

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 5th 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 22, 2023 | 11:00 AM
3RD 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 *When In Our Music God is Glorified* arr. Al Travis

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram

The Lord be with you!
And Also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

O God, who by the prophet's voice pronounces blessing
on those who hear and answer your call to service:

**May our lips praise you; our lives proclaim your goodness;
our work give you honor, and our voices sing your praise
forever through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.**
Amen.

†**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Come, Christians Join to Sing* UMH 158

PSALM READING *Psalm 27* UMH 758

ANOINTING OF CHURCH LEADERS

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** *There's Within My Heart a Melody* UMH 380

OFFERING Rev. Mottram

†**THE DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM *Breathe Into the Music* David Catherwood

*Holy Spirit hear us, help us as we sing: Breathe into the music of the
praise we bring. Holy Spirit prompt us when we kneel to pray; Nearer
come and teach us what we ought to say. Holy Spirit hear us help
us while we sing; Breathe into the music of the praise we bring. Holy
Spirit hear us, help us while we sing.*

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 52:1-10*

SERMON *Keep a Song in Your Heart* Rev. Lancaster

†**HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Victory in Jesus* UMH 370

†BENEDICTION

†**POSTLUDE** *Holy Manna* Charles Callahan

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

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

LAY READER: Janet Lancaster

USHERS: Jimmy Parker and David & Kalli Clements

If you wish to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory
of someone, the new Flower Calendar is up at the Crossroads.