

Welcome!

We welcome you in the name of Christ! Our website ChristCentralPCA.org offers a lot of helpful information about our church family. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 813-774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at church@ChristCentralPCA.org.

Here are some things that might be helpful to you:

- The Welcome Center is located in the lobby. If you are a first-time guest, we would love to meet you.
- We have bible study / Sunday school classes for all ages. You can find the time, topic, and location for each class at the Welcome Center.
- Please join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby before the worship service.
- We have a clean, efficient and safe nursery available for infants and toddlers in the education wing of the church. We also have a cry room in the back of the sanctuary, so please feel free to use it when needed.
- As part of the covenant community, children are invited to participate in worship. We also offer a *Children's Worship* program during the sermon for children ages K4 through 2nd grade in Room 8. The children are dismissed during the singing of the Doxology by walking to the back of the sanctuary and following the Children's Worship leader out.

Order for the Divine Service of Worship

May 24, 2020 - 11:00 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

It is Well With My Soul

arr. Mark Hayes

Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

****Call to Worship** *(Please Stand)*

Psalm 108:1-5

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

People: Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

People: For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.

***Hymn**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Hymn #77

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress; praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

4 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One.

5 Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

****The Invocation**

****The Apostles' Creed**

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

****The Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The First Scripture Lesson

⁶ For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ “The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments; ¹⁰ but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face. ¹¹ Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I am commanding you today, to do them.

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

“Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, One God forevermore, Amen.”

Paul E. Engle, Baker’s Worship Handbook,
Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998

Assurance of Pardon

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man [Jesus] forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

Acts 13:38

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

(Continued...)

¹⁶ You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. ¹⁷ This I command you, that you love one another.

John 15:12-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

****The Offertory Hymn**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
Hymn #86

1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake; within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill, for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me: and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be; and in God's house forever my dwelling place shall be.

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

At the conclusion of the service, tithes and offerings can be placed in trays held by ushers as you exit from the sanctuary.

****The Doxology**

Hymn # 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Message

Rev. John K. Keen

Senior Pastor

****Hymn**

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Hymn #465

1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

2 Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Refrain

3 Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today.

Refrain

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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Announcements

Worship Information and Covid-19 Adjustments

We are pleased to begin reopening our church in order to worship God as his gathered people! However, in order to accommodate our phase 1 reopening guidelines, please be aware of the following:

- As an act of loving our neighbor, we are strongly urging all worshipers to wear a face mask. We have a limited supply of masks available. If you do not have one, simply ask one of our ushers.
- We ask that there be a minimum of three empty seats between each household.
- Please be aware, when sanctuary seating is at capacity, latecomers will be seated in the church lobby, which will have a TV displaying the service.
- In order to refrain from using hymnals and other high touch items, the entire liturgy, including all verses to hymns are printed in the bulletin.

Also, please be aware of other adjustments to our normal activities:

- There will be no infant and toddler nursery, Coffee and Conversation nor Children's Worship until further notice. Worshipers may still gather before and after the service for fellowship (while observing appropriate social distancing), but the church will not be providing any food or beverages for sanitary reasons.
- All other church activities remain suspended through May 31. Bible studies may continue online (refer to separate announcements for times and access).

Memorial Service for Dave Bardin

Long-time church member, **David Bardin** died on April 17, 2020. The family has made arrangements for a memorial service to be held on **Saturday, May 30 at 11:00 AM at Christ Central Presbyterian Church**. Please help in making sure that all church members (especially those without access to email) are aware of this service information. Also, please remain in prayer for surviving family members, especially Pat Bardin (Dave's wife of 59 years), their three children, eight grand children, and six great grandchildren.

Youth News

- The Middle School Camp Kalaqua scheduled for July 13-17 has been cancelled.
- The High School Mission Experience scheduled for July 27-31 is on hold. Since our HS Mission Experience is local and will only be our group, we are waiting to see how reopening progresses, so that we can ensure the safety of our youth. Status updates will be provided.

This Week at Christ Central

May 24 – May 30

SUNDAY: Morning Worship 11:00 am

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 92

Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,419.30

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor. 8:12

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

*Olanzo James 5/5
Raquel Fernandez 5/10
Kelly Fernandez 5/22
Olivia White 5/22*

*Elaine Crescent 5/25
Kaela Dalton 5/25
Peter Chang 5/26*

Anniversaries

*Alex & Kelly Fernandez 5/12
Ben & Jane Lambers 5/30*