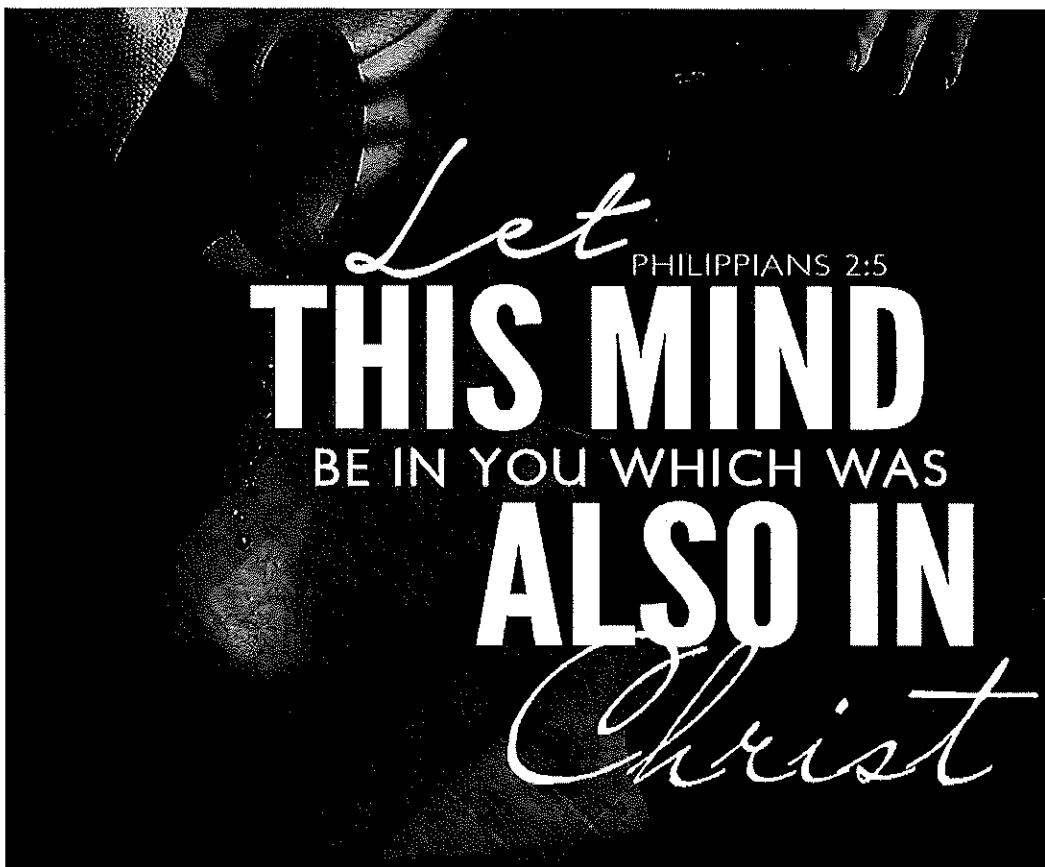


Central United Methodist Church



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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

Arioso

Bach

Welcome

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

Rev. Stephanie Parrott

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dan Taylor

† Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 154

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
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Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

† Call to Worship

(inspired by Psalm 5)

Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God's steadfast love for us.

For God gives ear to our words; God listens to the sound of our cries.

Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble.

Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!

For God is surely in this place! Let us worship God!

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Scripture

Philippians 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

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Albert F. Bayly, B.F. White

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Sermon

Finding Joy in Humble Service

Rev. Parrott

We Respond to God's Great Love

† Song

Have Thine Own Way, Lord! (vv 1-3)

UMH 382

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

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

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we're together on this road
We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we will find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together, of Christ's love and agony.

