

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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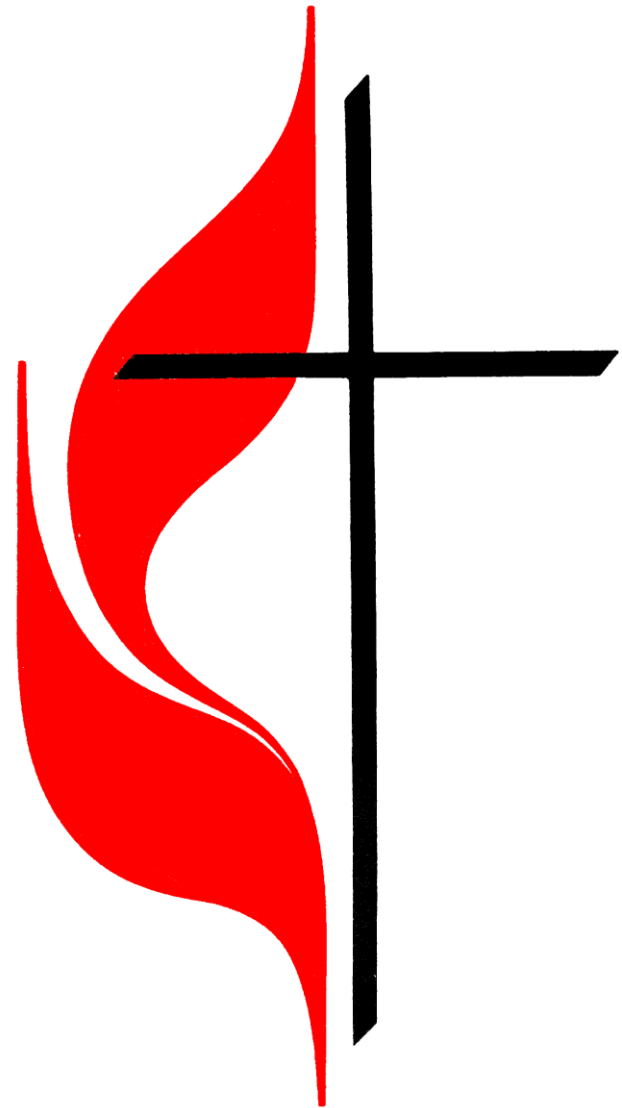
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Central United Methodist Church



OCTOBER 8, 2023 | 11:00 AM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

PRELUDE *Holy Manna* Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Almighty God, to you all hearts are opened, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. In the
name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

PSALM READING Psalm 19 UMH 750

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 a Wideness in God's Mercy* UMH 121

OFFERING

✝ **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 *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Douglas Wagner

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath
of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm
of His hand. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide
in His shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in
whom I trust!" The snare of the fowler will never capture you and
famine will bring you no fear: under His wings your refuge, His
faithfulness your shield. You need not fear the terror of the
night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about
you, near you it shall not come. For to His angels He's given a
command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they
will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:1-21

SERMON ***GOD IS LOVE*** Rev. Lancaster

✝ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UMH 549

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** *Austrian Hymn* arr. Gordon Young

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