

# *Welcome!*

We welcome you in the name of Christ! Our website [ChristCentralPCA.org](http://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](mailto: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.
- 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.

# *Order for the Divine Service of Worship*

*April 4, 2021 - 11:00 AM*

*Easter Sunday*

## **Silent Reflection**

*“Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.”*

— Book of Common Prayer, p. 343-344

## **Prelude** *String Quartet*

*Alleluia*

*By W.A. Mozart*

*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

*Psalm 118:19-24*

Leader: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

People: **This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.**

Leader: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

People: **The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;**

Leader: The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: **This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## **\*\*Hymn**

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

Hymn #286

## **\*\*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**

Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.<sup>2</sup> I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good besides You."<sup>3</sup> As for the saints who are in the earth, they are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight.<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will be multiplied; I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood, nor will I take their cup; You support my lot.<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who has counseled me; <sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will dwell securely.<sup>10</sup> For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.<sup>11</sup> You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Psalm 16 NASB

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## **The Confession of Our Sins**

Gracious Father, I am not worthy of blessings and mercies. My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion. I am often discontented, prideful, envious, and revengeful. As I have confessed my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, to hate my sin, yet to remember there is hope in You. Help me to see the Lamb that takes away sin. Through Him may I return to You, listen to You, Trust in You, delight in Your law, obey You, and be upheld by You, for Your glory and the good of my fellow-men. AMEN

-Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

## Assurance of Pardon

This I call to mind and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-23

## Solo

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*  
G.F. Handel

## The Second Scripture Lesson

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup>then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; <sup>8</sup>and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 NASB

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

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; <sup>5</sup> and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the disciples went away again to their own homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. <sup>13</sup> And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18 NASB

Leader:           The Word of the Lord  
People:           Thanks be to God

## **Anthem**

*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*  
*Mark Shepperd*

## **\*\*The Offertory Hymn**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!  
Hymn #297

## **\*\*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**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today  
Hymn #277

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*He Lives*  
*Alfred H. Ackley*

*\*\*All who are able, please stand*

*\*Unless specified, all Scripture texts are from the NIV-1984*

# *Announcements*

## Sunday Evening Schedule

Please note due to the Easter holiday there will be no Sunday evening activities tonight.

## Church Directory

The 2021 directory is now available! Copies are available at the Welcome Desk. If you would prefer a PDF version of the directory, please email Lisa at [church@christcentralpca.org](mailto:church@christcentralpca.org) and she will send you a copy.

## Save the date for a Trip around the World!

Mark your calendars for our annual **International Dinner on Saturday, May 22 at 5:30 pm**. Come celebrate our church's diversity as we fellowship with one another and sample dishes from around the world! More information will be given as we near the event.

## March 9 Covid-19 Update

Your Session continues to study and prayerfully reevaluate our strategies to mitigate the threat of Covid-19 at our church gatherings. Here is a summary of the Session's latest actions and decisions:

- **Worship** — The Session has decided to implement a split mask option. **Beginning next Sunday, April 11**, an area of the sanctuary will be designated for worshipers who wish to remove their masks while seated during the worship service. We will maintain the rule that all worshipers should wear a mask at all times when moving about anywhere inside the building.
- **Sunday School** — All attendees should wear a face mask while participating in the Sunday school hour. Teachers may be unmasked while teaching at the front of the room. We have a limited supply of masks available. If you do not have one, simply ask one of our ushers.
- We ask that all attendees adhere to social distancing while on the church campus. When sanctuary seating is at capacity, latecomers will be seated in the church lobby, which has a TV displaying the service.

Please adhere to the aforementioned requirements until the announcement of further changes. If you are experiencing any symptoms or if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive to the coronavirus, out of an abundance of caution, please refrain from attending.



***This Week at Christ Central***  
***April 4 – April 10***

**SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 11:00 am

**TUESDAY:** Ladies' Bible Study, Via Zoom, 7:00 pm

***Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children***

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 6-10 / 1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Jane Lambers	8
Middle School / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Matthew Pearson	Rio Center
High School / 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
Adult - The Life and Teaching of Paul	Bryan Toenes	Fellowship Hall
Adult - Spiritual Disciplines	Steve Strickland	15
Exploring Church Membership	CCPC Elders	14

# CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 93

Last Sunday's Offering: \$9,309.50

*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*

## *Volunteers*

### *Greeters / Ushers*

#### April

#### May

#### Greeters:

The Dalton Family

Randy and Lisa  
Johnson

#### Ushers:

Gregg Quick  
Bryan Toenes

Randy Johnson  
Darby White

### *Nursery Volunteers*

*Today: Shannon Pothoven*

*April 11: Tami Lang*

*April 18: Lisa Johnson/Jane Lambers*

*April Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*