

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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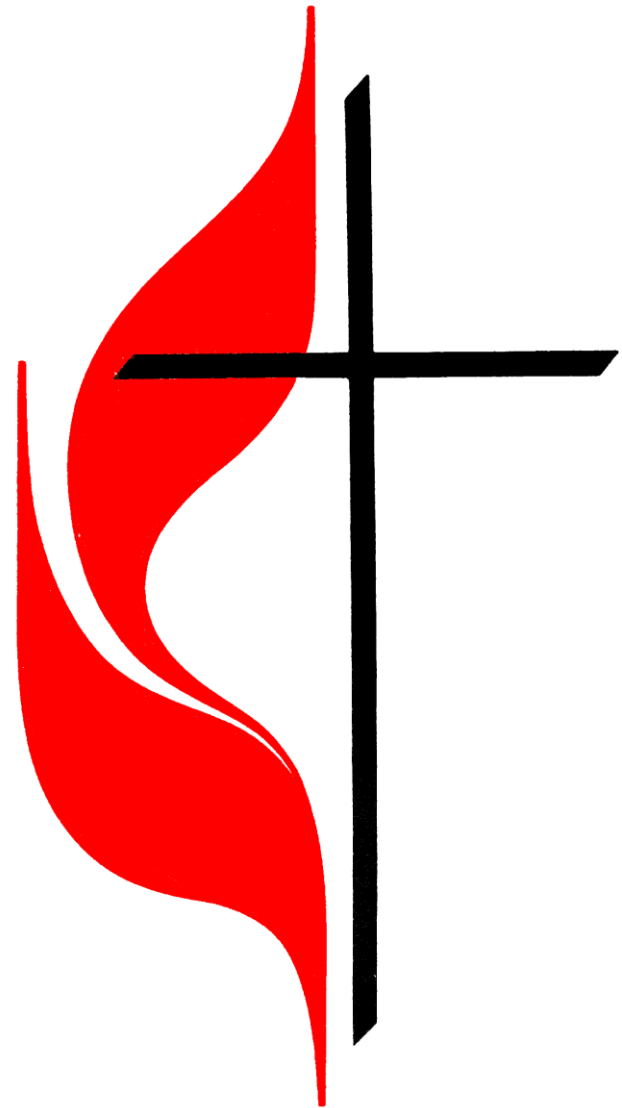
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Central United Methodist Church



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 | 11:00 AM
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

PRELUDE *Nimrod* Edward Elgar

WELCOME Mr. Dale Loberger

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** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

PSALM READING Psalm 148 UMH 861

SERVICE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP UMH 33

Kevin Walker

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** *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* UMH 351

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 Mr. Loberger

ANTHEM *Holy Manna* arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

Holy Manna! Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One come down; Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around. Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too. Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new: Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down. Christ will gird himself, and serve us with sweet manna all around. Holy manna all around.

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:10

SERMON ***ARE YOU CONTAGIOUS?*** Rev. Lancaster

✝ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH 399

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** *Hymn to Joy* Albert Travis

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in
honor of Frances Hunley's 100th Birthday
by the Open Door Sunday School Class.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Lanny Lancaster Liturgist: Dale Loberger
Music: Sung by Central Chancel Choir;
Jamie Bryson, organist/director; Kristi Shupe, pianist