

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – May 12

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

WEDNESDAY – May 15

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

THURSDAY – May 16

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

Our last Sunday morning Christian Education class for the summer will take place with Lou Camilotto on May 19 at 9 am in Fitch Parlor. Come join us to learn about the Song of Solomon.

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: Jeffry Stearns
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill
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Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024



Welcome

Prelude "The Ash Grove – Let All Things Now Living" (M. Mazzatenta)

*Call to Worship

Nancy Nargi

Leader: Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff but delight in God's teachings and meditate upon them day and night.

People: They are like trees planted by streams of water. They yield fruit in due season and their leaves do not wither.

*Hymn

"O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other. With joy, let us share that peace with one another.

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 John 17:6-19

Anthem “Consider” (Rossetti/Martin)

Second Reading Acts 1:15-17

Message “The Golden Thread of Grace” Brandi Christiansen

***Hymn** “There Is a Redeemer” 443

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles’ Creed (back cover 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 make your offering at any time.

Offertory “Praise to God the Father”
(Ghanaian Melody arr. Fedak)

***Doxology** 606

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Jesus has made God known to us. We already belong to God. And so we dedicate these gifts to God’s service and to the glory of God’s name. Amen

***Hymn** “We Cannot Measure How you Heal” 797

*Benediction

Postlude “Rondeau” (Henry Purcell)

** Please stand as you are able.*



In Our Prayers

We pray for Peg Weir for health reasons. We pray for rest and safe travels for Pastor Wil and Ryan. We also pray for our Special Care friends Kitty Mills and Marilyn Pryor.

Ongoing prayers

Barbara Doering, Pam Young, and Bill Hatfield.

Music Notes: The anthem “Consider” (music by Roland Martin) is based on Christina Rossetti’s poem of the same name which, in turn, was based on Jesus’ teachings in the Book of Matthew. “Consider” compares human life to that of lilies and sparrows. It stresses our brief existence and God’s protection, the futility of material wealth and anxiety, and urges trust in God’s provision.

Guest Speaker: Brandi Christiansen, President and CEO of Mental Health America, Wabash Valley Region, is giving the message today as part of Central’s recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. Brandi is a Veteran of the Navy and dedicated advocate for people facing mental health and substance use disorders. She has been awarded the Community Freedom Award from Community Health Network, the Howard County Chamber of Commerce’s “Women of Excellence Break Through Professional” and the United Way of Greater Lafayette’s Gary Henriott Community Impact Leadership Award.