

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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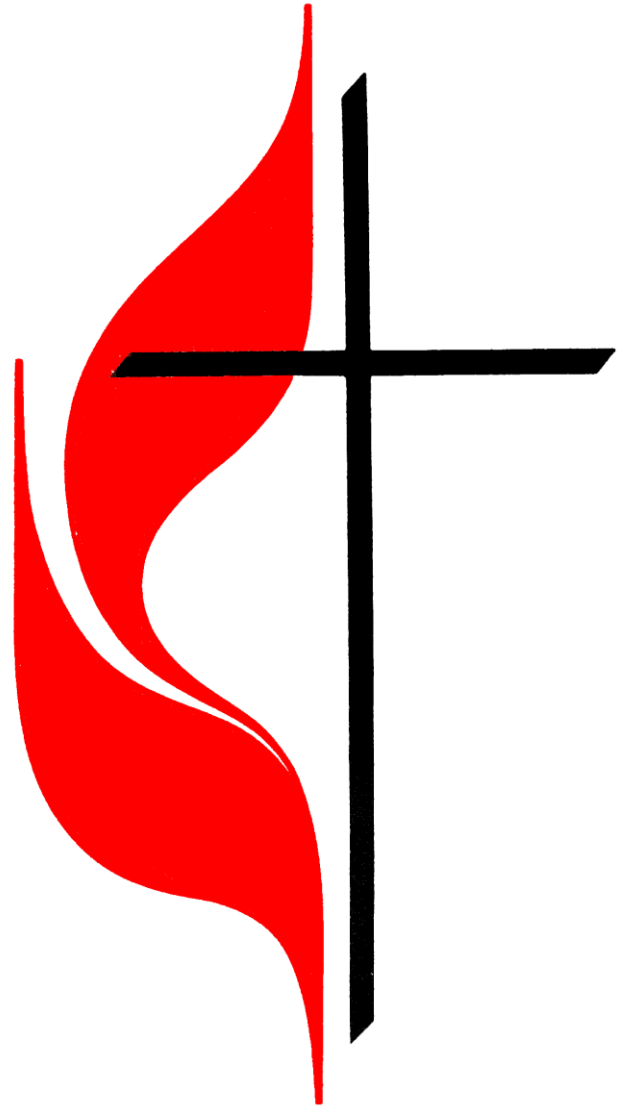
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Central United Methodist Church



OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 11:00 AM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Connect at Central

God • Each Other • Community

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

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me* 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

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** *I Come with Joy* UMH 617

PSALM READING Psalm 71 UMH 794

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Mottram

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** *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

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

ANTHEM *One World, One Communion* Pepper Choplin

One world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son.
One world, one communion, and there is room for everyone. Wherever people gather to share the bread and cup, though we are many, we are one in love. So much we have in common, though we are miles apart, through the Holy Spirit, we are one in heart. Wherever bread is broken and where the cup is poured, brothers and sisters we are one in the Lord. Though many things divide us, with great diversity, through the power of love we will find unity.

SCRIPTURE Acts 26:4-23 NRSV

SERMON *"Telling Your Story"* Rev. Mottram

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 7

✝ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *I Love to Tell the Story* UMH 156

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** *Hyfrydol* Charles Callahan

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Sigrid Mottram

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