

4th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Classic Worship

Greeting

Opening Voluntary *Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

* **Call to Worship** Rev. Carl Palmer

Pastor: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!

Pastor: God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Liberator!

Pastor: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Healer!

Pastor: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

* **Hymn 73** *O Worship the King* LYONS

* **Sermon Text** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **I Am Yours: Break Me** Dr. Jan Davis (8:15)
Dr. Steve Pulliam (10:45)

Invitation to Repentance

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory (8:15) *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Samuel Liddle
Chris MacRae, tenor

(10:45) *Psalms 146* arr. Hal Hopson
Sanctuary Choir

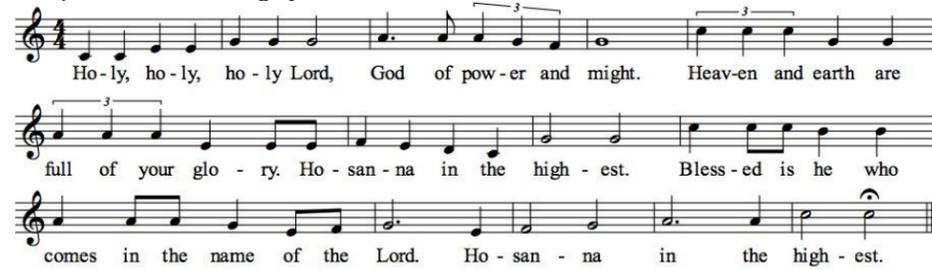
* **Doxology 95** OLD 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Service of Baptism and Confirmation (10:45)

* **Great Thanksgiving**
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.**

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever:



Giving of the Bread and Cup

Communion Music (10:45) *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Samuel Liddle
Chris MacRae, tenor

Receiving Prayer

* **Hymn 613** *O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread* LAND OF REST

* Benediction

* **Closing Voluntary** *Fanfare* Jacques Lemmens

(*) The asterisk indicates to please stand, as you are able.

Central UMC Pastors:

Dr. Jan Davis, Dr. Steve Pulliam, Rev. Carl Palmer, Rev. Greg Gibson
Rev. Emily Burch - College Pastor; Rev. Jody Farrell - Genesis Campus Pastor
Dr. Jack Wilson - Pastor Emeritus; Rev. Tony Holifield - Pastor Emeritus
Director of Classic Music and Worship Arts: Dr. Frode Gundersen
Associate Music Director/Organist: Scott Montgomery
Acolytes: (8:15) Henry Hanes & Caroline Tallmadge
(10:45) Victor Blasingame & Emma Harvey **Video/Sound:** Sam Thomas

Reception of New Members:

We give thanks for all that God had already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Under 40 Spring Cookout

Central is holding an Under 40 Cookout at the Pendergraft Barn, 900 W Drake Street, on Friday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. for all age 40 and under. We will have BBQ, lawn games, and plenty of time to connect! Should you need childcare for children age 12 and under, contact Amber Hutson at ahutson@centraltolife.com by May 15. Contact Lindy Keegan for more info at lkeegan@centraltolife.com or 442-1884.

Newcomers Connection Class

This one-hour class, led by one of Central's pastors, is available to those interested in exploring membership at Central or who have recently joined. The class is offered next Sunday, May 14th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Wesley Chapel. You will learn a little more about what it means to be a United Methodist and how to get plugged into Central.

Senior Dinner

Graduating Seniors and their families: Please join us for a dinner honoring the Senior Class of 2017 tonight from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Activities Center.

Pantry Item of the Month

The May Good S.A.M. Pantry Item of the Month is Canned Meat. Please bring to white drop-off boxes that are located around campus.

Service Opportunities

Greeters and ushers are needed for our worship services. People are also needed to enter attendance data into our computer system on Mondays. The Coffee Bar in the Activities Center needs volunteers to greet and keep coffee supplies refilled on Sunday mornings. Contact Lora Hayes at lhayes@centraltolife.com or 479-442-1812.

theWIRE

Are you signed up for theWIRE? It's a weekly e-newsletter that goes straight to your inbox every Friday morning. It's the best way to keep up with events, service opportunities, and everything you need to know! Sign up online at centraltolife.com/newsletter.

Hope for the Future

Alzheimer's Arkansas presents **Hope For The Future**, a free educational workshop for those caring for someone with memory loss, dementia, or Alzheimer's disease. The event will be held on Thursday, June 22 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Bentonville Church of Christ, 904 N. Walton Blvd., in Bentonville. Free for caregivers, family and friends! To learn more contact: Alzheimer's Arkansas at 501-224-0021 or www.alzark.org.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are provided by Louise Sager; Rob and Sheri Zimmerman, Madison, and Sarah Kate Cantrell; and Kevin, Kathy, Abby, and Ryan Delaney in loving memory of their husband, father, and grandfather, Tom Sager.