

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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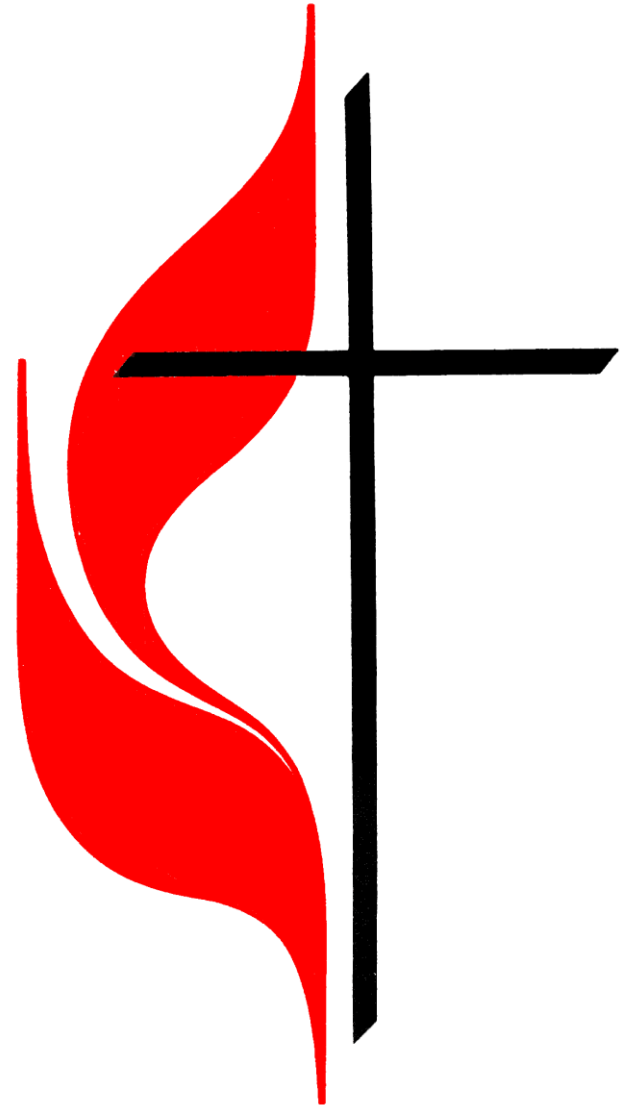
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Central United Methodist Church



**NOVEMBER 19, 2023 | 11:00 AM
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



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

PRELUDE *Hymns of Thanksgiving* arr. Karrin Ford

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

From the foamy shore of the sea, to the distant snowy mountain tops,
We praise you, O Lord!
From the rising of the sun in the East, to its setting in the West,
We praise you, O Lord!
From the distant stars to the tiny creatures that crawl the earth,
We praise you, O Lord!
All creation praises you, Lord from the North to the South,
We praise you, O Lord!

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH 694

PSALM READING Psalm 121 UMH 844

MUSICAL OFFERING Celebration Singers

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** *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92

WITNESS Matthew Steed, Cherokee Nation

✝ **THE DOXOLOGY** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, Stz. 5* UMH 160
**Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Mottram

ANTHEM *Prayer of Thanksgiving* Jerry Wesley Harris

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens
His will to make known. The wicked oppressing cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own. We praise Thee, O God
our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay
it before Thee; we kneel and adore Thee; we bless thy holy name, glad
praises we sing. We worship Thee, God of the ages, we bless Thee;
through life's storm and tempest our guide hast Thou been. When perils
o'er take us, escape, Thou wilt make us, and with Thy help, O Lord, life's
battles we win. We all do extol Thee Thou leader triumphant, and pray
that Thou still our defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation escape
tribulation; Thy name be ever praised, O Lord, make us free! We praise
Thy name. Amen!

SCRIPTURE Psalm 24:1-10

SERMON *The Gift of Creation* Rev. Lancaster

✝ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Mark Kellner

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