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Organist: Virginia Paul

Scripture Reader: Lila Hicks

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Discussion Questions

Prepare for 5/1: This week's scripture (Acts 9:1-6) brings us the story of how Saul became Paul. In preparation for worship, consider how you have come to know God through the years. Were you converted all at once? Was it a dawning realization? Did you grow into a mature faith from a young age? How God reaches us and how we connect with God makes a lasting impact on how we understand who God is and how to share that good news. How do you want to share your story (in words or in action)?

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 is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3 to help with the lunch costs. There will also be **exercise** and **"food for thought"**. 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.

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

May 22 is Senior High **Graduate** Sunday. Graduating seniors will be honored at 10:30 service.

April Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received April 17	\$13,996
Needed for April	\$62,235
Received for April	\$42,286

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	462
Online:	102

April 27 Menu for Wed Nite Café

Family Game Night
Catered Mexican Dinner



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, April 24

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213)
10:30 AM Worship Service, Confirmation Sunday
5:00 PM –7 PM-Children, Youth, 3rd flr

Tuesday, April 26

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L.
2:30 PM Prayer Team

Wednesday, April 27

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH
5:00 PM - 7 PM, Family Game Night
6:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, April 28

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, April 29

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible
7:00 PM Good Friday Service-S

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

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Central's mission:

Love God
Love others
Serve the world

SECOND THOUGHTS

JOHN 20:19-31



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Love God, love others, and serve the world

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift "Introduction and Allegro"

Handel

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary.

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

Praise God in the earth and skies.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout and sing praises to God.

We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

We have seen the Lord's greatness.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn #304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voice"

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Far of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

* Greeting

Hymn "Living Waters"

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Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

Chorus

*There's a river that flows, With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children, To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Chorus

Bridge

Ooh Ooh Ooh
Ooh Ooh Ooh

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness, Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

Chorus

Ending

There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Prayers of the People

**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.**

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Special Music "The Nail-Scarred Hand"

McKinney/Stevens

Have you failed in your plan of your storm tossed life?
Are you weary and worn from its toil and strife?
Are you walking alone thro' the shadows dim?
Put your trust in Him.

Chorus

*Place your hand in the nail-scarred hand,
Place your hand in the nail-scarred hand;
He will keep to the end, He's your dearest friend,
Place your hand in the nail-scarred hand .*

Would you follow the will of the risen Lord?
Would you live in the light of His blessed Word?
Is your soul burdened down with its load of sin?
Let the Savior in.

Chorus

Bible Reading — John 20:19-31

**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.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not

believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Message — "Second Thoughts"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Holy Baptism and Confirmation

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William Perry
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Reception of New Members

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Closing Hymn #420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Musical Gift "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"