



*If you love me,  
you will keep my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you  
another Advocate,  
to be with you forever.*

*John 14.15-16*

Central's mission:  
Love God, love others, and serve the world

May 17, 2020  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Musical Gift

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Smith

Call to Worship

Live in God's love!

**Let that love be poured out for all God's people!**

Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

**We are called to be God's witnesses.**

Celebrate and rejoice.

**Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace.**

**AMEN.**

Fred Webster

Hymn #384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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1. Love, divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Affirmation of Faith      *The Apostles' Creed*

Mark Haines

**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*

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer —

Mark Haines

**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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Fred Webster

Central Reflection

*George Godwin*

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Praise —

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**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!  
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;  
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!**

Bible Reading — John 14:15-21

Fred Webster

—[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.**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

Message — “Keeping the Faith”

Dorothy Ann Webster

Hymn #451 “Be Thou My Vision”

Ancient Irish

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sending Forth

Dorothy Ann Webster

Musical Gift

*Joy Unceasing and Infinite Praise*

Birchwood

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### Bible Reading for May 24

**Acts 1: 6-14** So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### Discussion Questions

- *Do you wear a watch? How often do you check it? Why?*
- *When you aren't sure what time an event will occur, what do you usually do?*
- *How do you spend “waiting time?”*



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Love OTHERS



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