

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

LAY READER: Nathan Clements

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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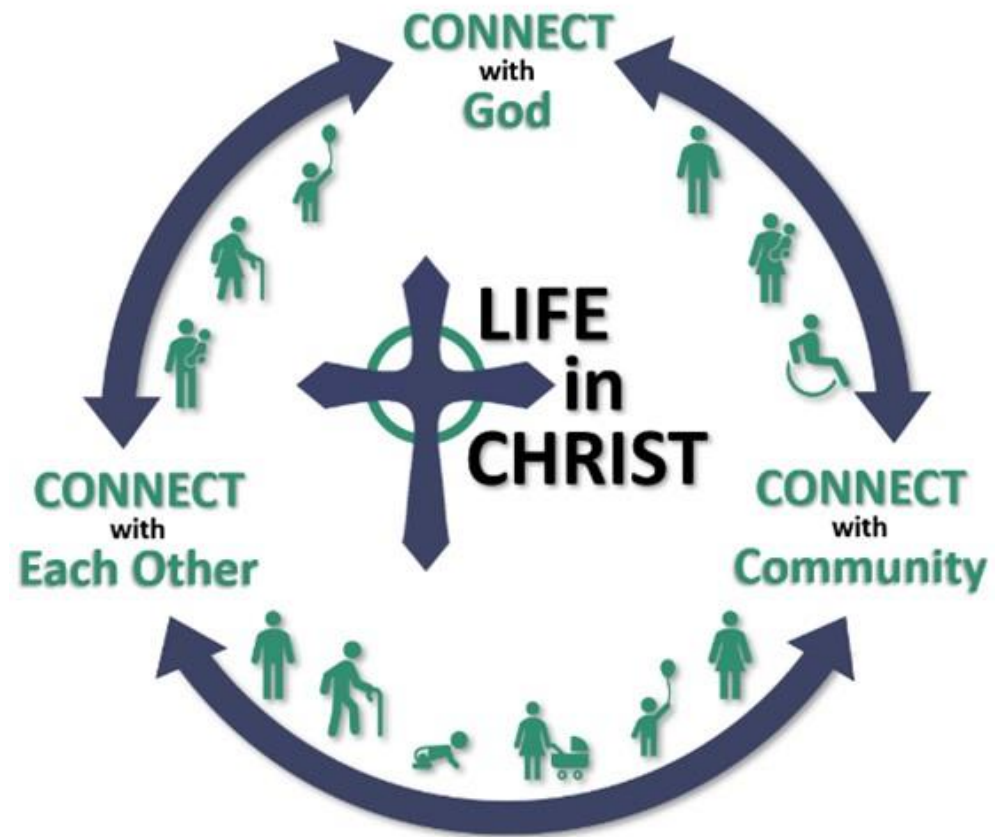
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United Methodist Church



JULY 2, 2023 | 11:00 AM
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

PRELUDE *America the Beautiful* arr. A. L. Page

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *God of the Ages* UMH 698

PSALM READING Psalm 13 UMH 746

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

LITANY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY Rev. Lanny Lancaster

Gracious and Loving God,
**we give you thanks for this great nation
and all its chartered liberties.**
We give you thanks for all the women and men
who have worked for liberty and justice for all.
We give you thanks for the opportunity
**to use our freedom to share the
Good News of Jesus Christ with all people.**
Sovereign Lord,
you rule all the peoples of the earth.
Inspire the minds of all women and men
**to whom you have committed
the responsibility of government and leadership
in the nations of the world.**
Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
**that by their counsel all nations and
peoples may work together.**

Give to all of us
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty
in accordance with your gracious will.
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.
We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.
—adapted from Andy Langford, *The Book of Worship of the
United Methodist Church*, used by permission

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 Up Thy Cross* UMH 415

OFFERING

✠ **THE DOXOLOGY** *They'll Know We are Christians*
**All praise to the, Father from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
They'll know we are Christians by our love.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Mottram

SPECIAL MUSIC *On Eagles Wings* Douglas Wagner
Nathan Clements, piano

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON *Welcoming the "holy other"* Rev. Lancaster

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 7

✠ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *This Is My Song* UMH 437

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Tune* Roy Brunner