

Central Church

7th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

May 12, 2024

Central Church is a Christian fellowship whose mission is:

To Know Christ ~ *as Savior and Lord,*

To Share Christ ~ *by our Words and Actions.*

Welcome

Announcements, Prayer Cards, and Connect Cards

*Intro Song

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

*Greeting One Another

*Song of Centering

The Blessing

Call to Worship (Responsively):

Leader: God loves us, and so we should love one another.

People: Jesus commands that we love one another as He loves us.

Leader: If we truly abide in Christ we will love one another.

People: If we keep the commands of Jesus, we will love one another.

All: In our mutual love for one another, we worship You God!

Opening Prayer (In Unison): **As we gather to worship You today, Lord, we pray that You would: "Bestow on us, O Lord our God, understanding to know You, diligence to seek You, wisdom to find You, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". -Thomas Aquinas**

Sunday School Superintendent Recognition

Prayers of Celebration and Care

The Lord's Prayer (*"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us..."*)

*Song of Worship

Cornerstone

Scripture Lesson

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments

and abide in His love. I have said these things to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in My name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Children's Message

Sermon

"If You..." – Pastor Thom Bowsher

Pastoral Prayer

Time of Reflection

*Song of Sending/Tithes and Offerings

House of the Lord

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

Check It Out!

- If you are a new visitor to Central, we invite you to stop by the **Welcome Center** and receive a **Welcome Gift** and fill out a **Connect Card** with your information so we can stay in contact with you! We hope you enjoyed your visit! Come back soon!
- If you are in **need of a Bible**, please ask for one from a Welcome Team Member at the Welcome Center.
- A **nursery** is available for children ages 4 and younger South of the Main Entrance.
- **Assistive Listening Devices** are available. **See an usher.**

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