Serving in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Lanny Lancaster | Liturgist: Rev. Sigrid Mottram Music: Sung by Central Chancel Choir; Jamie Bryson, organist/director; Kristi Shupe, pianist

Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a **Connect Card** located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries and lets us know you joined us for worship.

Children are welcome to remain in the worship service. Our nursery is located in Room 107. Toddlers and Children through 2nd grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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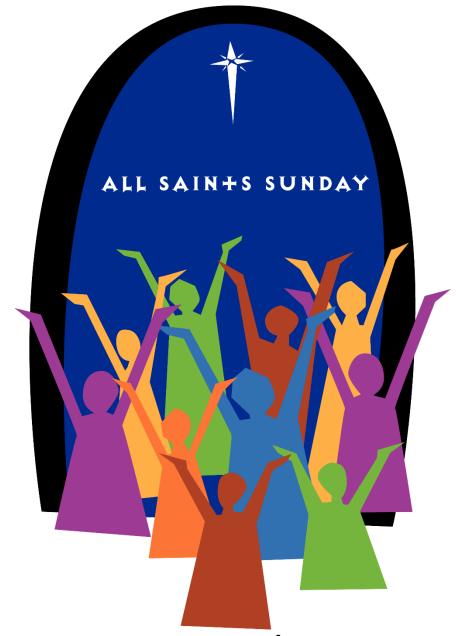
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Central United Methodist Church



NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | 11:00 AM
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



♣ Please stand in body or spirit. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal Congregational responses in **bold**.

PRELUDE For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Kevin McChesney

Central Ringers

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Gracious God, who reigns above all, gather us with the Great Cloud of Witnesses to praise your holy Name. Fill us with your Holy Spirit as we offer you our worship today.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

⊕HYMN OF PRAISE For All the Saints UMH 711

PSALM READING Psalm 34:1-10;22 UMH 769

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Lanny Lancaster

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 Shall we Gather at the River UMH 723

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS Sandi Mills

OFFERING

†THE DOXOLOGY Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, Stz. 5

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Mottram

UMH 160

ANTHEM Find Us Faithful Jon Mohr

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road, and those who've gone before us line the way. Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary, their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run the race not only for the prize; But as those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us the heritage of faithfulness passed on through Godly lives. Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire them to obey. Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful. After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone and our children sift through all we've left behind, may the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON The Long View Rev. Lancaster

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Patricia Ann Finlay

Jean Godfrey Gordon

Margaret McNelly McMillan

Ivan Merritt Moon

Anne Tice Morris

Steve Hunter Presson

Peggy Ann Morse Shell

Jeffrey Dale Smith

Paula Mohler Russell

Wayne Aubrey Ward

Nancy Dixon Williams

Anita Kendrick Williamson

HYMN OF DEDICATION Sing with All the Saints in Glory UMH 702

⊕BENEDICTION

PPOSTLUDE For All the Saints arr. Lani Smith