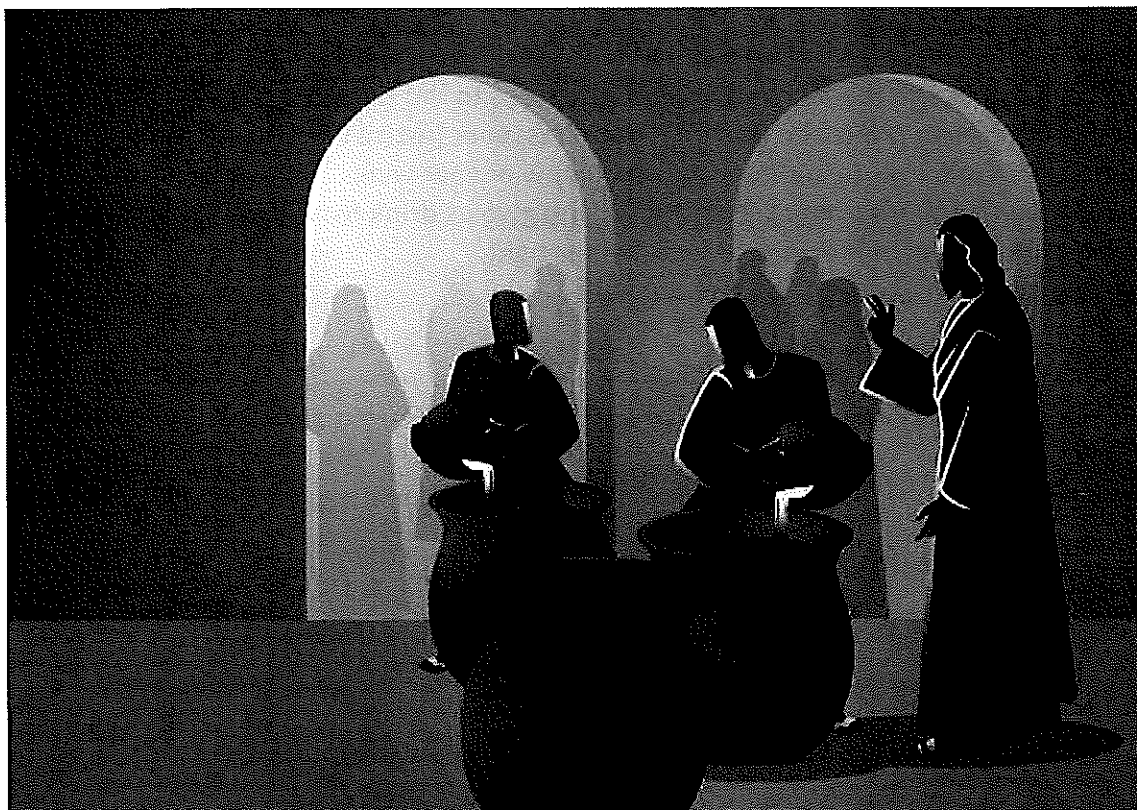


Central United Methodist Church



Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22, 2023
10:45 a.m.

Our Vision:

***Making Christ known by extending hospitality,
serving the community, and embracing all.***

201 - 3rd Avenue Knoxville TN 37917
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We Gather to Praise God

Prelude

Prelude in G

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Welcome

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

† **Call to Worship**

Rev. Stephanie Parrott

Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

Earth's children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundance of your house; you give us drink from your river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!

† **Opening Hymn**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
there is no shadow, of turning with thee,
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

[refrain] Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten-thousand beside! [refrain]

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

† Scripture John 2:1-11

A Time for Young Christians

Sunday school for nursery through 5th grade is offered every week following children's time except on Sundays when we celebrate Holy Communion (typically the first Sunday of each month).

† Anthem *The Lord is My Shepherd* Howard Goodall

Sermon Faith and Fear: Holy Imagination Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

† Hymn *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find you in the mystery in oceans deep my faith will stand.

And I will call upon your name, and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise my soul will rest in your embrace.
For I am yours, and you are mine!

Your grace abounds in deepest waters. Your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, you've never failed and you won't start now.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.
Let me walk upon the water wherever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offering our Gifts

We will not be receiving an offering during the service, however, we invite you to give your offering and God's tithes using the plates as you exit the sanctuary or online at Knoxcentralumc.org/getinvolved

Offertory

Lead me, Lord

S.S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in Thy righteousness,
Make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord; Thou Lord only
Who makest me dwell in safety.

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in true holiness.
Teach me to love and trust in Thee.

Thou art our God, the God of our salvation:
All nations shall praise Thy holy name.

† Dedication of Gifts

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We Are Scattered to Serve God In Our World

† Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

† Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in G

Johann Ludwig Krebs

† *Please stand in body or spirit*

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The altar flowers today are given to commemorate the 25th wedding anniversary of John and Mary Baugues; and also to celebrate the 64th wedding anniversary of Bill and Marjorie Rose.

This morning's music:

The Prelude and Postlude are companion works attributed to Johann Ludwig Krebs. This Prelude and Fugue in G is part of a set of eight originally attributed to J.S. Bach, yet scholarly work has identified the works were most likely composed by his student Krebs.

The Anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd" is a setting of Psalm 23 by Howard Goodall. The music is pastoral in nature with a section of intensity for the lines "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil", followed by a return to repose. A favorite among settings of this familiar Psalm, the piece was used as the theme for the BBC program "The Vicar of Dibley", a comedy series that encouraged the acceptance of female clergy within the Church of England.

