



**CENTRAL**  
CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

9:00 & 10:45  
April 21, 2019



*Easter  
Sunday*



### Worshipping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and the presence of children is a gift to the church. Other options for children include nursery (ages 8 weeks — 2 years), the cry room, and children's worship during the sermon (ages 3 — 1st grade). The ushers are happy to assist.

*"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Mark 10:14)*

## The Season of Easter

Today is the 1st Sunday of Easter season, and the colors at the front of the church have changed from purple to white. These colors mark the seasons of the church year, which are designed to help us remember and live the story of Jesus' life. Having traveled through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent, we come to the next chapter of the story—the climax of the story—the season called Easter. Today, on Easter Sunday, we joyfully retell the true story that Jesus was not defeated by death but rose again from the grave on the third day. This historical event has immeasurable and continuing importance for us. It is a firm basis for belief in life after death. Indeed, it is the first installment of the new creation. All who trust in Jesus can have a sure hope that they will be raised from the dead to live eternally in immortal bodies and that the whole creation itself will also be renewed. Heaven and earth will be brought together, and the whole cosmos will come perfectly under the good reign of God to flourish forever (Revelation 21-22).

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## Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Themes and keywords: resurrection, life

### Introit

#### Easter Anthem

Chancel Choir

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20;  
Edward Young, *Night Thoughts*, 1746  
Music: William Billings 1787

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!  
Now is Christ risen from the dead,  
And become the first fruits of them that slept.  
And did He rise? Hear it, ye nations!  
Hear it, O ye dead! He rose, He rose,  
He burst the bars of death,  
and triumphed o'er the grave. Then I rose,  
Then first humanity triumphant  
passed the crystal ports of light,  
And seized Eternal Youth.  
Hail, all immortal, hail, hail,  
Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man,  
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## God calls us to worship

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All:** *who is the resurrection and the firstborn from the dead.*

Liturgist: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us celebrate the feast.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,  
the Root of David, has conquered,  
and the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Revelation 5:5; 19:6

Liturgist: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

**All:** *He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!*

Choir: Christ has conquered, Christ, our Sovereign; Christ reigns forevermore!

## We praise God

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**  
Hymnal #217

Text: Charles Wesley 1739

Tune: *Lyra Davidica* 1708

## We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All:** *He is risen indeed!*

*He died for us that we might live for him.*

## God calls us to confess our sins

from John 11:25; James 4:8, 10

Liturgist: Jesus is the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in him, though he die, yet shall he live.  
Therefore, draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.  
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

## We confess our sins

Liturgist: Eternal Father, you have raised Jesus from the dead  
and crowned him the Lord of life.

**All: *But we confess that we often live as if Jesus were dead.  
We grasp for life in weak things that pass away.  
We seek our purpose and hope in work, status, and wealth.  
We bury our fears and shame  
in endless entertainment, daily distraction,  
and addictions that enslave.  
And we forget that you have made us for so much more,  
for eternal glory with you in a world made new  
by Jesus' resurrection life and healing power.  
Lord, have mercy on us.***

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Living Lord, please forgive our sad and sinful forgetting,  
and forgive our fear and despair born of unbelief.  
Open our eyes to the light of your life and truth.  
Open our hearts to trust in your conquering life and love.  
Fix our eyes and our hope firmly on Jesus,  
who has swallowed up death's sting,  
and lives that death may die.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## God declares our forgiveness

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

Liturgist: God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

**All: *Hallelujah, Amen!***

## We praise God

**Thine Is the Glory**  
Hymnal #227

Text: Edmond Budry 1884  
tr. Richard B. Hoyle 1923  
Tune: G. F. Handel, *Judas Maccabaeus* 1747

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**Worthy Is The Lamb (from *Messiah*)**  
Chancel Choir

Text: Revelation 5:9-14  
Music: George Frederic Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by the Blood, to receive Power, and Riches, and Wisdom, and Strength, and Honour, and Glory, and Blessing.

Blessing, and Honor, and Glory, and Power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## We greet one another with the peace of Christ

(Children may go to children's worship)

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## God instructs us in scripture reading

Matthew 28:1-10  
(pew Bible p. 835)

## God instructs us in preaching

“He Is Risen!”  
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

## We offer ourselves in gifts and song

*Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.*

**The Day of Resurrection**  
**Hymnal #226**

Text: John of Damascus 8th c.  
Tune: Henry Smart 1836

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

**All:** *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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

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## God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers on the next page.

### **Bread**

The communion bread is gluten-free.

**Eating and drinking:** Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

### Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### Prayer of new belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## In Christ Alone

Text and tune: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend 2001  
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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm.  
This gift of love and right - eous - ness scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain.  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings cease.  
'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied,  
And as He stands in vic - tor - y, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand.



My Com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
for ev - ery sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
'Til He re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## We praise God

**Hallelujah Chorus**  
Hymnal #37

Text: Revelation 19:6; 11:15  
Music: G. F. Handel 1741

## God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

**All: *Hallelujah! Amen.***

## Postlude

**Tocatta from Symphony No. 5**

C. M. Widor

Special thanks to the Central Brass Choir

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