



Central United Methodist Church— service at 10:00 a.m.
with our friends at Oak Point

May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Preaching: Paul Battistini— Certified Lay Minister

Liturgist: Susan Ramsay Musician: Kyle Akin

Streaming Coordinators: Rick Velez/Bill Greenlaw

We are a family of faith that invites everyone to share our walk with Christ.

Centering Music: Kyle Akin
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Greeting & Welcome: Susan

Thought for the Day: Susan

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

-John Wesley

Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship: Susan
 (in unison)

“Covenant Prayer” by John Wesley
 (in unison)

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
 Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
 Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
 Praised for you or criticized for you.
 Let me be full, let me be empty.
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
 I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
 And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours.
 So be it.
 And the covenant which I have made on earth,
 Let it also be made in heaven. Amen**

Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98
(verses 1&2)

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath
done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his
Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath
done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of
blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath
done!

Apostles Creed: UMH #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick 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.

Hymn: "Here I am Lord" UMH #593
(verses 1 & 2)

[Verse 1]

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus 1]

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

[Verse 2]

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus 2]

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Holy Communion:

One: Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples,

and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: The United Methodist Church has a policy of an Open Table. All who accept Jesus Christ as our Savior is welcome to come and share in the feast.

(Please come forward and receive the body and blood of Christ)

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn: “Be Still My Soul” UMH #534

(verses 1 & 3)

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

First Scripture Reading: Susan

Mathew 21:18-22

Jesus Curses a Fig Tree

¹⁸ Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹ Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.

²⁰ When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked.

²¹ Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. ²² If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

New Testament Reading: Susan

Mathew 10: 16-31

¹⁶ "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against

their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.^[a] ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Children's Message:

Special Music: Kyle

Sermon: "John Wesley and His Quadrilateral"

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God Moments: *Joys and Concerns*

Closing Hymn: *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
(Sung Twice) TFWS # 2088*

Pastoral Prayer: Paul

Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth, to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your Name on high.

Tithes and Offerings:

Doxology: (UMH #95)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Paul

Announcements: Susan

Blessing:
Go in peace and share God's love with others.



Birthday Wishes

May 2nd- Shirley Parker
May 18th- Jody Battistini

June 1st- Bob Ramsay
June 3rd- Arthur Battistini
June 11th- Bev Payne
June 27th- Elwin Hanson

Thank you for worshipping with us at Central United Methodist Church.

Come as a stranger, leave as a friend.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 21st- Service at Oak Point with communion
June 24th- Church Yard Sale, see Jody for details. (508-947-8285) donations welcome, drop them off at the church anytime. Contact Jody if you need a pick-up.

LAY SERVANT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Counter</u>	
5/21/23	Paul Battistini	Susan R	Bill G	Bill G	Susan R	Oak Pt. /Communion
5/28/23	Dave Dextraze	Paul B	Donna T	Linda M	Paul B	
6/4/23	Paul Battistini	Linda M	Nancy E	MJ S	Bob R	
6/11/23	Dave Dextraze	MJ S	Bev P	Susan R	MJ S	

Bible Easter Trivia I

Put an "x" beside the answer you think is right!

1. Jesus said that before the rooster crowed twice Peter would do what?

- a. Leave the city
- b. Deny Christ three times
- c. Accept a bribe
- d. Kill a centurion

2. Where was Jesus arrested?

- a. A garden
- b. A temple
- c. His home
- d. The Upper Room

3. When Jesus was arrested, who cut off the ear of the high priest's servant?

- a. James
- b. John
- c. Peter
- d. Andrew

4. Judas betrayed Jesus for how many pieces of silver?

- a. 10
- b. 20
- c. 30
- d. 40

5. What sign did Judas use to betray Christ?

- a. A hug
- b. A kiss
- c. A handshake
- d. A salute

6. Which prisoner was released instead of Jesus?

- a. Philip
- b. Barabbas
- c. Barnabas
- d. John the Baptist

7. Where was Jesus crucified?

- a. Golgotha
- b. Dolorosa
- c. Gethsemane
- d. Domine Ivimus

8. In whose tomb was Jesus buried?

- a. Mary Magdalene's
- b. Lazarus'
- c. Joseph of Arimathea's
- d. John the disciple's

9. Who ordered Jesus to be arrested?

- a. Pilate
- b. Caiaphas
- c. Caesar
- d. Herod

10. Before His crucifixion, what was placed on Jesus' head?

- a. A golden crown
- b. Purple cloth
- c. Crown of thorns
- d. Crown of thistles

11. On what charge was Jesus sentenced to death?

- a. Blasphemy
- b. Lying
- c. Treason
- d. Tyranny

12. For what did the soldiers cast lots?

- a. The Cross
- b. Jesus' clothes
- c. Money
- d. Jesus' hair

13. Who wanted to see the nail marks in Jesus hands before they believed he was alive?

- a. Thomas
- b. Peter
- c. Nicodemus
- d. Judas

14. Three disciples were with Jesus at the time of his arrest. Who were they?

- a. Matthew, Mark, Luke
- b. Peter, James, John
- c. Thomas, James, Bartholomew
- d. Peter, Mark, John

15. What was written on the sign above Jesus' cross?

- a. Friend of Sinners
- b. Prophet of the Jews
- c. King of the Jews
- d. King of the World



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