



CENTRAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter (White)

Prayer Focus: Our Heritage Members

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. If it is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out a connect card and bring it to the Welcome Center where you will receive a gift from the church. 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

Music Note

Clara Schumann (1819-1896), composer of today's Opening Voluntary and Offertory, was a German musician who was considered one of the finest pianists of the Romantic era. Her husband Robert, was the more famous composer but Clara left a substantial body of work, which until recently was largely unrecognized. *The Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major* dates from 1845. While not expressly written for the organ, it was transcribed for that instrument in 1991.

Heritage Sunday

This special occasion is an opportunity to recognize everyone who has ministered at Central UMC for fifty years or more. We will acknowledge new fifty-year members with a pin at the worship service of their choice, and all Heritage Members are invited to lunch in Spears Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Our New Heritage Members:

Jean Allen
Anne Craven
Lane Craven
David Harrison
Frances Temple
Mark Walters

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 Clara Schumann
Prelude in B-flat Major

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

*GREETING

Leader: Sing to our God a new song.

People: God has done marvelous things!

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

People: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 96 AMSTERDAM
Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI 71 GREATOREX
Glory Be to the Father

COLLECT

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

RECOGNITION OF HERITAGE MEMBERS

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

ANTHEM Peter Nardone
I Give to You a New Commandment

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.[translation: Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Acts 10:44-48

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Thomas Smith
When Jesus Interrupts

Series: Belong, Behave, Believe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING IN FAITH

We Respond to God's Word in Worship

OFFERTORY Clara Schumann
Fugue in B-flat Major

*DOXOLOGY 94	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
*COMMUNION HYMN 617	DOVE OF PEACE
	<i>I Come with Joy</i>
CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION 12	
THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)	
GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP	
HYMNS DURING COMMUNION (<i>sung by all at 11:15</i>)	
636	AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM
	<i>Christian People, Raise Your Song</i>
630	GELOBET SEI GOTT
	<i>Become to Us the Living Bread</i>
PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION	

SENDING FORTH

We Respond to God's Grace with Our Lives

*BENEDICTION	
*HYMN IN PROCESSION 384	HYFRYDOL (UMH 196)
	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	Healey Willan
	<i>Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Melchior Vulpius</i>

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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
Acolyte	Anna Reaves Yarborough
Crucifer	Noah Learn
Ministry Spotlight Speaker	John Frank
Communion Servers	Jim and Norma Sandlin

Chancel Choir

Announcements

Camp Firelight VBS will be held June 3-6 from 5:15 to 8:15 p.m. each evening. Register today by using the QR code in the May issue of Under the Dome.

Mother's Day Flower Sale: Central's Youth are selling roses in honor or in memory of all the special women in our lives. Roses are \$5.00 each, and they may be picked up Sunday, May 12, in The Commons. Contact Julie Knight or the church office to purchase.

High School Seniors and College Graduates, please submit your graduation information to either Julie Knight or Adriane Reynolds no later than May 7 so that we can include your names in the Order of Worship on May 19.

IN MEMORY OF

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Debbie Carol Jones by Caroline Genoble

IN HONOR OF

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Henry Campbell by Sandy & Conrad Derrick

YOUTH MINISTRY

Missy Brown..... by Anna Frances Falcone

SPECIAL GIFTS

BEDS MINISTRY by Anonymous

COSTA RICA MISSION by Margaret Coleman

DISCRETIONARY FUND, YOUTH MINISTRY by Chuck Lindler

ENDOWMENT FUND by Nancy & Clary Rawl

2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2024 General Operating Budget

Approved Budget for 2024 \$2,318,729.52

Received Week of 04-28-2024 \$21,381.37

Received YTD \$640,094.41

2024 Capital Building Fund

Received Week of 04-28-2024 \$210.00

Received YTD \$9,193.50

2024 Special Gifts

Received Week of 04-28-2024 \$5,129.32

Received YTD..... \$37,202.91

2024 Endowment Gifts

Received YTD \$565.00

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR APRIL 28, 2024

Sanctuary Service 187

The Well Service 91

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion 15

Children's Sunday School 37

Adult Sunday School 87