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will follow the service.

**Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle** at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Phillip Yancey on Monday. All are welcome to come.

**Daytime Book Study** with Pastor Michelle on Tuesdays at 1pm is also reading *The Jesus I Never Knew*.

**Lenten Supper & Service** has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 21 at 6pm in the dining room. The program councils are providing a Soup Buffet. Anyone is welcome to come to this event.

**Sarah Circle** meets Tues, March 20 at noon in the dining room. Please bring a bag lunch.

**Deborah Circle** meets Tues, March 20 at 7pm at Pat Hansen's home (505 Hazel Dr.)

**Grace Circle** meets Wed, March 21 at 1pm at Cherie Heald's home (625 Leon Dr.)

**Safe Harbour Collection** The UMW is collecting personal care items during the month of March for this crime victims assistance center. The list of items are available at either entrance to the sanctuary and in the March newsletter.

**Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, March 24 at 9am. Enjoy a pancake breakfast as a family then the children are invited to join J.E.S.U.S Caterpillar on a special adventure.

**Easter Flower** forms are available at either entrance to recognize in honor or memory in the Easter bulletin. Deadline to order is next Sunday.

**Church Service Broadcast** on Sundays and Mondays has changed channels. Spectrum TV has moved the public access channel from 4 to 1301.

The Mission Council has a display at the back of the sanctuary. The UMW has a display in the Welcome Center.

### In Our Prayers

**Prayer Program:** *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:*

Linda Apgar, Michelle Butler, Dale & Denise Denmon, Pattie Gottlieb, Gayle Jessup, Betty Main, David Pender, Dirk & Cathy Sorber, Bill & Joanne Wilson

**Church Family and Friends:**

Charles Yaple, Fred Warnes, our homebound members

To add prayer concerns (with person's permission), contact Andy Tewksbury (785-5861) or the office (754-6060)

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*Custodian*..... Gregg Wood  
*Greeters*..... Amber Gaylord / Bill & Shirlenn O'Brien  
*Café Lite* ..... Shari & Rich Garris, Sue Driver  
*Van* ..... Dave Henderson

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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*A Reconciling Congregation*

**March 18, 2018**



### **Welcome!**

We welcome guests and visitors today, and we pray that the service will be a blessing to you. If you wish to learn more about Central and our ministries, there are Welcome folders available at each entrance/exit to the Sanctuary, and in our Welcome Center.

**Café Central** is our fellowship time with refreshments between the services—all are welcome downstairs in the Dining Room,

**Assisted Hearing Devices**, which operate throughout the building, and **large-print bulletins, hymnals & bibles** are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Please speak to an usher.

**Child Care** during worship is provided in the Nursery (Room 114) for infants and children up to age four. An usher will be happy to accompany you.

**Children's Activity Packets** are available at the rear of the sanctuary for children's use during the service.

**Central Church is sensitive to those with allergies.** Snacks in Café Central are nut-free. Central's communion elements are grape juice and gluten free bread.