

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Preparing for Worship My Faith Looks Up To Thee
by Lowell Mason

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: God who comes to us in so many ways:

**All: In the love of a mother, the strength of a father,
the touch of a friend, the kiss of a partner.**

One: We are here to meet you today-

**All: All of us--the timid, the bold, the right, the left, the
all-together, and the disarrayed.**

One: You bring us together in the beloved community;

All: You touch us and call us your own.

One: Let us pray together:

**Here we are, Holy One, together for another Sunday.
Another week has come and gone, and with it, all the
possibility and promise you had for us within it. We are
here, some having fulfilled your vision spectacularly,
some not quite so successfully, most somewhere in the
middle; yet we arrive this morning looking for grace,
seeking newness, hoping to do better in each of the
coming days. We know that your call to us is deep and
persistent, but sometimes we feel we don't know what
to do next, or how. Refresh us in this sacred time and
space. Nurture our spirits and set our souls alight with
your joy, that we may hear your voice in our everyday,
and follow you with glad hearts, wherever you may
lead. We ask it in the name of your Risen Christ. Amen.**

***Song #312 (red) Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise**

*We Exchange Signs of Peace and Blessing

Please greet your neighbors, especially those you don't yet know

Special Music (11am) Jesus Loves Me *Joyful Noise*

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

Scripture Ephesians 1:15-23 *Libby Shelp*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me~Cherwien *Chancel Choir*

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 #163 (red) Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know**

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 Acts 1:1-11 *Amber Gaylord*
The Sermon *Pastor Michelle*

***Song #2117 (black) Spirit of God**

*Blessing

Preparing for the Week Walk Close To Me, O Lord
by Thomas Dorsey

*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 Honor of Ben Melby on his birthday
and in Memory of Margaret Loudon by Charles Loudon,
Vic and Joan VanVesterout, & Kathy and Darren Mertens

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, May 13 – Mother's Day

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

Monday, May 14

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)

7:30 Book Study at Jonathan's

Tuesday, May 15

10-12 Clothing Center

12:00 Sarah Circle – dining room

7:00 Deborah Circle

7:00 Staff Parish - library

Wednesday, May 16

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer

11-1 Clothing Center

Thursday, May 17

5:00 Shepherd Supper

5:30-7 Clothing Center

6:30 Cappella Ringers

7:30 Chancel Choir

Friday, May 18

9-1 Rummage Sale – youth center

6:00 Elizabeth Circle - lounge

7:30 A.A.

Saturday, May 12

9-1 Rummage Sale – youth center

11-1 Pork BBQ - dining room

Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost / Confirmation

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

12:00 Reception – dining room



Announcements

Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *Jesus Before the Gospels* by Bart Ehrman.

Adult Sunday School Pastor Michelle will lead the adult study in May with the second part of the Challenge of Paul.

Ladies Retreat will be Wed, May 23 at Sky Lake led by Rev. Barbara Green. Please return a registration slip and \$20 to the office by Tuesday, May 15.

Rummage Sale, May 18 & 19 from 9-1. You can bring donated items till Wed but no CRT TV's. The items can be taken to the Youth Center this week. Can you spare an hour or so to help set up (Tues-Thur) or with the sale (Fri or Sat)

Art's Famous Pulled Pork Sandwiches will be available on Saturday, May 19 from 11am-1pm. Advanced tickets can be purchased in the Welcome Center after the service or in the office during the week. Cost: \$6 for sandwich, chips, dill pickle & cookie. Eat in dining room or take-out.

Create Your Own Planter is Friday, May 25. Meet at the church parking lot at 11:30am or M&Z gardens at noon. Bring a bag lunch; dessert & drinks will be provided. You can bring your own pots or buy a pot at M&Z.

Celebration On May 27, Alisyn Klock will give the message. After the 11am service, a reception will be held in the dining room to celebrate Alisyn's college graduation.

Radical Hospitality training will refresh us on hospitality and give tips for making newcomers feel welcome. All persons in contact with newcomers are asked to attend. Pick one of the 4 Sundays in June to attend this training.

Vines Farm Share program is starting in June. It is a weekly subscription to a box of local veggies delivered to Central on Wed. Different size shares and flexible payment plans are offered. Farm Share accepts EBT/SNAP benefits and offers up to a 50% discount to income eligible members. Please visit www.vinesgardens.org/farmshare or call/text (607) 238-3522 for more information.

In Our Prayers

Prayer Program: *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:*
Noah Banner-Baine, Kenneth Carr, Pat Devine, Barbara Hall, Carl & Denise Jones, Nancy Martiny, Joyce Quick, Aryonna Stevens, Kyle Wood, Bob & Gladys Gelatt

Church Family and Friends:

Joseph Carmine, Jessie Nixon, Jean Oney, our homebound members, our confirmation class as we near confirmation on May 20, college students studying for finals

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

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Café Central..... Carla & Gregg Wood , Steve Klock
Van Lee Shelp

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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May 13, 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.