

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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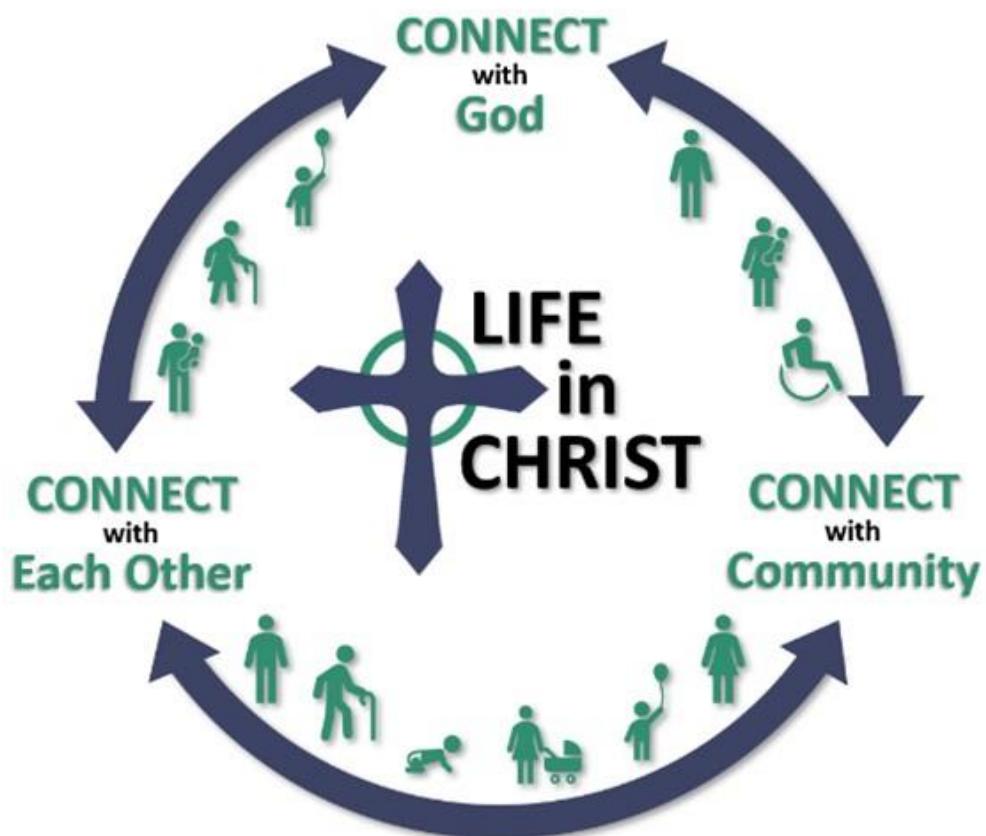
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# Central United Methodist Church



**JULY 30, 2023 | 11:00 AM**

**NINTH 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

*Jubilation*

Jason D. Payne

## WELCOME

The Lord be with you!  
And also with you!

Rev. Sigrid Mottram

## 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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

UMH 103

## PSALM READING

Psalm 105

UMH 828

## 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

*Seek Ye First*

UMH 405

## 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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Above All*

LeBlanc/Beloche

Jessica Febus, Janet Lancaster, Lanny Lancaster & Debbie White-Parker

## SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

## SERMON

*Hidden Treasures*

Rev. Lancaster

## †HYMN OF DEDICATION *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

UMH 540

## †BENEDICTION

## †POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Webb"*

Payne



## 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