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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April's Noisy Offering is being collected today for the benefit of Ionia Area Hospice.
- CROP Walk is today at 1 pm! Donations will be collected following worship in Fellowship Hall. Donations will be collected thru May 19.
- Central Church is serving the Thursday Community Dinner this Thursday, May 2. If you can help serve or provide a dessert, please sign up in Fellowship Hall.
- We will be hosting a Special Church Conference with our District Superintendent, Rev. Dwayne Bagley, following worship on June 9 at 11:00 am to vote on our new Governance Board and Leadership Structure.

Upcoming Events

Sun 4/28	CROP Walk	1 pm
Tue 4/30	Belding Adult Education Class – JR/SR High Classroom	9 am – 12 pm
Wed 5/1	Belding Adult Education Class – JR/SR High Classroom	9 am – 12 pm
	Rev. Paul's Bible Class – Lounge	5:30 pm
	Honeybee Fitness Class – Fellowship Hall	6:30 pm
Thu 5/2	Community Respite/Support – Lounge	1-4 pm
	Community Dinner – Central Church Serving	4-6 pm
Sun 5/5	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship – Communion	10:30 am




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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Celebration – 10:30 am

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Holy and Gracious God, maker of the birds of the air, we look to you for the life-breath we need.

You give each of your creations the means to be sustained in the world you have made.

The birds want for nothing, for they know of the abundance you have poured out for them.

You have clothed lilies of the field in beauty without money or possessions - they radiate the beauty that you have given them.

We have no need to concern ourselves with the past, nor the future, for we are loved and cared for now.

Holy One, help us to center down into the sacred quiet of our hearts that we might find the peace of your internal presence. Ease our raging wave, Amen.

WORSHIP WITH PRAYER AND SONG

*Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Hymnal 147

Sharing of Praises and Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* vs 4 Hymnal 62

*Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Hymnal 95

WORSHIP WITH THE WRITTEN WORD

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Liturgist: Words from the past made new for us today!

People's Response: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message *The First Bible: Birds & Lilies*

*Hymn *God Will Take Care of You* vs 1,3,4 Hymnal 130

BECOMING THE BLESSING

Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise in spirit or in body

This story is only found in _____ Gospels - Matthew _____. This is a case of these Gospels sharing material that does not show up in the Gospel of _____.

Jesus is giving a _____ on the mount of _____ amidst a crowd that has gathered. This _____ is occurring next to the shores of Lake _____.

_____, _____, and _____ are used to illustrate the way God's world _____ regardless of their _____. There's inherent _____ and _____ that they can _____.

This _____ does not reference the _____ Testament in any way. Jesus' sermon relies on the _____ around those who are gathered around him.

The cure for _____ is to be _____. _____ focuses our _____ on the _____ and the _____. It _____ our heart and our spirit into not _____.

The Good News is that Jesus _____ our _____ to free us from our _____.
