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GROWING CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY IN A DISTRACTING WORLD





"AN UNLIKELY FRIENDSHIP"

Order of Worship, May 5, 2019

PRE-SERVICE

Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

▲ INTROIT

Zimbabwe Hallelujah
Abraham Maraire

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
Cesareo Gambrain
Women's Ensemble

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

We have traveled from the horror of Good Friday to the joy and celebration of Easter.

We will give thanks to you forever, O God.

The Lord has turned our sorrow and sadness into dancing and joy.

We will give thanks to you forever, O God.

We come now to worship the one who transforms fear into resurrection love.

We will give thanks to you forever, O God.

▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul
Hymnal, 377

▲ OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray:

God of Life, we gather this day with the victory bells of Easter still ringing in our ears. We come joyfully this day to celebrate your power and glory, your wisdom and might. May we remain faithful to your call to follow Jesus, secure in your promise: that life will triumph over death, that hope will triumph over despair, and that love will triumph over fear. We lift our grateful hearts to you. Amen.

CENTRAL TO LIFE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Open Our Eyes, Lord
The Faith We Sing, 2086

▲ SCRIPTURE HYMN

Christ is Risen
Hymnal, 307 (vs. 1-2)

▲ GOSPEL LESSON

John 21: 1-9

▲ SCRIPTURE HYMN

Christ is Risen
Hymnal, 307 (vs. 3)

SERMON TEXT

Acts 9: 1-6

SERMON

"AN UNLIKELY FRIENDSHIP"
Rev. Greg Kennedy

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Resurrected One, you have proven that nothing can defeat the power of your love, and yet we continue to nurture our doubts. Time and again, you demonstrate your ability to transform despair in our human story into miraculous hope in your divine narrative, and yet we make ourselves at home in the pit of desolation. Over and over, you patiently plant your seeds of joy, and yet we continue to scoff at the puny seedlings that sprout, as if we've never before witnessed the tenacity of your regenerative Spirit. God, call us again to follow you. Show us again the miracle of your abundance. Lead us again from the depths of our fear into the Easter light of your never failing love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear this song of praise that God's people have been singing for thousands of years: "O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit." God heals all wounds, rescues all sinners, and forgives all debts. Join the song of praise!

▲ ACT OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace
Hymnal, 378 (vs. 1, 6)

OFFERTORY

(8:30)
(11:00)

Dr. Dan Cummings, piano
"Let Us Come"
Karen Marroli
Chancel Choir

▲ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Hymnal, 94

▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

Dr. Karen Marroli, piano
Dr. Dan Cummings, organ

▲ INVITATION TO ACTIVE FAITH

▲ HYMN TO ENGAGE THE WORLD

Go, Make of all Disciples
Hymnal, 571

▲ BLESSING WITH BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

"Go My Children"
Welsh Folk Tune
(8:30) Women's Ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

▲ POSTLUDE

Dr. Dan Cummings, organ

Hearing assistance devices are available

▲ Please stand if you are comfortable

Our Prayers Are With...

Friends/Family deployed, or may be otherwise in harm's way:

Kyle Cassidy Logan Dow	Brian Hernandez Haley Janke	Daniel Murtagh John W. Murtagh	Jared McManus Brian Brown
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MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Unique Amore	Carol Glover	Elizabeth Mixon	Eldora Swedenburg
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FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Names will appear on this list for two weeks.

Bob Thompson (Bill & Sandra Thompson)	Lupe Chavez (Barbara Skinner)
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Patricia Phillpot (Rhonda Townes)	Teresa Kincannon (Angus Jordan)

Condolences to

Maria Irwin and family on the death of her mother Julietta de la Garza on Sunday April 28th.

Condolences to

Dixie Janke and family on the death of her sister, Becky Altenberg, in South Haven, Michigan, on Monday, April 29th.

Altar flowers are in loving memory of **Ward Hunnicutt** by his wife, Peggy, and sons, John and Bob Hunnicutt.

HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

9:00am - 4:00pm

FRIDAY

9:00am - Noon

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GROWING CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY
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CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am



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CHURCH**

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LOWELL FOOD BANK

LOWELL ELEMENTARY

- School Uniform Drive—Partnering with the Assistance League of Albuquerque's *Operation School Bell* to provide school uniforms for students at Lowell Elementary.
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Mighty Milers running program

Contact Claudia Ryan at cdryan65@gmail.com



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"To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." For information contact CUMC UNW President, Zena Kinne at zenakinne@gmail.com or 505-916-7479.



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM meet for breakfast on the third Saturday of each month for fellowship and a program. Proceeds from their fundraising projects benefit various ministries and mission projects. For more information contact Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041.



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