

Welcome!

We are thankful you are worshipping with us today.

- Have children with you? Our nursery staff awaits you in Room 107. Toddlers up to children in 5th grade are invited to join us for “Kids Worship” with music, scripture, offering, praises and prayer concerns, as well as a recap of the day’s message. Children are welcome to remain in the worship service. Activity bags are available in the narthex.
- Hearing devices are available and are located at the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Connect cards are available in the seat-back pocket in front of you. This is a simple way for you to connect with the ministries at Central, request more information, share prayer requests, and let us know that you joined us for worship.

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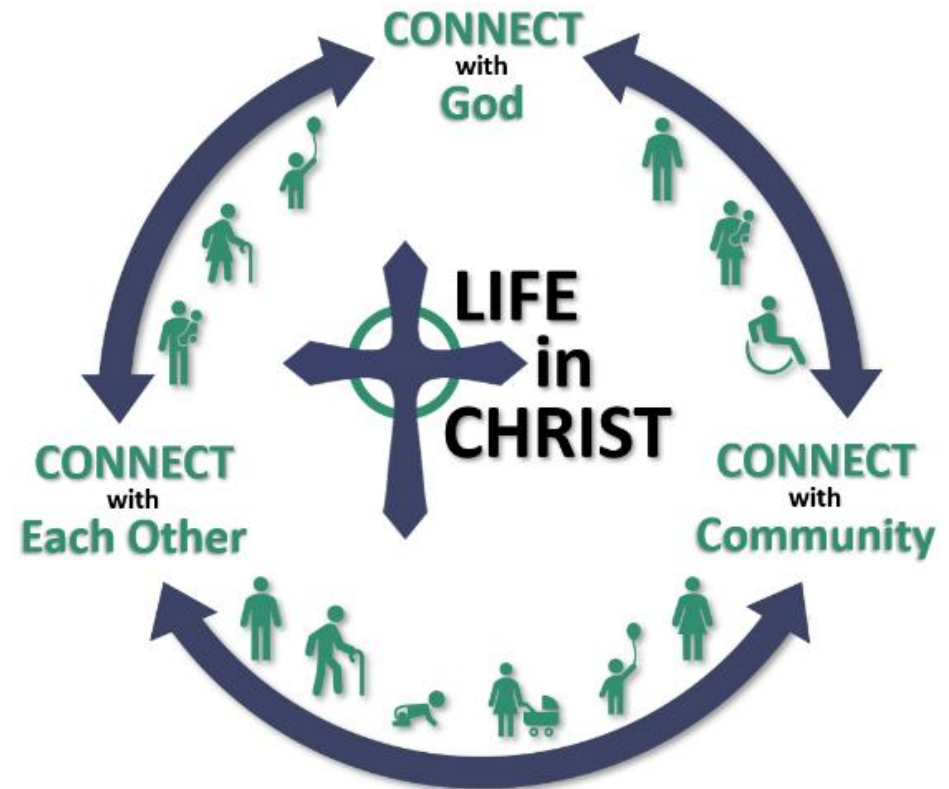
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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

801 S Hayne Street | Monroe, NC 28112

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Jason D. Payne

WELCOME

The Lord be with you!
And Also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Almighty God, the Life of the Faithful and the Joy of the Righteous
Mercifully receive the prayers of all who call upon you

That the souls which thirst for your promises may be filled with
your abundance

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

—from the Gelasian Sacramentary

✠**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Near to the Heart of God* No. 472

PSALM READING Psalm 124 UMH 846

WITNESS TO THE CONSIGNMENT SALE Donna Young

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

MORNING PRAYER

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✠**HYMN** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* No. 496

OFFERING

✠**THE DOXOLOGY** No. 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM *Beautiful Garden of Prayer* Schroll/Fillmore

*There's a garden where Jesus is waiting, there's a place that is
wondrously fair. For it glows with the light of His presence 'tis the
beautiful garden of prayer. O the beautiful garden, the garden of prayer,
O the beautiful garden of prayer! There my Savior awaits, and He opens
the gates to the beautiful garden of prayer. There's a garden where Jesus
is waiting, and I go, with my burden and care. Just to learn from His lips
words of comfort in the beautiful garden of prayer. There's a garden
where Jesus is waiting, and He bids you to come meet Him there, just to
bow and receive a new blessing in the beautiful garden of prayer.*

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 139:23-24*

SERMON *Following Jesus: PRAYER* Rev. Lanny Lancaster

✠**HYMN OF RESPONSE** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 526

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Love Divine* arr. Charles Callahan

✠ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*
Items in bold indicate congregational response.

SERVING TODAY

LAY READER: Nathan Clements

USHERS: John & Mary Ann Burns and Davey & Dale Ann Plyler

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Nan & Jack Thomas