

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 up 5th grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

Hearing devices are available and are located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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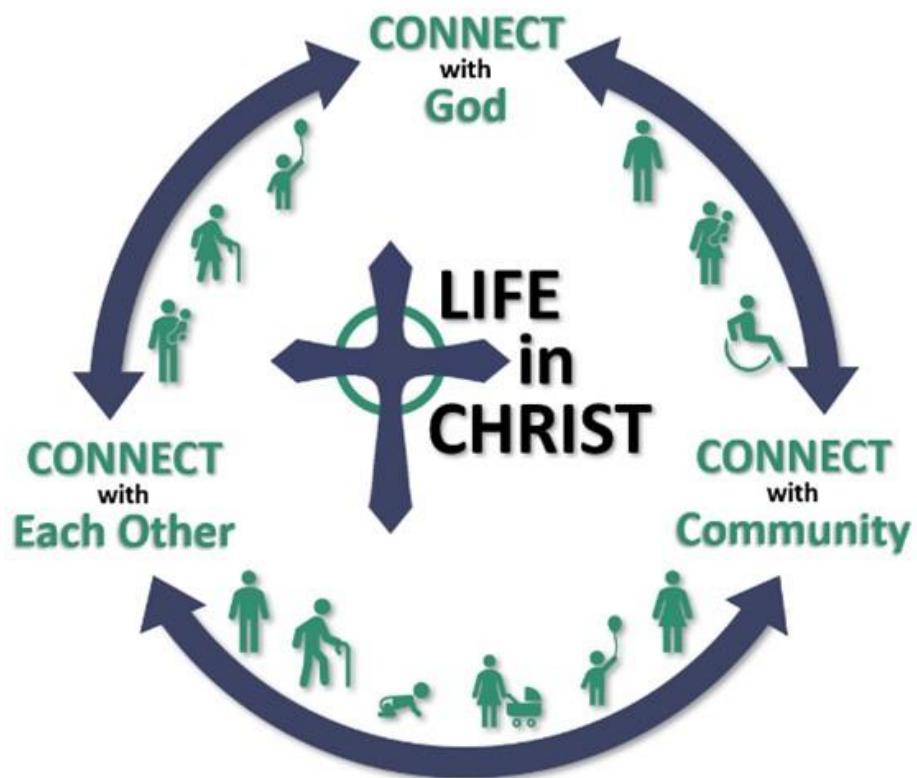
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Central United Methodist Church



FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | 11:00 AM
1ST SUNDAY IN LENT



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

PRELUDE

Kyrie Eleison

Franz Schubert

WELCOME

The Lord be with you!
And Also with you!

Rev. Sigrid Mottram

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.
We are learning to follow Jesus.
For those who feel Christ near,
May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.
For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,
May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.
For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,
May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.
Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!
We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.

†HYMN OF PRAISE *Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days* UMH 269

PSALM READING

Psalm 32

UMH 766

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

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

UMH 357

OFFERING

†THE DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Mottram

ANTHEM

Father, Forgive Susan & Lee Dengler

O Father, forgive our sins. We are helpless. We have lost our way. O Father, forgive our sins. In Your mercy save us! Hear our cry! On a cross of grief and pain, Jesus suffered for our shame. Such amazing love He showed. What a debt to Him we owe. Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy). Christe eleison (Christ, have mercy). O Father, forgive our sins. In Your mercy save us! Hear our cry!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:34

SERMON

The Seven Last Words:

Rev. Lancaster

"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

†HYMN OF DEDICATION

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock

arr. A. L. Page



SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER: Rev. Lanny Lancaster WORSHIP LEADER: Rev. Sigrid Mottram
MUSIC: Sung by Central Chancel Choir; Jamie Bryson, organist/director
USHERS: David & Amy Paschal and Dale & Shelley Loberger