

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – April 28

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

WEDNESDAY – April 24

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – April 25

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

Musical News: Jan Applegate played oboe for many years with the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra and taught music in the Lafayette School Corporation. She now teaches privately. We welcome Jan and thank her for sharing her music with us this morning.

Christian Education News:

~ **Learning why people are the way they are: an introduction to the connection between thinking-feeling-doing.** Part of Mental Health Awareness Month. Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm. Discipleship Room.

~ **Book of Ecclesiastes** on Sunday, May 5 at 9 am. Fitch Parlor.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Traditional Music & Organist: Jeffrey Stearns
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill
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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 21, 2024



Welcome

Prelude

“Lift High the Cross” (arr. Diane McAninch)

*Call to Worship

Deb Hester

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

People: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Leader: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

People: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

People: For in this way, God will add to our numbers every day.

*Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Congregational Response** "Glory to God" (back cover Hymnal)

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 23

Anthem "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (Arr. Burnett)

Second Reading

John 10:11-18

Message "The Shepherd's Stewards" Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" 801

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (page 35 Hymnal)

***Congregational Response** "Gloria Patri" (back cover Hymnal)

Call To Prayer

Prayers of the People

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 any time.

Offertory "Great Are You Lord" (Ingram/Jordan/Leonard)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. Amen.

***Hymn** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" 240

*Benediction

Postlude "Triumphal March" (Paul Fletcher)



** Please stand as you are able.*

In Our Prayers

Lord, we pray for healing in our world. We pray for Barbara Doering on her upcoming surgery. We also pray for our Special Care friends Nancy Fitzsimons and Hal LeFever.

Ongoing prayers

Pam Young, Bill Hatfield, and Peg Wier.

Please use the [Ritual of Friendship](#) pads to let us know you're with us today. Whether you are in person or on-line, you can also sign in at centralpreschurch.org/friendship

In our effort to be inclusive of those who are unable to be with us in person, we live stream our worship services online. For those who are camera-shy, seating is available in the back two rows of the main floor or anywhere in the balcony.

A gentle reminder that Per Capita gifts connect us to the work of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the Office of the General Assembly. This year, Per Capita is \$43 per Member. Members, please place your check in the offering basket or mail it to the church office with "Per Capita" in the memo line. Thank you!