

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 15, 2023 | 11:00 AM
2ND 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 *O Worship the King* arr. Ed Dunbar

WELCOME Mr. David Paschal

The Lord be with you!
And Also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Almighty God, who sent your only Son to be a light to the nations
and the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world:

**Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may so follow the Light and
walk in Jesus' way that we will be one with Him**

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

†HYMN OF PRAISE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

PSALM READING Psalm 40:1-11 UMH 774

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

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH 395

OFFERING

†THE DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mr. Paschal

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift of all inspire, and
have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not
be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit,
come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward
love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed. Amen, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49:1-7

SERMON

Chosen

Rev. Lancaster

†HYMN OF DEDICATION

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Mark Kellner

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER: Rev. Lanny Lancaster

WORSHIP LEADER/LAY READER: David Paschal

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

USHERS: John & Mary Ann Burns and
Dale & Shelley Loberger

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