The Offertory "Lead Me, Lord" is by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, the grandson of Charles Wesley. Holding many important posts within the Church of England in his time, Samuel Sebastian wrote many hymn tunes and anthems that have endured in the repertoire.

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly: AA, Monday and Thursday at 10:00 am
Choir, Wednesday at 6:30 pm

January 23	Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 210
January 25	Downtown REO mtg., 8:30 - 10 am, Room 210
January 29	Youth Group, 4-5:30 pm, Beta Room
February 2	Food Pantry, 10am – 12 Noon
February 12	Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch, Noon, Fellowship Hall
February 22	Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm

Norwood Food Ministry - Many folks have asked how they can help beyond donations. There are many ways to volunteer: 1. Food prep - either making and dropping off food or prepping/cooking food the day before or early on the day of our drive-thru. 2. Volunteer during drive-thru to help put food in boxes, greet people and take orders, or hand out the meals. 3. Food deliveries to shut-ins after drive-thru is over. 4. Creating small gifts to hand out. These are often seasonal like scented soaps or candles for Mother's Day or Easter treat bags for the Easter meal. For Christmas we handed out mini loaves of homemade bread. During the Winter there is usually just one Saturday lunch drive-thru a month. Later in the Spring they add on a Sunday brunch drive-thru to each month. The upcoming dates for Saturday lunches are as follows: February 4, March 11 and April 1. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Stephanie for more information. If you decide to volunteer, she will connect you with Annette and get you added to our facebook group for the serving team.

Weekly Prayer List
Sunday, January 22, 2023

Emalie Dockery is now home on antibiotics as her ankle heals.

Nancy Morgan was released from the hospital Monday after her January 12 surgery.

Marjorie Rose had surgery for colon cancer on Friday.

Lily Wright (Ron O'Toole's granddaughter) had surgery Friday to tighten her eye muscles.

Diane Lowe (Sherry Johnson's sister) remains at UT Medical Center and is very slowly recovering from her January 4 stroke and surgery. She will be moving to a rehabilitation facility when she is discharged.

Marie Cole (Sherry Johnson's mother) was released from the hospital Tuesday and is resting at home.

The **family of JoAnn Fowler** (Frank Fowler's mother), who died Sunday night after a stroke.

Jaquelyn Garner (Bill Rose's sister) is in the Masonic Assisted Living recovering from a mini-stroke.

The **famiy of Donna Parrott** (Crit Parrott's mother), who died Tuesday. Her service was Friday.

Please continue to remember **Virginia Colson** (7823 Gleason Dr. #201, 37919), **Bud Cottrell** (4004 Ross McCloud Way, 37938), **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Bill Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Jean Gangaware** (3625 Cherrylog Rd, 37921), **Sancy Hail** (7545 Thunder Ct, Powell, 37849), **Susie Haun** (sister of Carol Wear), **David Helms** (809 E Emerald Ave, 37917), **Penney Helms** (3428 Luwana Ln, 37917), **Blaine Honea** (son of Linda Stalsworth Honea, former member of Central), **Ed Hoskins** (3608 Cranbrook Ln, 37921), **Allen Knable** (Room 512A, 283 W. Broadway Blvd., Jefferson City, 37760), **Mary Lou McKie** (Emalie Dockery's mother), **Richard and Joan Moon** (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Doris Jean Moore** (7404 Kentfield Dr, 37919), **Nancy Morgan** (3105 Atoka Ln, 37917), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **JoAnn Stewart** (Carolyn Cottrell's cousin), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **Lucy Varnell** (4408 High School Rd, 37912), **Kathy Whaley** (friend of Penney Helms), **Bill Winans** (1658 Wisteria View Way, 37914), and **Grady Winegar** (5503 Pinecrest Dr, 37918).

Send additions, deletions, and progress reports to Kathy Gant, gants@att.net, or the church office. If you want to be added to or deleted from the electronic mailing list, please let Kathy know.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to let us know you were here. In front of you in the pews you will find a visitor card. If you are willing, leave us your name and phone number or e-mail address so that we can connect with you and find out more about you and share more about who we are as well.

Care and Prayer

If you have a prayer request, let us know so we can be in prayer for you. Either use the visitor cards in front of you or e-mail Kathy Gant at gants@att.net

Sunday Morning Coffee

The coffee is on! Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, you are invited to join us for coffee. Connect with Central folks for fellowship and conversation. Coffee is available from 9:30 until 10:45 am.

The Central Hub

Keep up with what's going on each week by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter. You can subscribe by going to knoxcentralumc.org and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

Spiritual Discipline of Giving and Financial Update

Giving financially is a spiritual discipline and has the power to shape and transform us. When we give, it expresses priorities in our lives. All are encouraged to give out of the abundance that God has provided us. We aren't currently passing the offering plates, but we do ask you to consider giving to the ministries of Central Church in one of the following ways.

- Place your gift in the offering Plate on Sunday Morning. You'll find them as you exit the sanctuary.
- Mail a check to 201 Third Ave. or bring it by the office.
- Give online (text to give) and through the Vanco Mobile App.
- Set up an automatic withdrawal through your checking account. Please reach out to Laurie in the office to sign up.
- Scan the PayPal QR code to donate through PayPal.



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