

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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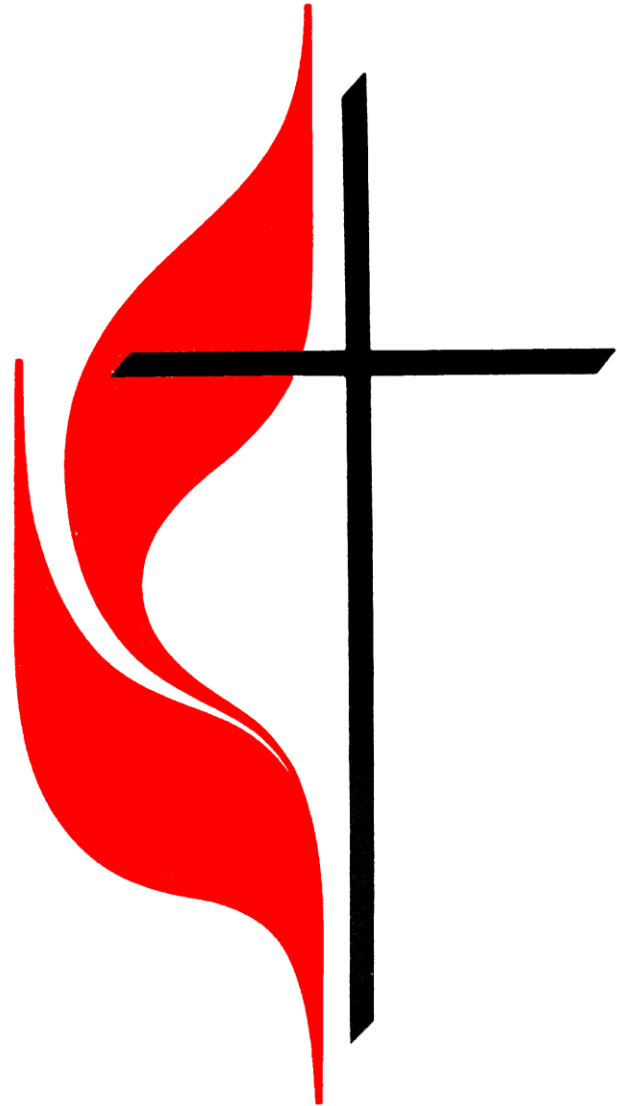
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Central United Methodist Church



OCTOBER 15, 2023 | 11:00 AM
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Jason D. Payne

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord Jesus Christ, all authority in heaven and on earth is yours. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to purify our desires, renew our minds, and transform our lives that we may grow more and more into your image. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* UMH 569

PSALM READING Psalm 8 UMH 743

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** *Freely, Freely* UMH 389

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 *The Summons* Bell/Maule

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me? Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean In you and you in me? Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:18-20

SERMON *Closing the Deal* Rev. Lancaster

✠ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Pass It On* UMH 572

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **POSTLUDE** *We've a Story to Tell* Robert Powell

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of
the members of Central UMC by Frances Hunley.

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