

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

Closing Hymn #191 "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus love me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus love me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! This Bible tells me so.

Repeat

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "All Glory Be to God"

Prentiss

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

Scripture Reader: Richard Gregory

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**Bible Reading for May 22
Paul & Lydia, Acts 16:9-15**

Paul reappears this week, to introduce us to Lydia. What do you know about this Lydia? What strikes you as interesting in this narrative? How do we see the Holy Spirit at work? (How might we understand Lydia as one of the Easter people?)

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.



After service today in the fellowship hall we will be honoring **Debbie Looney** with a luncheon for her service to Central as the Children's director for 14 years. Please join us.

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

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"**.

A **Grief Recovery Group**, led by Stephen Minister, Carol Ozier, will begin in mid June. If you are interested, please attend the organizational meeting on **Wed, May 18**, at 5:30 PM in the library.

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

May Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received May 8	\$17,942
Needed for May	\$62,235
Received for May	\$35,527

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	215
Online:	83



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, May 15

- 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
- 11:30 AM Luncheon for Debbie Looney-FH
- 5:00 PM Church Council Meeting-FH
- 5:00-7:00 PM Children, Youth

Tuesday, May 17

- 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
- 6:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting-L

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, May 20

- 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 PEOPLE

Acts 11:1-18

PETER & CORNELIUS

Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift "Tocatta for a Celebration"

Clarke

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Jesus reminded the disciples

Love one another as I have loved you.

Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love.

Love one another as I have loved you.

Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

Let us love one another as Christ loved us. AMEN

*Hymn "May the Peoples Praise You"

Arr. Paul Campbell

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious Light,

That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife

With boundless love and deepest joy with endless life.

Refrain

May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad,

All Your blessing comes that we may praise,

May praise the name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own.

And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,

May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your word.

Refrain

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your Name

To every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim.

Refrain

Bridge

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty.

Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty.

All creation praise Your glorious Name.

Refrain - 2times

*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 “Days of Elijah”

Robin Mark

These are the day of Elijah,
declaring the Word of the Lord;

And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
righteousness being restored;

And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword;

Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

Refrain

***Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.***

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh;

And these are the days of Your servant, David,
rebuilding a temple of praise;

And these are the days of the harvest,

the fields are as white in the world;

And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,

declaring the Word of the Lord.

Refrain

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah.

There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah.

Repeat 4x

Refrain 2x

Special Music “When I Think of You”

Arr. Angerman

When I think of You, I see You dancing, You're dancing.

When I think of You, I hear You singing to me.

When I think of You, I see You praying, You're praying.

When I think of You, I hear you calling to me.

Yah-weh, there is no one like You, Lord.

Yah-weh, hallelujah! We sing:

Yah-weh, there is no one like You, Lord.

Yah-weh, Your banner for me, Your banner for me is love.

There's no one like You, there's no one like You,

My Yah-weh, my Yah-weh.

Bible Reading — Acts 11:1-18

—[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.

The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him, “You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!”

Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. “I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’ I responded, ‘Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ The voice from heaven spoke a second time, ‘Never consider unclean what God has made pure.’ This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and sum-

mon Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.’ When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord's words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God's way?”

Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — “Peter & Cornelius”

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.**