

Thanks to David Kross who is preaching this morning

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

Scripture Reader: Wim Marchant

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"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" CCLI Song Number 4768151 Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio © 2006 worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by kingswaysongs.com) sixsteps Music (Admin. by kingswaysongs.com)

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You're invited to...



**Sunday**  
in the park

Sunday June 26  
10:30am  
Delano Park

Sunday worship service, Pot Luck lunch,  
& children's activities

Come as you are and  
join the Celebration!

**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.

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

The **church council meeting** is **May 15th at 5 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All members are welcome.

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

#### April Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received April 24	\$12,095
Needed for April	\$62,235
Received for April	\$55,656

#### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	183
Online:	134

#### Calendar

##### Sunday, May 1

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  
5:00 PM –7 PM-Children, Youth, 3rd flr

##### Tuesday, May 3

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, May 4

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH  
6:00 PM Choir Practice

##### Thursday, May 5

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

##### Friday, May 6

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

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.  
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EASTER PEOPLE

Acts 9:1-6

CONVERSION

Central's mission:

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

**May 1, 2022**

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

*Please silence electronic devices.*

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

Musical Gift "Sing and Rejoice"

*Smith*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Risen Christ, you met Paul on his way to Damascus and Peter while he was fishing.

**Meet us as we gather here and be with us in our daily life, that we may be transformed as they were, fulfilling our potential and discovering new possibilities in ministry and service. AMEN.**

Opening Hymn #369 "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain**

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**Refrain**



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

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.



Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
**Refrain**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*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 “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**Chorus**

***My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Saviour has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace***

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

**Chorus 2x**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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 “Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love” *arr. Martin*

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love; too vast and astounding to tell.  
Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.  
O fountain of beauty eternal; the Father, the Spirit, the Son.  
Sufficient and endlessly generous: Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand;  
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand.  
You crown ev'ry meadow with color; You paint ev'ry shade in the sky;  
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of: Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

**Chorus**

***How great, how sure; His love endures forevermore.  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.***

What grace, that You entered our brokenness; You came in the fullness of time.  
How far we had fallen from righteousness, but not from the mercies of Christ.  
Your cross is our door to redemption; Your death is our fullness of life.  
That day how forgiveness flowed as a flood: Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

**Chorus**

United in your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights.  
Could anything sever or take us from Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love?

**Chorus**

Bible Reading — Acts 9:1-6

**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.**

Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, “Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?”

Saul asked, “Who are you, Lord?”

“I am Jesus, whom you are harassing,” came the reply. “Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do.”

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

Message — “Conversion”

David Kross

Closing Hymn #393 “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Musical Gift “Psalm of Glory”

*Barnett*