

**Welcome to Central
Order of Service 4.30.2023
Fourth Sunday After Easter
Liturgical Color: White**

Prelude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me—Spiritual/arr. Sewell

Acolyte— Olivia H.

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Worship

Open the Eyes of My Heart (CCLI # 2298355)

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Victory in Jesus UMH 370

Verse 1

I heard an old, old story how a
Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, of
His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory

Chorus

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me with His
redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is
due Him.
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing
flood.

Verse 2

I heard about His healing, of His
cleansing pow'r revealing
How he made the lame to walk again

and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come
and heal my broken spirit,"
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of
victory.

Chorus

Verse 3

I heard about a mansion he has built
for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of
gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing and the
old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing
up there the song of victory.

Chorus

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Music

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior—Fanny Crosby

Offering

He Leadeth Me -arr. Krug

Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise
God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Centering Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King UMH #715 V1

Verse 1

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Scripture Lesson

I Thessalonian 1:1-10 (NRSVEU)

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,

*To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.*

Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' Faith

2 We always thank God for all of you and continually

mention you in our prayers. 3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Sermon—Pastor Bruce Gwyn

Apostle's Creed (No. 881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Go Forth for God UMH 670

Verse 1

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace,
 Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
 In God's good Spirit daily to increase,
 Till in the kingdom we see face to face,
 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Verse 2

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
 strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
 Help the afflicted; richly from above
 God's love supplies the grace and
 power we seek,
 Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Verse 3

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
 Hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
 Render to no one evil; Christ at length
 Shall overcome all darkness with his light.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

Verse 4

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
 To serve God's people every day and hour,
 And serving Christ, our every gift employ,
 Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.


Benediction


Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy—arr. Wagner


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Greeter: Paula Goforth

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
 ATTENDANCE**

(4/23) 10:00a Service..... 101

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