



CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 4, 2024
Youth Sunday (Green)

Prayer Focus: Guidance for All God's Youth

Welcome to worship at Central!

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to worship at Central where it is our mission to follow Jesus by loving God and loving our neighbors. I, along with the rest of our clergy team, Rev. Ann Kovan and Rev. Meg Jiunnies, are grateful you've chosen to make Central a part of your day today. We have prayed for you and planned for you, and hope you have a meaningful worship experience. Whether it's your first time worshipping with us or you're a lifelong member, we welcome any opportunity to speak with you about how to connect with God through Central. Please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us this week if we can be of service. Once again, welcome!

Rev. Thomas W. Smith,
Senior Pastor

Today is Youth Sunday!

Today is a special day in the life of our church as we celebrate Youth Sunday. Our youth are not only the future of the church, but they are very much part of Central's present mission and ministry. Our young people are engaged in the church and community in countless ways, and today we celebrate their ministry as they lead us in worship. In addition to thanking these teenagers for their leadership and service, we also express our gratitude to Julie Knight, our Director of Youth Discipleship, and her many servant volunteers for faithfully serving God through Central's Youth Ministry.

Order of Worship

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 Stuart K. Hine
How Great Thou Art

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

(*All who are able are invited to stand.)

*GREETING

Leader: Have we not known? Have we not heard? Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

People: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

Leader: they shall mount up on wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary;

People: they shall walk and not faint.

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 57 AZMON
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI 71 GREATOREX
Glory Be to the Father

COLLECT

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of your love for all people.

Help us to join you on mission in the world that we might reach many with your good news;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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.)

PROCLAMATION

God's Word is Shared

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON..... Isaiah 40:21-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON..... Mark 1:29-39

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMONS

Following His Lead Kirksey Smith

Miraculous Restoration William Grantham

From Cure to Call Margaret Cates

Surround Yourself with Faith Nathan Gause

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING IN FAITH

We Respond to God's Word in Worship

OFFERTORY Hillsong Worship
King of Kings

*DOXOLOGY 95 OLD 100th
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*COMMUNION HYMN 340 RESTORATION
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
 CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION 12
 THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)
 GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
 COMMUNION HYMN 262 (*Sung by all*) SUTTON COMMON
Heal Me, Hands of Jesus
 COMMUNION ENSEMBLE..... Brandon Lake
Gratitude
 PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH **We Respond to God's Grace with Our Lives**

*BENEDICTION
 *HYMN IN PROCESSION 568 ITALIAN HYMN
Christ for the World We Sing
 *CLOSING VOLUNTARY Thomas Battishill
Voluntary in B-flat

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Assisting in Worship

Parish Concerns Clayton Folse
 Opening Voluntary Nathan Gause, Elizabeth Sawyer
 Greeting Anna Frances Falcone
 Affirmation of Faith Carson Timms
 Collect Jacob Love
 Ritual of Friendship Elizabeth Sawyer
 Lay Readers Julia Cates, Henry Love
 Speakers Margaret Cates, Nathan Gause, William Grantham, Kirksey Smith
 Prayers of the People Kate Coker
 Offertory/Communion Ensemble Nathan Gause, Sarah Gause, Kaydance Hatchell
 Prayer of Thanksgiving Caroline Peebles
 Benediction William Grantham
 Crucifer Alek Reynolds
 Banner Bearer John Wylie Richardson
 Acolyte Jane Hyman
 Communion Servers..... Morgan Emanuelli, Allie Clyde Higgs, Annabelle Slice
 Pianist..... Elizabeth Sawyer
 Percussionist..... Lance Hatchell
 Organist..... Don Grice
 Chancel Choir
 Greeters & Ushers
 Libby Ballenger, Sam Ballenger, Laura Mason Belk, Derrick Campbell, Henry Campbell, Jean Cates, Natalie Chase,
 Lizzie Davis, Brett Granger, Hugh Granger, Andrew Grantham, James Hanna, Ellison Higgs, Caroline Lee, Drayton
 Lee, Shott Moody, John Michael Morgan, Wells Morgan, Elliott Norris, Sophia Norris, Danny Page, Ian Powers,
 Oliver Powers, David Smith, Caden Taylor

IN MEMORY OF

BEDS MINISTRY

John Orr by Sandra & RD Craddock

DISCRETIONARY FUND

John Orr by United Methodist Women

ENDOWMENT FUND

Mike Ballenger by Nancy & Clary Rawl

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

John Orr by Ronda & David Alderman, Debi & Panos Kalaritis, Adriane & John Reynolds

Mike Ballenger by Kathy Allen, Gale & Dick Dixon

Mike Ballenger, John Orr by Alice & Webb Jones

Shirley Melton, Mike Timms..... by Jane Ames

Gloria Brown by Jane & Larry Hubis

Dr. Clarence Davis, Rosalyn Davis, John Orr by Ann & Raymond Thomas

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mike Timms by Jane & Larry Hubis

Mike Ballenger by Pearl Jones/Rosa Sanders Circle

IN HONOR OF

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Becky Crawford by Jane & Larry Hubis

HELP4KIDS

Katri Skinner by Betty Gail & Reamer King

SPECIAL GIFTS

DISCRETIONARY FUND & YOUTH MINISTRY by Kriste & Chuck Lindler

HELP4KIDS by Betty Gail & Reamer King

2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2024 General Operating Budget

Approved Budget for 2024 \$2,318,729.52

Received Week of 01-28-2024 \$56,661.00

Received YTD \$ 178,281.56

2024 Capital Building Fund

Received Week of 01-28-2024 \$220.00

Received YTD \$2,486.75

2024 Special Gifts

Received Week of 01-28-2024 \$1,123.40

Received YTD..... \$5,253.43

2024 Endowment Gifts

Received YTD \$200.00

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 28, 2024

Sanctuary Service 189

The Well Service 175

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion 18

Children's Sunday School 45

Adult Sunday School 104