

In all the world around me I see his loving care,
 And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
 I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
 The day of his appearing will come at last.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
 Eternal hallelujas to Jesus Christ the King!
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
 None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain

Choral Benediction

Hallelujah Chorus

Musical Gift “La Rejouissance (The Rejoicing)”

Handel

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**Bible Reading for April 24
 John 20:19-31**

Prepare for April 24, 2022: Even with all of the rejoicing we have done today, there are still those in our communities who haven't seen it for themselves yet. In our scripture for Sunday (John 20:19-31) one of the disciples misses what happened with the resurrection. How does Jesus respond? Thomas, the disciple with questions, gets a bad reputation in some places, how do you see his questions? Have you had your faith confirmed or boosted by others in your journey? Make it a point to pray for those looking for confirmation of the Good News this week.

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



Lunch Bunch will begin Wednesday, **April 20th** at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall and continue every Wednesday. Lunch is \$3 to help with the lunch costs. There will also be **exercise** and a **devotional**. If you have any questions or would like to sign up contact Tina Wofford at 256-318-7711 or Hazetta Condra at 256-303-1467.

We will be confirming our newest confirmands on **April 24th** during the 10:30 service. Please join us as these young people make a confirmation of their faith.

Wednesday, April 27th – Family Game Night /catered Mexican dinner - this is the last Wed. night until fall.

Sunday, May 15th, we will be celebrating Debbie’s service to Central United Methodist with a special lunch immediately after morning worship.

March Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received April 10	\$14,195
Needed for Apr	\$62,235
Received for Apr	\$28,290

Last Week’s Attendance

In-person: 242



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

Calendar

Sunday, April 17

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
 9:30 AM Sunday School, Children, (3rd FL), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Confirmation Class

10:30 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, April 19

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym
 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, L
 2:30 PM Prayer Team, L

Wednesday, April 20

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym
 11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH
 5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café
 6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming, Youth, Adults, Children-Hungry Hippos
 6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, April 21

7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study-JJ

Friday, April 22

5:15 AM Exercise Class-Gym
 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study-JJ

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall
 LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall ,S- Sanctuary
 L- Library, JJ-Java Jaay

Central's mission:

**Love God
 Love others**



EASTER MORNING

Central’s mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

April 17, 2022
 Easter Sunday
 10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gifts “Jesus Loves Me”

Arr. Bock

*Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Musical Gift “Alive, Alive”

Cherub Choir

Alive, alive, alive forevermore
 My Jesus is alive, alive forevermore
 Alive, alive, alive forevermore
 My Jesus is alive
 Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
 My Jesus is alive forevermore
 Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
 My Jesus is alive

Musical Gifts “He Did It!”

Kids & Junior High

Chorus

**He did it, He did it, He did what He said,
 He said He would die and then rise from the dead.
 He did it, He did it He did it because
 Jesus is who He said He was.**

He said, “I’m the Vine and in Me is life.” He said, “I’m the Truth and the Way.”
 He said, “I’m the Son of the Holy One, the One whose come to seek and to save.”

Chorus

He said, “I’m the Groom and you are my bride. The Shepherd and you are my lambs”
 He said, “I’m the Christ the Living God, the Resurrection I am!

Chorus

He said who He was. He was who He said.
He did it, He did it, He rose from the dead.

*Hymn #302 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Prayer

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day,
Christ rose again.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!

Still we look for the living among the dead.

All pray in silence.

Forgive us, Lord we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the
good news of salvation:

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

Hear what the prophets have spoken: that everyone who believes in Christ re-
ceives forgiveness of sins through his name. Friends, believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

Greeting

*Hymn “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, **2**
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan
Can ever pluck me from his hand.
‘Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

Bible Reading — Luke 24:1-12

—[Prayer]

**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.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices
that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they
went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two
men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their
faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among
the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in
Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on
the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the
tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Jo-
anna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the
apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But
Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by
themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

—
The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer—

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.

We give thanks for God’s creation and deliverance, concluding:

...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.

We give thanks for the Son and the gift of the Holy Meal.

...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.

We give thanks for God’s presence, the Holy Spirit, concluding:

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

With the confidence of God’s children, we are bold to pray together:

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.

*[While standing, receive the bread and cup. Then pray at the rail or return to your seat. Offerings
left at the rail go to the needy. You may wish to receive with these words. If you wish to remain
seated, please alert an usher and a server will come to you.]*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #310 “He Lives”

I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;

I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.

I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer;

And just the time I need him, he’s always near.

Refrain

He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.

He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), salvation to impart

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.