

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – May 5

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

WEDNESDAY – May 8

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

1:00pm Circle 20/20 (Fitch Parlor)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – May 9

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

There is a Congregational Letter today for the family of Joanne Martin who recently entered the Church Triumphant.

Please check out the details in today's two inserts. Remember that during May, we have the opportunity for the Special Pentecost Donation. Our local portion will be going to Isaiah 117. May is also Mental Health Awareness Month and CPC is offering different leaning opportunities.

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.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Traditional Music & Organist: Jeffrey Stearns
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024



Welcome

Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Marty Haugen)

***Call to Worship** Kathy Meeks

Leader: Sing to our God a new song.

People: God has done marvelous things!

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

People: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

***Hymn** "New Songs of Celebration Render" 371

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us?

People: Thanks be to God.

***Congregational Response**

“Glory to God in the Highest” back cover Hymnal

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 98:1-9

Anthem “We Are the Lord’s” (arr. Roland Martin)

Second Reading John 15:9-17

Message “Loving Like Jesus” Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** “What Wondrous Love is This” 215

Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues, ending with “sing to the glory of your name...”

Response “Holy, Holy, Holy” back cover Hymnal

The prayer continues with an invitation to the Lord’s Prayer. Please join in the language God has it on your heart.

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn** “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” 523

Invitation to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to make your offering at any time.

Offertory “All Who Are Thirsty” (Brown/Robertson)

***Doxology** 606

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus’ name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

***Hymn** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” 761

***Benediction**

Postlude “Postlude on BEECHER” (C. Calhoun)

** Please stand as you are able.*



In Our Prayers ✨

We pray for the family of Joanne Martin who entered the Church Triumphant. We pray students and teachers as the end of the academic year approaches. We also pray for our Special Care friends Joyce Herendeen and Lens Hernandez.

Ongoing prayers

Barbara Doering, Pam Young, Bill Hatfield, and Peg Wier.

Music Notes: Regan Eckstein, viola, teaches violin and viola privately. Her own studies included work at the New England Conservatory and Indiana University. Regan founded the Wabash Valley Youth Symphony in 2000 and has served as Music Administrator of the group. She remains active playing with area orchestras and local ensembles. We welcome Regan and thank her for sharing her music with us this morning.