



**"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project**

March Spotlight: *BDAI (Before, During and After Incarceration)*

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.

## Coffee with the Pastors

**TODAY  
after  
11am  
worship**



## Holy Week Happenings

**Sunday, March 29**  
Palm Sunday Worship 8 am, 9 am and 11 am  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
Fred Szczepanski Taize-inspired worship at 6 pm  
**Thursday, April 2:** Seder at 6 pm \***WAITLIST AVAILABLE\***  
presented by Congregation Beth Shalom at Central  
**Friday, April 3**  
Good Friday Community Ecumenical Service 12:15 pm - 3 pm  
Stations of the Cross For Migrants at Rotary Square 6 pm  
Tenebrae Service | 8 pm



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## Easter Sunday Worship

April 5

**7AM** SUNRISE SERVICE  
AT GREILICKVILLE  
MARINA PARK  
**9AM** CASUAL IN  
THE SANCTUARY  
**11AM** TRADITIONAL IN  
THE SANCTUARY



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# 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.

**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/tccumc](https://facebook.com/tccumc) or our Instagram: [www.instagram.com/tccumc](https://www.instagram.com/tccumc) or visit our website: [tccentralumc.org](https://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.

Flowers provided by The Flower Station

### 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.**



CENTRAL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

## Sunday Morning Worship

**8 AM Small Group Service**

in the Chapel

**9 AM Upbeat, Casual Worship**

in the Sanctuary

**11 AM Traditional Worship**

in the Sanctuary

Find out more: [tccentralumc.org/events](https://tccentralumc.org/events)



March 29, 2026  
Traditional Worship

Prelude "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" by K. Sadowski  
Barbara Slagel, organ

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Call to Worship Jep Gruman  
One: Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**ALL: We welcome Christ with open hearts and expectant hope.**  
One: Amid the powers of the world, Christ comes humbly, riding a donkey.

**ALL: We follow the way of peace, even when it costs us.**  
One: We journey among shouts of praise and the shadow of the cross.

**ALL: We walk this holy road together, trusting love to lead.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

\*Opening Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH No. 278

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer of the People Jep Gruman

The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895  
**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.**

Ministry of Music "Fanfare for Palm Sunday" arr. McDonald  
Central's Chancel Choir; Thomas Vieira, trumpet

*Lift your heads, ye mighty gates; the king of glory comes! See the people celebrate; saying, "blessed be the one!" Praise him all you people of earth. Praise him with your songs of worth. Praise him with your loud hosannas. Wave your palms with joy! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King! Lift your voices all ye children; Jesus is the king! Teach us how to give him glory; let your praises ring! Blessed be the son of David! Crown him king of kings! Worship, blessing, honor, glory all your praises bring! See the wonders he has done; this is Jesus, God's own son! With hosannas let us follow Jesus Christ, our king!*

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11 NT p . 23  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*Holy Week Sermon Series*

Message "Palm Sunday" Rev. Joan VanDessel

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Doxology UMH No. 95  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Hymn "To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord" UMH No.285

\*Benediction Rev. Joan VanDessel

Postlude "You Were On the Cross" by Matt Maher  
Jeffrey Cobb and Jake Ramseyer

*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.)*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel  
Liturgist: Jep Gruman  
Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;  
Barbara Slagel, piano/organ; Thomas Vieira, trumpet  
Jake Ramseyer, guitar  
Welcome Desk: Don and Diana Burton  
Greeters: Bob and Carol Blackmer, Jeri Papazian

**Thank you for worshipping with us today**



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**Announcements & Opportunities**

**ADULTS**

**Knit One, Crochet Too: 10:30 am - 12 noon Tuesdays in Room 301**  
If you enjoy yarn crafting, please join others for knitting, crocheting and fellowship. New members and interested learners are welcome. We'll help you start or decipher a pattern. Contact Linda Wolgast: [linda65ac@gmail.com](mailto:linda65ac@gmail.com)

**Sunday Morning Pilgrimage: Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00** This is an open discussion study group seeking a deeper understanding of God's presence in our lives and in our world. Our current focus is the Richard Rohr book "Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self." Our meeting spot is in transition this spring. Contact Kathy Mead: [meadka09@gmail.com](mailto:meadka09@gmail.com).

**Caregivers Support Group: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm third Mondays in the Library** In person or via Zoom. Come be in community and find support in being a caregiver for your loved ones. Contact Sharon Hill, [sharondiamondhill@gmail.com](mailto:sharondiamondhill@gmail.com)

**Donuts and Devotions: 9:00 am - 10:30 am first and third Wednesdays in the Choir Room.** You are welcome to join this drop-in circle of men who are seeking God in their lives. Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation. Contact Doug Haberland at [haberlanddn@outlook.com](mailto:haberlanddn@outlook.com) for more information.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Nursery available in Room 105 Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:15 pm**  
**Heroes in Action: 5:30 - 7:15 pm Wednesdays in Room 105**  
Children entering grades K-2 will learn Bible Basics, all about Jesus and his love for all of us!

**The Wonderers: 5:30 - 7:15 pm Wednesdays in Room 106**  
Children entering grades 3-4 will join friends here to help us grow together in grace, God and with the eyes of Holy Wonder!

**MS Youth Group: 5:30 -7:15 pm Wednesdays in Room 103**  
Youth entering grades 5-7 will join in community to learn more about God, and also about people who have made impacts throughout history.

**HS Youth Group: 5:30 -7:15pm Wednesdays in the Youth room**  
Youth grades 8-12 are invited for a time of fellowship, service, learning and fun! All are welcome—invite a friend!

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**Grief Support Group begins Wednesdays April 8 through May 13** from 6:00 to 7:15. This group is for anyone experiencing grief of any kind and is a safe space to share and listen. Contact [sarah@tccentralumc.org](mailto:sarah@tccentralumc.org)

**Know Your Rights training Thursday, April 9 from 6:30 to 8:30pm**  
Learn how to be a peaceful observer and act in solidarity.

**Spring Parent Book Study begins Sunday April 12 from 10:00 to 10:45**  
Child care is provided during this time as we discuss the book "Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From."