

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

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We welcome and celebrate human diversity - including spirituality, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation. Here, people of any faith or none can question and discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter, prayer and music.

We welcome Rev. Vivian Moores to lead our service this morning.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

The God of resurrection, the God of life, invites us to worship. With wonder and anticipation let us gather in prayer and praise.

Opening Prayer *(David Sparks)*

Living God, we rejoice that in Jesus risen from the dead you change everything.

Sick people and sad people discover hope.

The vulnerable and shy discover self-confidence.

The troubled and distressed discover peace.

The depressed and downhearted discover that life can be fun again.

The church discovers a new vision of community and service and each of us discovers what we can truly be as followers of Jesus.

Living God, help us to enable new life to happen and to be a part of that new life, in and through the risen Christ.

Amen

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him"

John Bell and Graham Maule



Je - sus calls us here to meet him as, through
Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of
Je - sus calls us to each oth - er; found in
word and song and prayer, we af - firm God's pro - mised
life and Lord of all, shar - er of our flesh and
him are no di - vides. Race and class and sex and
pres - ence where his peo - ple live and care. Praise the
frail - ness, sav - ing all who fail or fall. Tell his
lan - guage such are bar - riers he de - rides. Join the
God who keeps his pro - mise; praise the Son who
ho - ly hu - man sto - ry; tell his tales that
hand of friend and stran - ger, join the hands of
calls us friends; praise the Spi - rit who, a -
all may hear; tell the world that Christ in
age and youth; join the faith - ful and the
mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.
glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.
doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.

Prayer for Renewal

One: Risen Lord, we pause in this time of worship to be quiet . . . taking time to remember the scripture, "be still and know that I am God."

All: In the midst of our Christian journey remind us of your abiding presence with us in every minute.

One: In your resurrection, you opened the eyes of your disciples and many others to your Divinity.

All: We ask that our eyes and hearts be opened also, that we might feel the joy that is offered to us in your resurrection.

One: We acknowledge that so often we are blind to your presence with us on the road of life.

All: There are times when we look back with regret for what might have been . . . but is not. Then there are times we look ahead and feel afraid . . . because of the unknown.

All: Renew us and help us live in the moment so as to be aware of your Spirit at work.

All: Mold and shape our hearts and lives to live as your Easter people. Amen

Choir Anthem: "Be Still - R. Sowash"

Time for All Ages

Hymn: "There's A Spirit In The Air" VU #582

Scripture Readings

Psalm 145 (pg. 866 VU)

John 21:1-19

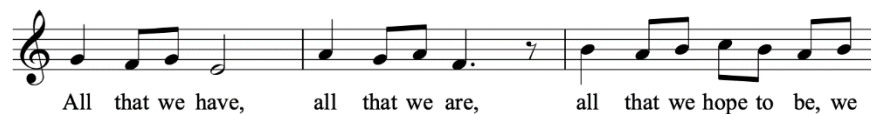
Message: How has the "Living Christ" Shaped Your Faith?

Hymn: "We Meet You, O Christ" VU #183

A Time for Offering

Invitation

Offertory Hymn: "We are an Offering"



Dedication of Our Gifts:

Acknowledging the gift to participate in what God is doing, we gladly bring forth these offerings to be dedicated. We are humbled to be part of something larger than ourselves. We pray these gifts, given in love, will bring to reality God's dreams and vision for God's creation, both within our community and throughout our world. May it be so. Amen

Sung Invitation to Prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU #400
The Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer



you came walk - ing by. From the beach you
 fish, and shar - ing bread: You showed Pet - er
 an - swered your great call: "Cast your nets where
 serv - ing those in need, May we know, Lord,

Closing Hymn: "Peter Said, 'I'm Going Fishing'"



Pe - ter said, "I'm go - ing fish - ing," so his
 Soon their nets were filled to brimm - ing; Some - one
 Ris - en Christ, you send us fish - ing! God's great
 Lord, be with our con - gre - ga - tion; by your



called a greet - ing, "Cast out on the oth - er side!"
 and the oth - ers: You were ris - en from the dead!
 I have told you. Bring my word of love to all!"
 you are liv - ing, Guid - ing us in min - i - stry.



friends went out with him. Through the night, they
 cried, "It is the Lord!" Jump - ing in, he
 sea is ev - ery - where. You have guid - ed
 spir - it, send us forth! May we care for

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Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



la - boured, watch - ing, haul - ing emp - ty nets back in.
 start - ed swimm - ing; Christ, you met him on the shore.
 us in mis - sion, You have giv - en love to share.
 your cre - a - tion; May we work for peace on earth.



In the grey of ear - ly morn - ing, Je - sus,
 Guid - ing them to bet - ter wat - ers, eat - ing
 Through the years, our church has heard you, We have
 In our wor - ship, in our giv - ing, in our