

# Central Happenings

## SUNDAY – March 12

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

## WEDNESDAY – March 15

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY – March 16

10:00am Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

**Looking ahead to Holy Week:** We will hold special services for Maundy Thursday April 6, and Good Friday, April 7 both at 7:00pm. Please join us as we follow the journey Jesus took from Palm Sunday to Easter.

**Easter lilies** can be reserved to honor/remember a loved one by using the order form insert or emailing the church office.

**Around the world, millions of people** lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Donations will be accepted through April 9. Please include OGHS on the memo line of your check.

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# Central Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (arr. Jason Krug)

**\*Call to Worship** **Chip Goldsberry**

Leader: We gather together

**People: the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.**

Leader: We gather together

**People: the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.**

Leader: We gather together

**People: those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.**

Leader: So come to the well, come to the table. Come, let us worship God. Amen.

**\*Hymn** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, Amen.**

**Sung Response**                      “Wait for the Lord”                      90

*Wait for the LORD, whose day is near.  
Wait for the LORD; be strong; take heart!*

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine: we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God. This is the good news of the gospel:

**People: God’s grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved, and forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. Amen**

### \*Congregational Response

“Glory to God in the Highest”                      (back cover Hymnal)

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Reading**                      Exodus 17:1-7

**Anthem**                      “The Lord Is a Mighty God”                      (Mendelssohn)

**Second Reading**                      John 4:5-26

**Message**                      “Seeking: Connection”                      Rev. Wil Reinowski

**Music**                      “You Are My King” (Amazing Love)”                      (Foote)

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord’s Prayer

### Invitation to Offering

*The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at this time.*

**Offertory**                      “Fugue in D-minor”                      (Mendelssohn)

**\*Doxology**                      606

### \*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”                      65

### Benediction

**Postlude**                      “Way Maker” (Osinschi Kalu Okoro Egbu)  
*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.*



*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**Cover Art:** “Living Water” by Lauren Wright Pittman, Inspired by John 4:5-42 | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. See handout on back table for more information by the artist. In this image, Jesus needs water to drink, and the Samaritan woman needs living water. Her need is not the water in the well but to be seen for who she really is. She is one of the first witnesses of the Messiah, and now a vessel of living water herself.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Allen Bol’s birthday, by his family.

## In Our Prayers

We pray for healing for Doug Hoffman, Kathy Meeks, Kelly Bol, and Shirley West. We also pray for our Special Care friends Lens Hernandez and Marty and Harry Hudlow.