

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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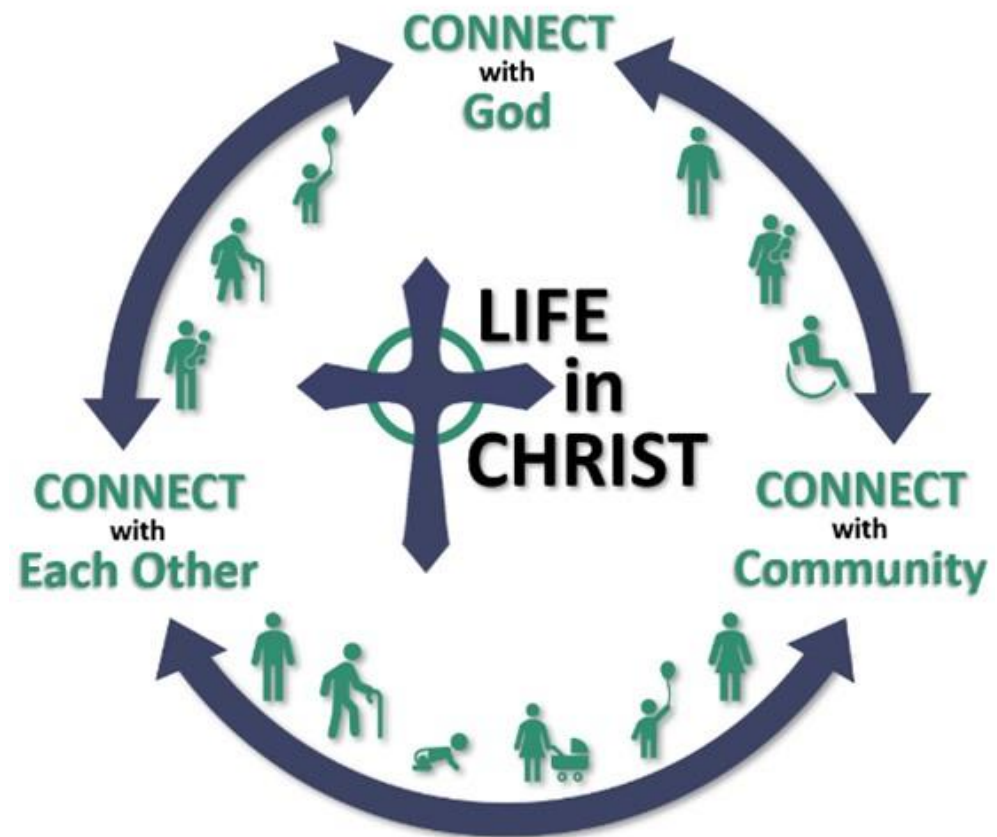


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Central

United Methodist Church



AUGUST 20, 2023 | 11:00 AM
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

PRELUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Dan Miller

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** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

PSALM READING Psalm 133 UMH 850

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

SERVICE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH UMH 33
Robert Witmore

MORNING PRAYER Rev. 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** *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* UMH 430

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

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE **Genesis 45:1-15**

SERMON **BLESSED BE THE BROKEN ROAD THAT LEADS US TO GOD**
Rev. Lancaster

✝ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *God Will Take Care of You* UMH 130

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* 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