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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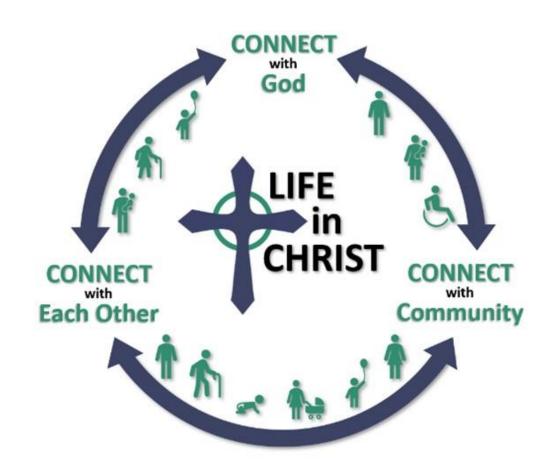
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Central United Methodist Church



OCTOBER 29, 2023 | 11:00 AM
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

PRELUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. David Lowe

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, open our lips

And our mouths shall declare your praise

Forgive our sins and

open our hearts to offer you the adoration you deserve

Send your Holy Spirit to purify our worship

Receive our prayers and the offering of our presence for your glory In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

†HYMN OF PRAISE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty UMH 139

PSALM READING Psalm 103:1-18 UMH 824

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 The Gift of Love

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

Dale Loberger

UMH 408

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Mottram

ANTHEM Shall We Gather at the River arr. John Coates Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:34-40

SERMON A Rule of Life Rev. Lancaster

†HYMN OF DEDICATION UMH 548

In Christ There Is No East or West

⊕BENEDICTION

PPOSTLUDE Fugue in B-flat J. S. Bach

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