

# 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 up 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

Hearing devices are available and are located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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# Central United Methodist Church



**"New and Improved"**

*a worship series*

**JANUARY 29, 2023 | 11:00 AM**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**



# Connect at Central

God • Each Other • Community

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

**PRELUDE**      *I Know Whom I Have Believed*      arr. A. L. Page

**WELCOME**      Rev. Sigrid Mottram

The Lord be with you!  
**And Also with you!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

†**HYMN OF PRAISE**      *Christ for the World We Sing*      UMH 568

**PSALM READING**      *Psalm 15*      UMH 747

**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**      *Where Charity and Love Prevail*      UMH 549

**OFFERING**

†**THE DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Mottram

**ANTHEM**      *All Praise to Thee*      arr. Marie Pooler

*All praise to thee, our God and King, this night, for all the blessings thou dost bring, For loving care thou dost bestow on all they creatures here below. We thank thee, Lord, for thy dear Son, for all the goodness he hath done, for all the sorrow he hath borne, for joy he brings to men forlorn. All this for us thy love hath done, by this to thee our love is won, for this thy loving children sing, our thanks and praise to thee we bring. Teach us to live that we might be most faithful followers of thee. Keep us, o keep us, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings. 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.*

**SCRIPTURE**      *Matthew 5:1-12*

**SERMON**      *Poor in Spirit*      Rev. Lancaster

†**HYMN OF DEDICATION**      *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*      UMH 160

**†BENEDICTION**

†**POSTLUDE**      Ayre      Jeremiah Clarke

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of Elsie Clements by the Clements Family.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**PREACHER:** Rev. Lanny Lancaster **WORSHIP LEADER:** Rev. Sigrid Mottram

**MUSIC:** Sung by Central Chancel Choir; Jamie Bryson, organist/director

**USHERS:** David & Amy Paschal and David & Kalli Clements