

Bible Reading for April 25

John 10:11-18 Listen to My Voice.

Discussion Questions

• *Who or what are you listening to on a regular basis? Where do you turn when you need to know about something? Whose opinion do you trust? What about God? Do you regularly listen for Him or to Him? Living the resurrection calls for us to act on what we are hearing from God—but are we listening? What would help you to hear God better?*

Senior Sunday will be **May 23**. Our graduating senior class of 2021 will be recognized during the 10:30 service. If your senior would like to be recognized, but is not in our youth group, please contact Rosie Kross. We do not want to leave anyone out. Thanks so much!

To place **flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion, contact Lori Reed in the office to reserve your date..

April Missions This month we will be collecting items needed for the Neighborhood Christian Center. Please note the items are to be individually wrapped. Place all donations in the bins located in the fountain area. Below is the list that the NCC would like to have. So please remember the next time you are shopping/ordering groceries to pick up an item or two for the NCC!!

The **Women's Bible Study** group will begin meeting in person Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Library beginning April 27th.

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"Happy the Soul Who Dwells on God" - Blake c. 2009 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" - Denton c. 2009 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Give Me Jesus" - Arr. Dilworth. Traditional Spiritual c. 2019 Hal Leonard, LLC.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" - Birchwood c. 1994 Lorenz Publishing Co.

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April Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received April 11	\$14,282
Needed for April	\$62,235
Received through April 14	\$39,782

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	157
Online	260

There will be a **HUGS** meeting

Calendar

Sunday, April 18

10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Children's Activities
6:00 PM Youth, 3rd flr
6:00 PM Cornerstone, LFH

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 AM Centering Prayer,F
5:30 PM Small Group Music,S

Wednesday, April 21

6:00 PM Youth, 3rd flr

F- Fountain LR- Library
FH- Fellowship Hall
JJ- Java Jaay's 6th Ave
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall
S- Sanctuary

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.
www.CentralUnitedMethodist.com

We now have wifi in the Sanctuary!

Wifi name: CUMCSanctuary

Password: Psalm100

Easter Sermon Series: Living the Resurrection

Can we hold onto the joy of Easter? How might that change our lives?

April 18—Luke 24: 36b-48, Touch and See

April 25—John 10:11-18, Listen to My Voice

May 2—John 15:1-8 Abide in Me

May 9—John 15:9-17 We are Yours



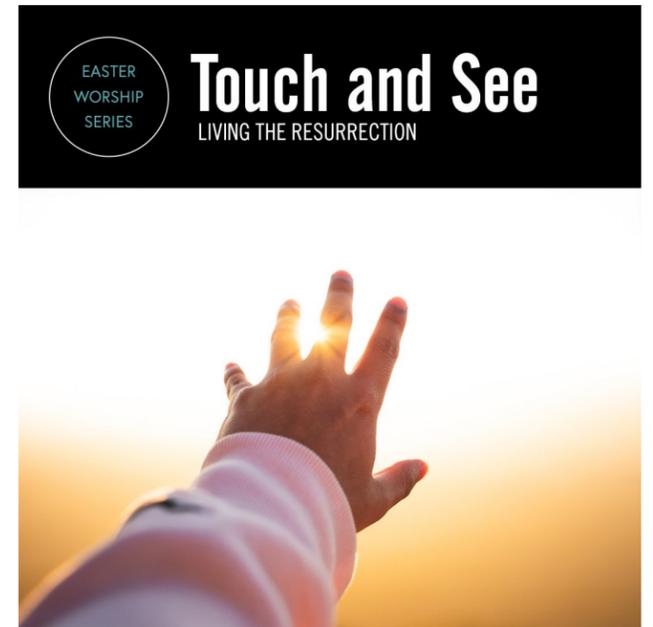
Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastors can get you in touch with one.



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Worship – 10:30 AM



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April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
10:30 AM
Please silence electronic devices.
**Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift "Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" Denton

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN!

*Hymn #318 "Christ is Alive"

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,

He comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Prayer of Confession and Pardon

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

Children's Message

Rev. Miriam Smith

Special Music "Give Me Jesus"

Arr. Dilworth

Bible Reading — Luke 24:36b-48

—[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.

While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

—
The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — "Touch and See"

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.**

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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

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

Closing Hymn #462 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;

Just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;

And in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;

And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain

*Sending Forth

*Musical Gift "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *Birchwood*