



# CENTRAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday (White)

## Prayer Focus: Mothers and Those Who Mother

### 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. Dr. 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

Our opening hymn, *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* (UMH 312), originally appeared with ten stanzas in *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1739 with the title *Hymn for Ascension-Day*. The four stanzas in our hymnal are the original 1, 2, 4, and 5. The hymn as a whole is an elaboration of the accounts of Christ's ascension found in Mark 16:19 and Luke 24:15. The tune Llanfair was written by Robert Williams in 1817. Its name is the anglicized form of "Llanfechell," the composer's hometown in North Wales.

### With Gratitude

The family of Roger Cooke would like to express their sincere gratitude for the many expressions of condolences shown during this time. Roger loved Central United Methodist Church, its staff, and his fellow members.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Jean Hamilton Reynolds and in honor of Peggy Kyzer Anderson by John, Adriane, and Alek Reynolds.

# 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 ..... Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Cathy Moglebust  
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

### \*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

### \*GREETING

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all,

**People: God's power is in the skies.**

Leader: Wondrous is God in the sanctuary,

**People: God gives us power and strength.**

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 312 ..... LLANFAIR  
*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

### COLLECT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy One, open us to the possibility that we are being chosen to be new disciples with new ministries. May the reading of your Word sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy. 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

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Acts 1:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM ..... Michael Burkhardt  
*Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels*

*Up through endless ranks of angels, cries the triumph in his ears, to his heav'nly throne ascending, having vanquished all their fears, Christ looks down upon his faithful, leaving them in happy tears. Death destroying, life restoring, proven equal to our need, now for us before the Father as our brother intercede; flesh that for our world was wounded, living, for the wounded plead! To our lives of wanton wand'ring send your Spirit, promised guide; through our lives of fear and failure with your pow'r and love abide; welcome us, as you were welcomed, to an endless Eastertide. Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace! Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face! Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace! (text by Jaroslav J. Vajda)*

EPISTLE LESSON ..... Ephesians 1:15-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*ACT OF PRAISE 781 ..... Psalm 47

### CHILDREN'S TIME

*(Children are invited to the chancel. An offering will be received from the children during Children's Time. After Children's Time, children ages 2nd grade and older will return to their seats and children ages 3K to 1st grade will go with a leader and may be picked up in room #145 or #147 after the service.)*

\*HYMN 157 ..... DUKE STREET  
*Jesus Shall Reign*

\*GOSPEL LESSON ..... Luke 24:44-53  
 Leader: The Word of the Lord!  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON ..... Rev. Thomas Smith  
*Don't Just Stand There*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY ..... Spiritual, arr. Benjamin Tucker  
*Wade in the Water*

\*DOXOLOGY 94 ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*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 154..... CORONATION  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ..... arr. Cathy Moglebust  
*Festive Toccata on Old Hundredth*

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**Assisting in Worship**

Preacher ..... Rev. Thomas Smith  
 Liturgist ..... Rev. Meg Bryce Jiunnies  
 Children's Time ..... Brandie Love  
 Organist/Choir Director ..... Dr. Don Grice  
 Organist/Choir Accompanist ..... Beverly Hazelwood  
 Violist ..... Dr. Sherry Woods  
 Lay Readers ..... Ellen Smith, Ginny Hill  
 Acolyte ..... Billy Hardaway  
 Crucifer ..... MarthaAnn Johnson

Handbell Choir  
 Chancel Choir

## IN MEMORY OF

### GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Roger Cooke ..... by Pam & Doug Maloy, Sarah Blanton Sunday School Class  
Betty Searcy ..... by Carolyn & Terry Smith  
John Orr, Mike Ballenger, Betty Searcy, Brooks Wilkinson ..... by Willa Burdette

## IN HONOR OF

### GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Thomas Smith, Meg Jiunnies, Ann Kovan ..... by Willa Burdette

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Lacy Scholars ..... by Julia & Robby Sisco

## SPECIAL GIFTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ..... by Anna Stewart Judy

DISCRETIONARY FUND, YOUTH MINISTRY ..... by Chuck Lindler

ENDOWMENT FUND ..... by Nancy & Clary Rawl

SCOUTING SCHOLARSHIP ..... by Christine & Tim Fisher

## 2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<b>2024 General Operating Budget</b>	
Approved Budget for 2024 .....	\$2,318,729.52
Received Week of 04-28-2024 .....	\$45,259.40
Received YTD .....	\$684,063.81
<b>2024 Capital Building Fund</b>	
Received Week of 04-28-2024 .....	\$661.75
Received YTD .....	\$9,855.25
<b>2024 Special Gifts</b>	
Received Week of 04-28-2024 .....	\$3,672.12
Received YTD.....	\$40,879.04
<b>2024 Endowment Gifts</b>	
Received YTD .....	\$2,565.00

## ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR APRIL 28, 2024

Sanctuary Service .....	213
The Well Service .....	79
Service of Prayer & Holy Communion .....	14
Children's Sunday School .....	16
Adult Sunday School .....	101