

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT CENTRAL CHURCH

**Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday worship services at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am**  
Children of all ages—come and wave your palms high in celebration of Christ. He walked in triumph even in the darkest of moments on the way to the cross.

### Wednesday, April 16 Whitefish Dinner and Music Midweek

Join us at 5:00 for a delicious whitefish dinner presented by Our Neighbors' Garden. We are grateful to hear the voice and music of pianist Fred Szczepanski, known as Mr. Fred, at 6:00 in the sanctuary, as we experience Holy Week and Christ's walk to the cross. Fred is especially known for his Taize-inspired worship offerings through the season of Lent.

### Friday, April 18 Good Friday

**Good Friday Ecumenical service from 12:15—3:00 pm:** offerings will support the refugee resettlement work of Bethany Christian Services. Participating pastors from the community will reflect on Christ as a stranger or outsider or immigrant as we journey with Jesus to the cross.  
**Stations of the Cross in Rotary Square at 6:00 pm:** sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. Our CUMC Sunday Morning Pilgrimage class will host a station during this community event where allies can walk the stations of the cross for migrants.

**Tenebrae service at 8:00 pm:** join us as the sun goes down for a powerful experience of the last breath of Christ, when the world went dark. We will strip the altar and enter mourning until the light returns on the third day. Experience Easter completely this year, by allowing your spirit to truly see how Christ's light shines through the darkest of nights.

### Easter Sunday April 20

#### Christ is RISEN! RISEN INDEED!

**Sunrise service at Greilickville Park at 7:00-7:30 am:** rise early and dress warmly for a chance to praise God and celebrate new life in Christ together in song and prayer as the sun rises gently over west Grand Traverse Bay.  
**Easter Sunday worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 am:** celebrate with us in word and song as we raise our voices in praise for the One who knows our sorrows and conquers the grave! This is the biggest celebration of the Christian year! We need your voice to join in the song!

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Rooted in the Covenant: 6:00 pm 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Lounge**  
Join this class led by Pastors Linda and Joan to dig deeper into who we are as the people called Methodist and consider how our faith shapes the way we live in the world.  
**Disciple1 (Fast Track Old Testament Study) returns: Thursdays at 6:00 beginning April 10.** Contact Darcy at [darcy@tccentralumc.org](mailto:darcy@tccentralumc.org) for more information.  
**Our Neighbors' Garden informational meeting next Sunday in the sanctuary** after the 11:00 service. You don't need a green thumb!  
**Reconciling Ministries meeting and potluck next Sunday, 12:30 pm in the lounge**  
**Graduation Sunday is coming soon.** Contact Sue Cobb in the office if you have a graduate from high school or an advanced degree to be recognized.



**"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project**  
*March Spotlight: Michael's Place* Got currency? Bring it to church and drop it in the "Currency for Change" bucket anytime this month. All funds collected will be designated to this month's mission.

GET MORE INFORMATION IN THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

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## Music Midweek



April 16: Fred Szczepanski, pianist

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16  
5:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL  
**Whitefish Dinner**  
TO SUPPORT  
OUR NEIGHBORS' GARDEN



