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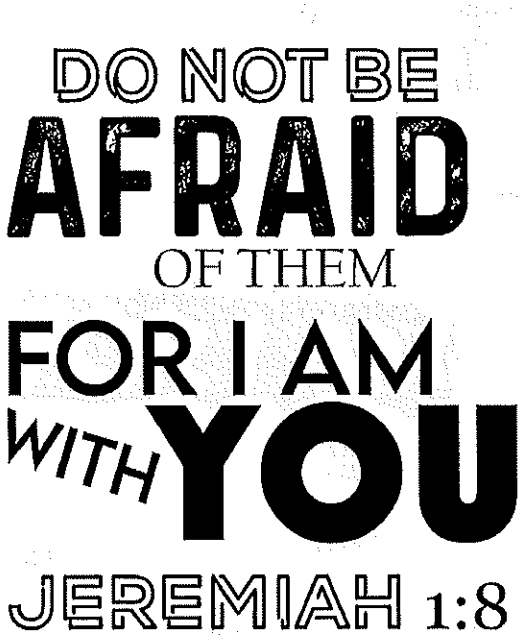

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2023
10:45 a.m.

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 *Melody* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Welcome The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!** Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer Rev. Stephanie Parrott

† **Call to Worship**

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory and honor to God forever and ever! Amen.

† **Opening Hymn** *Maker in Whom We Live* UMH 88

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Diety, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Scripture Jeremiah 1:4-10; † Luke 4:21-30

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** — *This Little Light of Mine* — Traditional

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!...

Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine!...

Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine!...

Sermon — Faith and Fear: The Voice of Truth — Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

† **Song** — *Guide My Feet*

Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)

Hold my hand...
Stand by me...

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 — *Goodness is Stronger than Evil* — Desmond Tutu, John L. Beil

Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through God who loves us.

† **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!

Celebration of Holy Communion — UMH 12

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,
we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us...When the supper was over, he took the cup...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, alright God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Communion Anthem *In Thee, O Lord* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust. Let me never be put to confusion,
But rid me and deliver me in Thy righteousness.
Incline Thine ear unto me, make haste to deliver me.
Into Thy hands I commend my spirit,
For Thou hast redeemed me, Thou God of truth.

We Are Scattered to Serve God In Our World

† **Closing Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn they Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

† **Benediction**

Postlude *Improvisation on "Go Down, Moses"* Trey Daugherty

† *Please stand in body or spirit*

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The altar flowers today are given by Les and Cindy Williams to the glory of God and in loving memory of family.

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

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

February 8	Downtown REO, 8:30-10am; Room 210
	Staff Meeting, 10am
February 9	WOW Dinner, 5:30 pm, Aubrey's (6005 Brookvale Lane)
February 15	4th and Gill Annual Meeting; 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
February 19	Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch, Noon, Fellowship Hall
February 20	Trivia Night at SoKno, 6:40 pm, 3701 Sevierville Pike
February 22	Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm

Central is immensely fortunate to have excellent pastoral leadership by both Jimmy Sherrod and Stephanie Parrott. The Staff/Parish Relations committee (SPRC) invites you to contribute to our Pastor Appreciation fund and join us in honoring them during worship on Sunday, February 19. Your contribution, cash or check (noting that it is a gift for Pastor Appreciation), can be sent to the Church office by February 15. Thank you for considering a financial gift to help us honor our Pastors!
SPRC: Elizabeth Thomas, Tammy Mendenhall, Tony Jackson; Emalie Dockery, Lay Leader and Tyler Lewelling, Lay Rep. to Annual Conference.

WOW Dinner – There will be a WOW dinner (Women of Worship) on Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 pm. The dinner will be at Aubrey's, 6005 Brookvale Lane. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Thomas (elizabethsthomas@comcast.net).

Trivia night on Monday, February 20th at SoKno Taco. We'll meet at SoKno at 6:40. The address is 3701 Sevierville Pike, Knoxville, TN. Text Wil Davenport at (865) 414-3954 with any questions and to RSVP. Teens and above are invited to participate. Invite friends. There will be a variety of questions spanning music, geography, science, literature, tv and movies, and much more. The team works together to answer the questions.

Interested in joining the tech team? We need some help operating a camera, switcher, or the sound board. Email Tyler (tylerdlew@gmail.com) or head up to the balcony one Sunday!

Pancake Brunch - Sunday, February 19 following worship. RSVP to Serving@knoxcentralumc.org

This morning's music:
Musical offerings throughout February will journey through the history of composers of African descent in honor of Black History Month. The Prelude and Communion Anthem are by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) who was a renowned composer and conductor of Creole and British descent. He toured America to great acclaim and was a guest of Teddy Roosevelt at the White House. The Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Society was a 200 voice African American choir founded in 1901 in Washington D.C. and he was heralded as a musical force on the level of Mahler by musicians he conducted in New York City.

The Prelude "Melody" for organ shows his orchestral textures as translated to the capabilities of an organist. The Communion Anthem "In Thee, O Lord" is a setting of passages from Psalm 31.

The Offertory is a writing of Desmond Tutu (1931-2021) a South African Anglican Bishop who left a legacy of work as an anti-apartheid and human rights activist. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his unifying work.

"Goodness is stronger than evil" is a quote from "An African Prayer Book" by Tutu in which he also states: "we are created in the image of a God who is a diversity of persons who exist in ineffable unity."

Weekly Prayer List
Sunday, February 5, 2023

Peter Keyes was released from the hospital Monday and is recovering from surgery at home.

Tom Price will have a PET scan at UT Medical Center on February 9.

Marjorie Rose is waiting on results of the tests following her surgery.

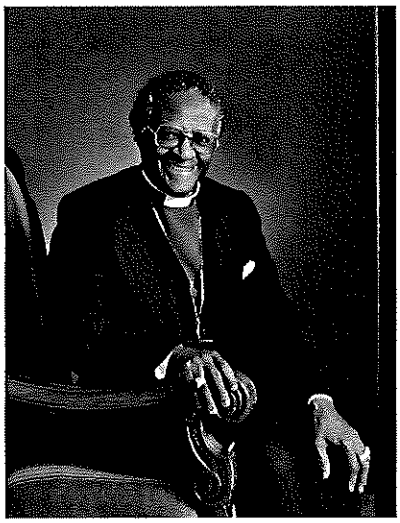
Diane Lowe (Sherry Johnson's sister) was discharged from UT Medical Center Wednesday and has returned to NHC Knoxville.

Marilyn McCullough (Tyler Lewelling's grandmother) is in the hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, with heart failure and low sodium and magnesium levels.

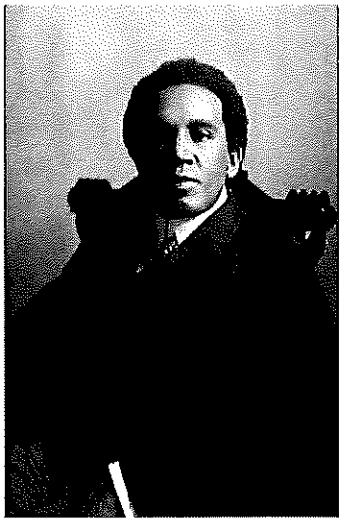
Rev. Bob Parrott (Crit Parrott's father) will have additional testing following an asthma attack last Sunday.

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 and Emalie Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Jean Gangaware** (3625 Cherrylog Rd, 37921), **Jaquelyn Garner** (Bill Rose's sister), **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), **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.



Bishop Desmond Tutu



Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

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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