

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.



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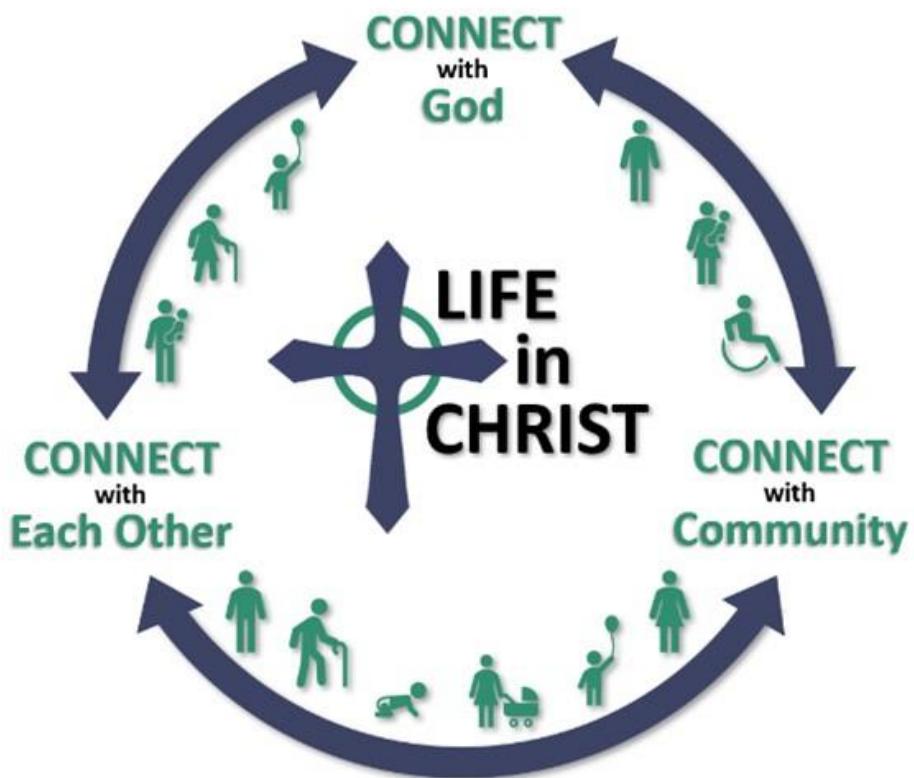
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Central United Methodist Church



MARCH 19, 2023 | 11:00 AM
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT



Connect at Central

God • Each Other • Community

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

PRELUDE *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

WELCOME David Paschal

The Lord be with you!
And Also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Almighty and everlasting God, who has brought light to the darkness and made visible that which was hidden

Cleanse away the foolishness of our hearts,

And purify us from our secret sins

That we may be able to serve you with a pure mind and heart;

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

—adapted from the Gelasian Sacramentary

†HYMN OF PRAISE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* UMH 286

PSALM READING *Psalm 23* UMH 137

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

Ah, Holy Jesus

UMH 289

OFFERING

†THE DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

David Paschal

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Craig Courtney

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died. The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God, O wash me in Your precious blood, My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side to be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 27:45-49 & John 19:28-29*

SERMON *The Seven Last Words: Forsaken and Thirsty* Rev. Lancaster

†HYMN OF DEDICATION *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

UMH 295

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

arr. A. Whitworth



SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER: Rev. Lanny Lancaster

WORSHIP LEADER: David Paschal

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