



This morning's Lectionary Readings are Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17.

The quotidian phrase of “taking a leap of faith” is an elegantly simple way of ascribing an active image to the practice of faith. As Christians, having faith requires jumping beyond where our material knowledge ends, accepting the skepticism/doubts/fears we hold, and consciously making an intentional choice to bridge that cognitive gap to trust in God.

In the Genesis and Romans readings today, we see that God calls upon Abraham to leave behind everything he knows to settle in a new land. Abraham obediently abides and is justified by faith through righteousness. God's difficult ask and the example modeled by Abraham is tempered with Psalm 121, which reassures us of the closeness of God in every part of our lives. This sense of proximity that melds into a oneness creates a virtuous circle that should embolden us to exercise our faith through action when presented with life's myriad of circumstances.

Where is the Spirit moving you, and how will you respond?

“Christ be within us to keep us, beside us to guard, before us to lead, behind us to protect, beneath us to support, above us to bless” and may we always find comfort and shelter in your loving care. Amen.

Lent Season Services and Studies

Bible Studies

Wednesday's, February 26th-April 1st, 11am-12pm at Starbucks on Lomas and Washington, Pastor Kelly will lead a study on Lent in a Season of Change

Thursday's, February 27th-April 2nd, 6-7pm in the Youth Lounge— upper level, rooms 301-303, Pastor Greg will lead a study on *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton

Worship Services

Palm Sunday: 4/5/20 8:30am & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday: 4/9/20 7:30pm Sanctuary

Good Friday: 4/10/20 7:30pm Sanctuary

Easter: 4/12/20 8:30am & 11:00am Sanctuary

An Easter Sunrise Meditation will be available at the Welcome Desk for you to take home.

March 8, 2020

CENTRAL TO LIFE



SERMON SERIES

"HEART TO HEART TALKS"



CUMC CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday March 21st, 8:00am. Our program will be a presentation by Jim Herring on Pathways Academy. Call Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041 for additional information to RSVP.

THIRD SPACE MINISTRIES

What is a 3rd Space? 3rd Space refers to places where people gather outside of their homes (1st space) and their workspace (2nd space). Examples of third places would be environments such as coffee shops, breweries, farmers markets, and parks.

- **Starbucks Bible Study:** (Lomas and Washington) Wednesdays, 11-12pm
- **Brewery Study:** (High and Dry on Lomas and Adams) Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm.
- **Sabbath in The Suburbs:** (High and Dry) **4/26/20 at 12:30pm**
- **Shared Table:** Shared Table is a community initiative where you are asked to invite your neighbors into your home for a potluck meal on any day during the last week of the month.

Do you have an idea for a 3rd Space Ministry?
Please Contact Pastor Kelly @ kellyb@centraltolife.org

ADULT MINISTRIES

- **Sundays:** Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am. Choose from a variety of classes. See the Pew Packets located in the pew backs in the sanctuary, or visit with the Welcome Desk volunteers for more information.
- **Monday Bible Study:** 6:30pm, 3rd Floor
- **Clergy Conversations:** 4th Sunday of each month, 9:45-10:45am, Life Center
Next Clergy Conversations April 26th
- **WOW: Wed's. 9:30-11:30am,** Conference Room
Please contact Pastor Kelly @ kellyb@centraltolife.org for more information.

**See Today's Insert for
CUMC Summer 2020 Activities**

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers can be purchased for \$8.50 in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Forms are available at the church office or at one of the Sanctuary entrances.

**Orders for flowers will be taken
until Wednesday, April 8th
and will be delivered on Easter, April 12th**

Join us for a lunchtime concert **March 15th** at **12:15pm** featuring Higher Ground Bluegrass! \$10 per person - please sign up at the church office by March 8. Bring donations for Healthcare for the Homeless (socks, canned or bulk sized coffee, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, shampoo/conditioner, undergarments).
Contact Dr. Karen at kmarrolli@centraltolife.org for further information.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

- Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am in rooms 105 (Elementary), 107 (ages 3 & 4), and 301/302 (Youth: 6th - 12th grade)
- Childcare for ages 0-8 is available during worship services and Sunday School – (Located on the Lower Level of the building.)
- Church 4 Kids takes place every Sunday in the Chapel during the second worship service. Children will be invited to join one of the clergy during the sermon time and will be returned to the sanctuary during the last hymn.
- Youth fellowship meets every Sunday from 12:30-2:30pm in the Youth Lounge / 3rd Floor
Contact Pastor Kelly @ kellyb@centraltolife.org, or Stacey Hawk @ shawk@centraltolife.org for more information

All announcements for the CTL News are due via email to JesusValdez@centraltolife.org by **Monday at 5pm.**



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