

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.

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn #641 "Fill My Cup, Lord"
Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

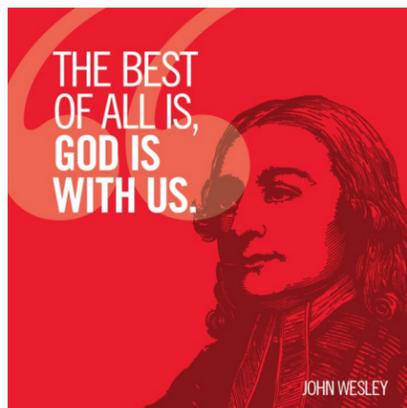
*Congregational Prayer of Thanksgiving:
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which
you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the
world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Musical Gift "Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated" *Arr. Hayes*

Serving Today

Interim Pastor: Minnie Bailey
Worship Director: Susan Thompson
Pianist: Kim Osborn
Scripture Reader: Doug Shoemaker
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ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to place flowers in memory or honor of someone, contact Kristen Bentley.

OFFERING PLATES are located near the doors if you would like to give during our worship services. PayPal (make sure to mark "friends and family") may be used, as well as mailing a check to the office.

REGISTRATION PADS: Please sign in on the black registration pad, located at the end of your pew.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CAFÉ AND PROGRAMMING
This Wednesday, we will welcome Brian Erickson as our guest speaker. For our meal, everyone is asked to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres/finger foods. The Loaves & Fishes Ministry will provide drinks and paper products. Eating begins at 5:15, with our program starting at 6. See you then!



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, March 5

9:15 AM Crossroads-Rm 209
9:30 AM Cornerstone-LFH, Agape-L, Lovett-Rm 208, Bates/Godwin-Rm 213, Young Adult-Rm 211
10:30 AM Worship Service -S
5:00 PM Youth -3rd floor
5:30 PM Children -3rd floor

Tuesday, March 7

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
2:30 PM Prayer Team, L

Wednesday, March 8

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
5:15 PM Wednesday Nite Café-FH
6:00 PM Programming
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, March 9

9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study - L

Friday, March 10

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

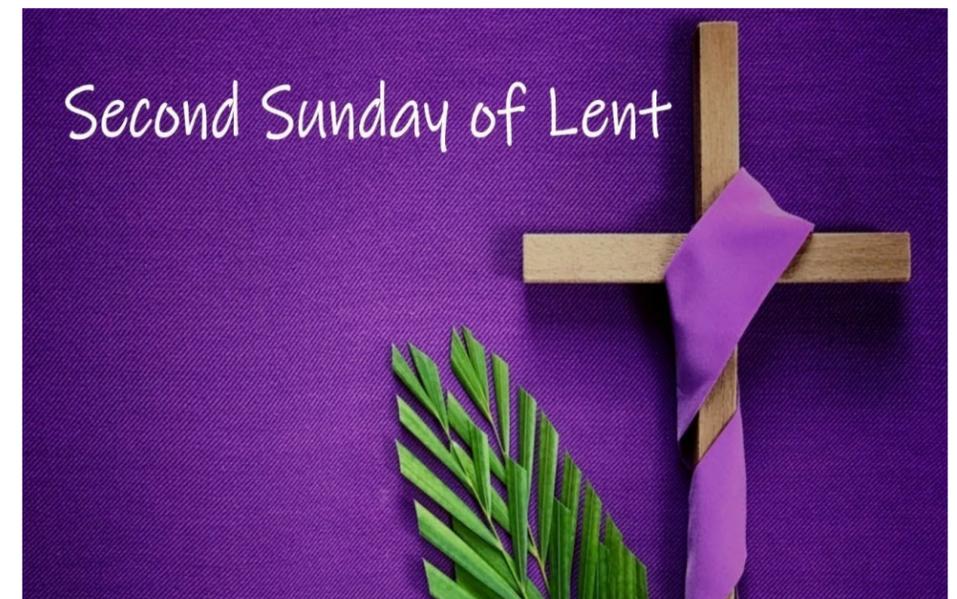
CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall
L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

Financials for February

Needed Weekly	\$12,910
Received Feb. 26	\$6,796
Needed for Feb	\$51,632
Received in Feb	\$26,440
Needed Year-to-Date	\$108,799
Year-to-Date giving	\$56,504

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	84
Online:	109



Central's mission:

**Love God, love others,
and serve the world**

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

Communion

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

**Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift "Come to Jesus" *arr. Carol Tornquist*

Welcome

*Call to Worship from Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
He will not allow your foot to be moved;
The One who watches over you will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you himself and is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil and will keep you safe.
**The Lord shall watch over your going-out and your coming-in
From this time forward forevermore.**

*Congregational Prayer

O God, it is your glory always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word: Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

***Opening Hymn #622 "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood"**

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing thy power to save,
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

***Greeting**

***Hymn #618 "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

(refrain)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees)

(refrain)

Special Music "Come to the Table"

Allen Pote

Come, come, come to the table and bring your joy,
Bring all your gladness and come, come, come to the table.
Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain,
bring all the heartaches you bear.
Bring who you are and hope to become,
come to the table to share.

Come, come, come to the table, remember Christ,
Remember his love when you come, come, come to the table.
Come in faith, come to serve, come rejoice in the Lord.

Share in the bread, share in the wine,
share in the risen Lord.
Share as a family, one in community,
one in the name of the Lord.

Come, come, come to the table to follow Christ.
Forgiven and free, you must come, come, come to the table.
Come in faith, come in love, come rejoice in the Lord.

Bible Reading— Hebrews 11:1

Doug Shoemaker

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Now faith is the substance of things for which we hope,
the evidence of things not seen.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Message — Faith-filled and Fruitful

Pastor Minnie Bailey

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in
praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and
glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.*

Amen.

Now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**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.**