

in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Closing Hymn #172 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

\*Sending Forth

### Musical Gift "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

arr. Smith

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

Scripture Reader: Brad Jackson

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### Bible Reading for April 10

#### Luke 19:28-40

*Prepare for April 10, 2022: This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We are close to the end of the journey and some of the biggest obstacles to our way to the cross are out front now. In the scripture for this week, we see Jesus riding into a sea of expectations. Many of those who are shouting "Hosanna" will have a different chant by the end of the week ("Crucify him!"). Jesus has been clear about what will happen to him in the days and weeks leading up to this so why is there a disconnect? How do things fall apart so swiftly? How do we respond when our expectations are not met? Have your own unmet expectations ever come into conflict with what God seems to be doing?*

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.



Come see **GODSPELL**, a production of Dream Weavers, directed by Susan Thompson, in the sanctuary here at Central! Showtimes are Friday, April 8th, 7 PM, Saturday, April 9th, 7 PM, and Sunday, April 10th, 5 PM. Donation at the door of \$5 for Students/Seniors or \$10 for Adults is greatly appreciated. Cast Members: Charlie Gonzalez – Jesus

Nathan Klose – John the Baptist/ Judas

Caleb Baldwin, Duke Cleghorn,

Jaime Early, Jessie Miller, EA

Gonzalez,

Ashleigh Vickery, Lauren Cantrell,

and Carolina Riddle.

#### April 10th is Palm Sunday.

There will be a Palm Processional at the service, a potluck luncheon, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

#### March Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Mar 27	\$7,915
Needed for Mar	\$62,235
Received for Mar	\$51,232

#### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	177
Online:	54



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

### Calendar Sunday, April 3

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

5:00 PM Gifts of the Spirit B.S.-FH

5:00-7:00 PM Children, Youth

#### Tuesday, April 5

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 6

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym

5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café

6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming

Children, Youth, Adults

6:30 PM Choir Practice

#### Thursday, April 7

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

#### Friday, April 8

5:15 AM Exercise Class-Gym

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study-JJ

7:00 PM Godspell-Sanctuary

#### Saturday, April 9

7:00 PM Godspell-Sanctuary

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

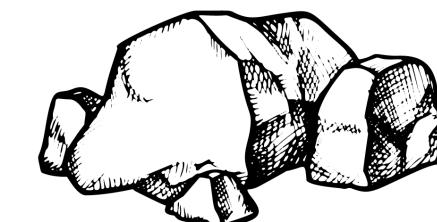
Central's mission:

Love God  
Love others

### WHAT'S IN THE WAY?

IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY

JOHN 12:1-8



Central's mission:

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

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift "The Gates of Jerusalem"

Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Six days before the Passover, Martha served Jesus dinner at Lazarus' house. There, Mary took a pound of costly perfume and anointed Jesus' feet.

#### What's that in the air?

Mary poured her perfume on Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair.

#### She filled the air with the fragrance of her worship.

The prayers of the saints are like rising incense before God.

#### The fragrance of their worship fills the air.

Today, let us raise a praise that touches the heart of God.

#### Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air.

Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air!

**God, we offer our praise as a sweet fragrance that aspires to heaven. May the fragrance of our worship fill the air!**

\*Hymn #170 "O How I Love Jesus"

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

#### Refrain

**O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;

It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

#### Refrain

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;  
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

**Refrain**

\*Prayer of Confession and Pardon, Passing the Peace

**Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
**we have broken your law,**  
**we have rebelled against your love,**  
**we have not loved our neighbors,**  
**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
*All pray in silence.*  
Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

Greeting

\*Hymn "Power of the Cross"

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten,  
Then nailed to a cross of wood.

**Refrain**

**This the power of the cross;**  
**Christ became sin for us.**  
**Took the blame, bore the wrath,**  
**We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning your blood stained brow.

**Refrain**

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.  
"Finished!" the victory cry.

**Refrain**

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through your selfless love!

**Refrain**

**This the power of the cross;**  
**Son of God slain for us.**  
**What a love, what a cost!**  
**We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Special Music "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

*Arr. Mauldin*

There's a place, where mercy reigns and never dies.  
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide,  
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood,  
Comes flowing down.

**Refrain**

**At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.**  
**I'm in awe of You. I'm in awe of You.**  
**Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white,**  
**I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.**

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,  
where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,  
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood,  
Comes flowing down.

**Refrain**

Here, my hope is found, here on holy ground,  
here I bow down, here I bow down.  
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life..  
Here I bow down, here I bow.

**Refrain**

Bible Reading—John 12:1-8

—[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.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put

into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message — "It's a Waste Of Money"

Rev. Miriam Smith

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.**

\*Prayer after Receiving

**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**