

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Preparing for Worship Partita on Christ ist Erstander
arr. Richard Purvis

Greeting *Pastor Michelle*
Announcements *Knud Hansen*
*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: The lilies have faded, the celebration has ended;

All: Yet Easter continues.

One: Cross and tomb are fixed in time,

**All: but resurrection is the power of past, present,
and future.**

One: Resurrection is here and now--

All: in our world, our time, our place, our lives.

One: Reveal your glory to us again and again, Holy One,

All: And we will be your Easter people for all time.

One: Let us pray together:

**Holy One, we don't take to resurrection easily. We get
stuck in our problems, our worries, in all the griefs and
deaths and of our lives, and we see no way out.
Sometimes the world is too big for our shoulders, and
we can't carry the weight of it. We lose a little bit of faith
daily. Help us this day, and each day, to rely on you.
Help us to remember that there is no struggle too large,
no pain too deep, no death final enough to overcome
your might and your resurrection power. Remind us
that you have the final word, and it is life. We ask it in
the name of the Risen one. Amen.**

***Song #304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices**

*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) The Lord Will Be My Shepherd
Chancel Choir by Don Besig & Nancy Price

Scripture Luke 24:36b-48 *Noah Banner-Baine*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes

Offertory *Sean Stafford*

Response: All things come from you, O God.

All: And of your own have we given you.

*Song of Dedication #94 Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***Song #318 (red) Christ is Alive**

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 1 John 3:1-3 *Nancy Jones*

The Sermon *Pastor Michelle*
A Witness to Service *Mission Trip Participants*

***Song #2241 (black) The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve**

*Blessing

Preparing for the Week Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
arr. Lani Smith

*Music can be a wonderful preparation for the week ahead;
why not spend some time in prayer before departing...*

This Week

Sunday, April 22

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)

8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 3

9:00 Café Central – dining room

9:30 Sunday School

11:00 WORSHIP

12:30 Radio Show

Monday, April 23

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)

7:00 Ahwaga Canoe

7:30 Book Study at Jonathan's

Tuesday, April 24

10-12 Clothing Center

7:00 Church Council

Wednesday, April 25

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer

11-1 Clothing Center

Thursday, April 26

10:00 Newsletter Mailing

5:00 Shepherd Supper

5:30-7 Clothing Center

6:30 Cappella Ringers

7:30 Chancel Choir

Friday, April 27

7:30 A.A.

Saturday, April 28

Sunday, April 29

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)

8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 4

9:00 Café Central – dining room

9:30 Sunday School

11:00 WORSHIP

12:15 Organ meeting



Our Mission Statement

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

Announcements

Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. A new book, *Jesus Before the Gospels* by Bart Ehrman will begin on April 30. Bookmarks are available in the Welcome Center with the reading schedule for each book.

Adult Sunday School led by Mark Marino is meeting in the church lounge. "Picturing God" is a 4-week study that will look at different ways to "see" God, describe our experiences of God, and witness to how God works.

Radio Show & Potluck is today at 12:30pm in the dining room. Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks and dessert will be provided. The CUMC players will regale you with radio personalities from the past like Blondie & Dagwood and Ellery Queen.

Ladies Retreat will be Wed, May 23 at Sky Lake led by Rev. Barbara Green. Please return a registration slip (located in Welcome Center) and \$20 to the office. Invite your friends! Space is limited so please sign-up early.

Denim Painting Workshop is Mon, April 30 at 6:30pm in the dining room to paint anything denim to rejuvenate it for the boutique sale. To sign-up for the workshop call the office (754-6060) or Sharon Carmine (239-4454).

Church Women United invite all women to a lunch on Friday, May 4 at noon here at Central. Roger Luther will talk about the "Castle on the Hill", the old Psychiatric Center in Binghamton. Please call the church office by Mon, April 30 for reservations. Cost is \$6 for lunch.

Rummage Sale is planned for May 18 & 19. You can bring donated items in May but no CRT TV's. The items should be placed in the room across from the nursery. Please wait to bring larger items the week before the sale. We will also need help for set up and the day of the sale.

In Our Prayers

Prayer Program: *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:*
Clayton Bagnick, Bill & Sharon Carmine, Nancy Derr, Jennifer Grimm, Denise & Tom Johnson, Sarah Maroney, Paul Phillips, Virginia & Sharon Stanley, Pauline & Charlie Witt

Church Family and Friends:

Dorothy Arrington, Rawn Spearman, Sue Fitzgerald, Bob Merrill, Joseph Carmine, our homebound members

Sympathy extended to:

Connie Darrow on the death of her brother, Pete Birchard

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

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Café Central..... Bev & Ray Cosimano, Art Felton, Marie Riska
Van Bruce Bishop

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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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.