



# CENTRAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Green)

**Prayer Focus: Advocacy for All God's Children**

**Welcome to worship at Central!**

Welcome to worship at Central! I am the senior pastor, Rev. Thomas Smith, and I, along with our clergy team, Rev. Ann Kovan and Rev. Meg Jiunnies, want you to know that, whether you are a first-time visitor or a life-long member of Central, you are welcome in Christian love. We are a Christian community full of wonderfully unique and spiritually gifted individuals, and we would like for you to feel at home here. We pray that you will find this time of worship one of meaningful connection with God and with one another. If you have questions about faith or this congregation, please contact one of the pastors in the coming week.

## GATHERING

## The People Come Together in the Lord's Name

### PARISH CONCERNS

*(The service of worship begins. The prelude is offered on behalf of the entire congregation. Quiet meditation and private prayer are encouraged.)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY ..... Healey Willan  
*Chorale and Fugue*

### \*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*(\*All who are able are asked to stand.)*

### \*GREETING

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

**People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

**People: Come! Let us give thanks to God.**

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 73 ..... LYONS  
*O Worship the King*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 ..... Apostles' Creed

\*GLORIA PATRI 71 ..... GREATOREX  
*Glory Be to the Father*

### COLLECT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken, the force of good, and the food of peace. Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue. Heal us now so that in all that we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others, too; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we now pray:

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.

### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

## PROCLAMATION

## God's Word is Shared

GOSPEL LESSON ..... Mark 1:21-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM ..... John Goss

*O Savior of the World*

*O savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee O Lord. Amen.*

EPISTLE LESSON ..... 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

\*ACT OF PRAISE 832 (R1) ..... Psalm 111

CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL

*(Children in first grade and below going to Children's Church are now dismissed and may be picked up in room #145 or #147 after the service.)*

\*HYMN 264 (see insert) ..... EBENEZER (UMH 108)

*Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ..... 2 Samuel 21:3,5-6,8-11,13-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON ..... Rev. Ann Kovan

*Rizpah Mourns: Unraveling to Action  
Series: Unraveled*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

## We Respond to God's Word in Worship

OFFERTORY ..... Seth Bingham

*Sarabande*

\*DOXOLOGY 95 ..... OLD 100th

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SENDING FORTH

## We Respond to God's Grace with Our Lives

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 580 ..... LANCASHIRE

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ..... Charles Callahan

*Festive Postlude on "LANCASHIRE"*

*In memoriam Charles Callahan 1951-2023*

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## Assisting in Worship

Preacher .....	Rev. Ann Kovan
Organist/Choir Director .....	Dr. Don Grice
Organist/Choir Accompanist .....	Beverly Hazelwood
Lay Reader .....	Sally Carringer, William Grantham
Acolyte .....	Thomas Grantham
Crucifer .....	William Grantham
Chancel Choir	

## Music Note

Today's closing voluntary is presented in honor of its composer, **Charles Callahan** (1951-2023). A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Callahan was well-known as an award-winning composer, organist, choral conductor, pianist, and teacher. He was a graduate of The Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, PA, and The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Additional study had been in England, France, Germany and Belgium. Callahan compositions are performed frequently in church and concert; his writing style was described by The Washington Post as "gentle, confident lyricism." One of the most prolific American composers for the organ, Callahan passed away on Christmas Day 2023.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Ravi Joshua and Aruna Sagar Pulukuri in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary.

## IN MEMORY OF

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Mike Timms ..... by David Maness

### DISCRETIONARY FUND

John Orr ..... by Kathy & Bill Bridges

Charlotte Berry ..... by United Methodist Women

### ENDOWMENT FUND

Jerry Lee, Rosalyn Davis ..... by Frances & Laurence McIntosh

### GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

John Orr ..... by Jan Hursey

Shirley Melton ..... by Debbie & John David Whisenhunt

### MUSIC MINISTRY

John Orr ..... by Nancy & Carroll Player

### PRAYER GARDEN

Mike Timms ..... by Sue & Bryan Hensley

### SUNSHINE CLASS

Tommy Liles ..... by Mary Liles

## SPECIAL GIFTS

COURTNEY GRAHAM SHELTER ..... by Joanne & Steve Coker

DISCRETIONARY FUND & YOUTH MINISTRY ..... by Kriste & Chuck Lindler

## 2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### 2024 General Operating Budget

Approved Budget for 2024 ..... \$2,318,729.52

Received Week of 01-14-2024 ..... \$40,462.00

Received YTD ..... \$115,445.56

### 2024 Capital Building Fund

Received Week of 01-14-2024 ..... \$580.00

Received YTD ..... \$2,216.75

### 2024 Special Gifts

Received Week of 01-14-2024 ..... \$2,602.80

Received YTD..... \$4,014.03

### 2024 Endowment Gifts

Received YTD ..... \$1,575.00

## ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 14, 2024

Sanctuary Service ..... 202

The Well Service ..... 121

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion ..... 11

Children's Sunday School Totals ..... 45

Youth Sunday School Totals ..... 19

Adult Sunday School Totals ..... 102

UMYF ..... 20