



Central Park United Methodist Church

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

April 19, 2026

10:30 am Church Service

Everyone is invited to pray at the altar before the service.

Rev. Raquel Alston, Pastor

Mr. Matthew Caputy, Minister of Music

Reader: Ms. Pamela Murphy
Videographer: Mr. Frank Murphy

*We are a Christ-centered community
of faith and love, reaching out to all.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23

ONE: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications!

MANY: *Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live!*

ONE: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

MANY: *I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD!*

ONE: You have been born anew—not of perishable but of imperishable seed—through the living and enduring word of God!

ALL: *Love one another deeply from the heart! Let us worship the God who hears and redeems!*

DECLARATION & PRAISE

Songs of Redemption and Grateful Love: Based on Psalm 116 & 1 Peter 1

"You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors—not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ."

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

“Christ is Alive”

Hymnal #318

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: (Please stand if you are able)
1 Peter 1:17-23

Reader: *This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CHOIR ANTHEM “Amor Vincit Omnia”

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jim Grande

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

THE PROCLAIMED WORD

Scripture: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23

Sermon: “Redeemed to Love Deeply”
The Rev. Raquel Alston

HYMN

Hymnal #430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

A Service Of Word And Table II

Hymnal #12-15

THE LORD'S PRAYER / OMBI LA BWANA YESU (Swahili)

English

Swahili + Pronunciation

Our Father, who
art in heaven

Baba yetu uliye mbinguni (BAH-bah YEH-
too oo-LEE-yeh mm-bee-NGOO-nee)

Hallowed be thy
name.

Jina lako litukuzwe. (JEE-nah LAH-koh
lee-too-KOOZ-weh)

Thy kingdom
come.

Ufalme wako uje. (oo-FAHL-meh WAH-koh
OO-jeh)

Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in
heaven.

Mapenzi yako yatimizwe, duniani kama
mbinguni. (mah-PEN-zee YAH-koh yah-tee-
MEEZ-weh, doo-nee-AH-nee KAH-mah mm-
bee-NGOO-nee)

Give us this day
our daily bread.

Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku. (oo-TOO-
peh LEH-oh mm-KAH-teh WEH-too wah
KEE-lah SEE-koo)

And forgive us our
trespasses,

Na utusamehe makosa yetu. (nah oo-too-sah-
MEH-heh mah-KOH-sah YEH-too)

English

Swahili + Pronunciation

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe wakosaji wetu. (KAH-mah NAH-see too-nah-vee-yoh-wah-sah-MEH-heh wah-koh-SAH-jee WEH-too)

And lead us not into temptation,

Wala usitutie katika majaribu. (WAH-lah oo-see-too-TEE-eh kah-TEE-kah mah-jah-REE-boo)

But deliver us from evil.

Lakini utuokoe na yule mwovu. (lah-KEE-nee oo-too-oh-KOH-eh nah YOO-leh mm-WOH-voo)

Amen.

Amina. (ah-MEE-nah)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

“God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHURCH LIFE & MINISTRY

SENDING HYMN

Hymnal #519

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

BENEDICTION

Go forth carrying the living hope of the risen Christ! In trials, hold fast—your faith, more precious than gold, is being refined for glory. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though the road may be difficult, the outcome of your faith is the salvation of your souls. Go and live as people of tested, triumphant, resurrection faith. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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