



CENTRAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday (White)

Prayer Focus: Scouting Mission and Ministries

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

Scout Sunday

Scouting is an often-overlooked door for United Methodists to go into their community and for the community to take the first step into the church. Scout Sunday is an opportunity to recognize those involved in the Scouting Ministry and invite others to join. Today we celebrate the 114th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America as well as Central's enduring scouting ministry and all the adults and youth involved.

Music Note

Today's Offertory is a setting for organ by the English composer David Blackwell of the hymn tune "CARLISLE." The associated text is for Transfiguration:

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light. How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come; we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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 Healey Willan
Hymn Prelude on "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" (WAREHAM)

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

*GREETING

Leader: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

People: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

People: Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 188CHRISTE SANCTORUM
Christ Is the World's Light

COLLECT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord. 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

SCOUT SUNDAY SPEAKER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 39 Caroline McLeod Strait
daughter of Fletcher and Jacob Strait

(Following the profession of faith on page 41, we will sing the Gloria Patri on page 71.)

BAPTISM HYMN 608 AZMON
This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

PROCLAMATION

God's Word is Shared

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Kings 2:1-12
Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Mark Sirett
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart. Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Christ, whose glory fills the skies.

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*ACT OF PRAISE 783Psalm 50

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 258 WAREHAM
O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Thomas Smith

Circling Back
Series: Jesus Who?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING IN FAITH **We Respond to God’s Word in Worship**

OFFERTORY David Blackwell

Trio on “CARLISLE”

*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 189ST. ELIZABETH

Fairest Lord Jesus

CLOSING VOLUNTARY John Rutter

Toccata in Seven

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Assisting in Worship

- Preacher Rev. Thomas Smith
- Liturgist Rev. Meg Bryce Jiunnies
- Organist/Choir Director Dr. Don Grice
- Organist/Choir Accompanist Beverly Hazelwood
- Lay Reader Shaun Holcombe
- Acolyte Thomas Grantham
- Crucifer Andrew Grantham
- Banner Bearer William Grantham
- Scout Speaker Walt Barefoot
- Chancel Choir

IN MEMORY OF

CAPITAL BUILDING FUND

Mike Ballenger by Jean & Edwin Allen, Frances & Laurence McIntosh

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Mike Timms by Dresden Floyd, Melinda & Wes Fowler

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mike Ballenger by Martha Anne DeBerry, United Methodist Women, Mary & Bob Wells

John Orr by Zilphy & John DuRant, Kathy Jamison

Mike Ballenger, John Orr by Florie Ervin

Mike Ballenger, Gloria Brown by Melinda & Wes Fowler

ENDOWMENT FUND

John Orr by Frances & Laurence McIntosh

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Mike Ballenger by Jane Ames, Saunders Bridges, Finklea Hendrick & Blake LLC,
Frances & Laurence McIntosh, Mary & Brian Falcone

John Orr by Mark Buyck Jr., Gale & Dick Dixon, Daniel Greiner, James Kinlaw Jr.,
Cheney Meiere Jr., Patricia Vassy

Mike Ballenger, John Orr by Wylie Caldwell Jr., Jebaily Law Firm, Cornelia & Lynn Owens

Marsha Rabon by Larry Rabon

MUSIC MINISTRY

John Orr by Jean & Edwin Allen

Gloria Brown by Ann Orr

Mike Ballenger by Cynde White

PRAYER GARDEN

Mike Ballenger by Sue & Bryan Hensley

SUNSHINE CLASS

John Orr by Joy Poole

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mike Ballenger by Carolyn Bradley

IN HONOR OF

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Maree Cherry by Kathy Jamison

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Ann Wansley, Sarah Blanton Sunday School Class, Erin Glenn Mary Motte Herbert Circle, Pearl Jones Circle
by Sue & Larry Orr

Geneva Rabon by Larry Rabon

SCOUTING SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Boy Scout Leaders by Frances & Laurence McIntosh

SPECIAL GIFTS

DISCRETIONARY FUND by Tippi & Bill Harwell, Donna & Steve Reaves

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 02-04-2024 \$32,623.45

Received YTD \$205,305.01

2024 Capital Building Fund

Received Week of 02-04-2024 \$1,151.75

Received YTD \$3,988.50

2024 Special Gifts

Received Week of 02-04-2024 \$2,097.23

Received YTD \$7,234.66

2024 Endowment Gifts

Received YTD \$240.00

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Youth Sunday Sanctuary Service 331

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion 15

Children's Sunday School 41

Adult Sunday School 98

Youth Sunday Participants 50