April 6, 2025  
Traditional Worship

|  |  |                                  |
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| Prelude  | "Come, Ye Disconsolate"<br><i>Barbara Slagel, organ</i>  | arr. Mark Hayes                  |
| Welcome and Announcements                              |  | Rev. Linda Stephan               |
| *Passing the Peace                                     |  | Rev. Linda Stephan               |
| *Call to Worship^                                      |  | Ann Porter                       |
| One: Come to the Lord with openness,                   |  |                                  |
| <b>ALL: seeking God's presence whatever it brings.</b> |  |                                  |
| One: Bring doubt. Bring belief.                        |  |                                  |
| <b>ALL: Seek the Lord and live.</b>                    |  |                                  |
| *Opening Hymn  | "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"   | UMH No. 152                      |
| Blessing the Children                                  |  | Rev. Linda Stephan               |
| Chorus   | "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"   | UMH No. 273                      |
| Prayer of the People                                   |  | Ann Porter                       |
| The Lord's Prayer                                      |  | UMH No. 895                      |
|  | <b>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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</b>  |                                  |
| Ministry of Music                                      | "Angels Bore His Soul Away"<br><i>Chancel Choir</i>  | by Douglas Wagner                |
|  | <i>On a distant hilltop, where no flowers grow, where no hint of sunlight has shone; on a cross, my Savior, nailed with brutal blows, left to die, forsaken, alone. Jesus, with his last full breath, bowed His head in quiet death; closed His eyes, a debt repaid, as angels bore His soul away. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul. See the splintered oak wood, taste the bitter gall, see the gleaming sword pierce His side. Feel the desolation, and the tears that fall, hear the taunts as crowds deride. Jesus, with his last full breath, bowed His head in quiet death; closed His eyes, a debt repaid, as angels bore His soul away.</i> |                                  |
| Scripture Reading                                      | John 12:1-8  | NT p. 106                        |
| Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.         |  | <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b> |
|  | <i>Renewing the Soul, Restoring the World Sermon Series</i>  |                                  |
| Message  | "The Sacramental Life"   | Rev. Joan VanDessel              |
| Celebration of Holy Communion                          |  |                                  |
| One: Lift up your hearts.                              |  |                                  |
| <b>ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.</b>               |  |                                  |
| One: Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.       |  |                                  |
| <b>ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b> |  |                                  |



*Pastor continues...*

One: 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Pastor continues...*

One: 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 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Pastor continues...*

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

Sharing the Bread and Cup (All elements are gluten- and alcohol-free.)

Receiving of our Gifts and Offerings

- \*Doxology UMH No. 95
- \*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Linda Stephan
- \*Hymn "All Who Hunger" TFWS No. 2126
- Benediction Rev. Joan VanDessel
- Choral Benediction "Sevenfold Amen" by John Stainer
- Postlude "Präludium in C-dur" by Johann Rinck  
*Barbara Slagel, organ*

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience. (If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*Please stand as you are able.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephen and Rev. Joan VanDessel  
Liturgist: Ann Porter  
Music: Barbara Slagel, organ/piano; Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director  
Welcome Desk: Tom Emling  
Greeters: Marian Knapp, Jackie Barone and the Seymour family

**Thank you for joining us today!**



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



SCAN TO CHECK IN NOW

*^CREDIT: Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion p. 2*

# Thank you for joining us today!

**Things you might find helpful while you're here:**

**If you are a first-time visitor, please stop by the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary - we have a special gift for you!**

**Large print bulletins, hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available upon request. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.**

**Children are welcome in worship! We offer a special family-friendly Grace Space in the back of the sanctuary where children can participate in hands-on activities during the worship service. If you prefer, our nursery for children five and under is located on the lower level. A sound-proof two-way mirrored infant room is located outside the sanctuary, across from the church office.**

**Our greeters, ushers and welcome center hosts are happy to help you with directions or questions you may have today.**

**If you'd like more information about Central Church, please follow our Facebook Page: [facebook.com/cumctc](https://www.facebook.com/cumctc) or visit our website: [tccentralumc.org](http://tccentralumc.org)**

**For your convenience, our 9 & 11 AM worship services are livestreamed weekly.**

**In addition, our 11AM worship service is broadcast live on WCCW-AM 1310 (Traverse City), sponsored by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.**

**Other information you might want to know:**

**Prayer requests are welcome. You can submit your prayer and/or request to be part of the prayer chain by contacting our Wellness Advocate, Sarah Drews: [sarah@tccentralumc.org](mailto:sarah@tccentralumc.org)**

**Along with the pastors, Central Church has a volunteer caring team that is available for support in many ways including home visitation, Stephen Ministry care, medical transportation assistance, and hospital visitation. If you would like support during a difficult time, please contact one of the pastors or our Wellness Advocate, Sarah Drews: [sarah@tccentralumc.org](mailto:sarah@tccentralumc.org).**

# All are Welcome.

**Welcome to all who seek true community, or who have no church home, who have been here awhile, or have just arrived, who need strength, who want to follow Christ, who have doubts, firm convictions, or who aren't sure what they believe. Welcome to new guests and to old friends. Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations and gender identities, to old and young, to believers and questioners and welcome to questioning believers.**



## Sunday Morning Worship

**8 AM Small Community Worship**  
in the Chapel

**9 AM Upbeat, Casual Worship**  
in the Sanctuary

**11 AM Traditional Worship**  
in the Sanctuary

