



Central United Methodist Church

Founded 1870

2008: The Year of Mission

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (WHITE)

MARCH 30, 2008

ORDER OF WORSHIP

As we rejoice in the Easter season, the color turns to white, a celebratory color that points to having been cleansed anew in God's grace.

GATHERING: The people come together in the Lord's Name.

PARISH CONCERNS

The service of worship begins. The prelude is offered on behalf of the entire congregation. Quiet meditation and private prayers are encouraged.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*GREETING

Minister: Our hearts are glad and our spirits rejoice;

People: our bodies will also dwell secure,

Minister: for the Lord has shown us the path of life;

People: in God's presence there is fullness of joy. Alleluia!

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the fullness of this day's mystery has continued the work of the resurrection; grant that we who have been made your children may obtain that same peace which our Lord Jesus Christ left to us when he came to you; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 715 Darwall's 148th

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 (9:00)..... The Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI 70 (9:00) Meineke

PROCLAMATION

FIRST LESSON..... I Peter 1:3-9

Lay Readers: Kim Dowd, Ben Ward

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Choir

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia! We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia! The Father's splendor clothes the Son of life. The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God. Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One. Alleluia! A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe restored will sing: Alleluia!

Setting of Engelberg (Charles Stanford) by Hall Hopson, 1989

SECOND LESSON John 20:19-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM No. 39

11:15 - Sophia Elizabeth, daughter of Bob & Alice Stevenson

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS No. 38

11:15 - Brett Watts and Melissa Thompson

*ACT OF PRAISE 748 (R1) Psalm 16

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CHILDREN’S TIME

(Children ages 3K - 1st grade are invited to the chancel. An offering will be received from the children during Children’s Time.)

*HYMN 306 Victory
The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

THIRD LESSON Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Mr. Malambri

THE HOPE IN IMPOSSIBILITY

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95 Old 100
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 304 Regent Square
Easter People, Raise Your Voices

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Choir
The Lord Bless You and Keep You
(Lutkin)

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

Holy Communion will be served immediately following the 11:15 service in the Ingram Chapel.

* ALL WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The fifth anniversary of the death of *Lucy York Swaim* will be April 1st. *Jo Ellen and Tim Carroll* have chosen to remember *Jo Ellen’s* mother by placing the flowers on the altar today.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Pastors..... Thomas C. Pietila, William F. Malambri III
Director of Music..... William B. Mills
Assistant Organist..... Beverly S. Hazelwood
Acolytes..... Brinson Laliberte, H.D. Stone

How to Join: If you are interested in joining Central UMC, please contact one of the pastors. You may join by profession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership from another church. We encourage, but do not require, a brief service of welcoming as a means to introduce you to the congregation, to remind them of their commitment to God and you, and to give you the opportunity to profess your commitment to God and Central UMC.

Wireless Hearing Aids are available for those who have difficulty hearing in worship. They are very user-friendly. They can be secured by asking on of the ushers.

Tapes of the morning worship service are available; please contact the church office on Monday morning. We will be glad to make one for you.