† Dedication of Gifts

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

We Are Scattered to Serve God In Our World

† **Closing Hymn**

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Passacaglia

Handel

† *Please stand in body or spirit*

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The altar flowers today are in honor of the
Happy March Birthdays of Tim and Lee Mendenhall

The guest musician today is Mary Lou Holt

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly: AA, Monday and Thursday at 10:00 am
Builder's Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Lenten Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Downtown REO, Wednesday at 8:30 am
Choir, Wednesday at 6:30 pm

March 12	Spring Into Spring, 4 pm, Fellowship Hall
March 14	Retired Teachers, 10 am, Room 210
March 19	VBS Planning Meeting, 3 pm, Room 210
March 20	4 th and Gill Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 210
March 21-25	Friends of the Library Set up and Sale, 1 st Floor
March 26	Praising Team, Noon, Room 210 Youth Bowling
March 27	Trustees Meeting, 10:30 am, Room 210 Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Room 210
April 2	Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt
April 6	Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm
April 7	Good Friday
April 9	Easter Sunday
April 15,16	Dogwood Arts Featured Garden Tour, Play and Pray
April 22	Special Holston Annual Conference
April 30	4 th and Gill Tour of Homes, 1pm-6pm
May 7	Graduate Recognition during Worship Praising Team Meeting, Noon, Room 210 Singing Senior Concert, 2 pm, Sanctuary
June 25-27	VBS

Spring into Spring -Join us in community as we spring forward into spring on TODAY at 4:00 p.m. We will gather around a circle of rhythm in the fellowship hall. Sharing rhythm together helps reduce stress, boosts your immune system, and provides a means of connecting with God and each other. And it's fun! The beauty of community drumming is that no prior experience is necessary, and ALL are able to participate. This event is sponsored by the Third Generation Adult Ministries but is open to all. Children are welcome with an adult. There's always room in the circle for YOU! For more information contact Gaye King.

Palm Sunday Fellowship Lunch and Egg Hunt - Everyone is invited to stay after worship on Palm Sunday to enjoy a light lunch and watch our children hunt for Easter Eggs. There will be a photo booth set up for family photos and coloring pages for all! This is a great time to invite grandchildren or neighbors to come join us! **We do need to have you reply with the number of adults and children who will be attending.** We will be collecting monetary donations to help offset food costs. Please RSVP to stephanie@knoxcentralumc.org so that we can ensure we have plenty of food and plastic eggs.

***We would love donations of stuffed plastic eggs. If you would like to donate some stuffed eggs, you may drop them off in the box outside the church office in the coming weeks!

Weekly Prayer List
Sunday, March 12, 2023

William Coleman's (newborn son of an acquaintance of Mary Humes) tests came back in the normal range. They are waiting on the results of the genetic tests.

Keith Cornel (friend of Mary Humes) is in hospice care and declining quickly. Please remember his sister Kay Ferguson and the rest of the family.

Blaine Honea (son of Linda Stalsworth Honea, former member of Central) received good news from his recent scans. Everything was clean, including the liver outside the original tumor. He receives another infusion in 4 weeks. His mother continues to be grateful for the prayers from Central.

Diane Lowe (Sherry Johnson's sister) is a patient in NHC Knoxville.

Shelly and Katie (daughter and granddaughter of Bill and Marjorie Rose's neighbors, the Van Fossens) were injured in a car crash last Thursday, March 2.

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), **Allen Knable** (Room 512A, 283 W. Broadway Blvd., Jefferson City, 37760), **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), and **Bill Winans** (1658 Wisteria View Way, 37914).

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.

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Please tear off and leave in offering plate

Easter Flowers

The Flower Guild will be using seasonal flowers to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to contribute to these arrangements, please fill out the form below indicating your name and dedication. These dedications will be listed on an insert in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Your Name: _____

I wish to contribute to the Easter floral decorations by making a monetary contribution:

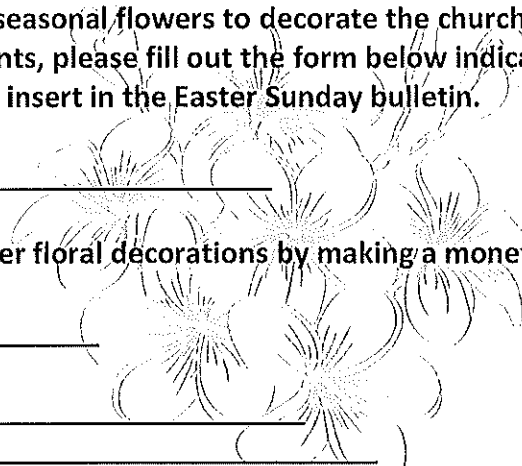
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In honor of: _____

Given By: _____

In memory of: _____

Given By: _____



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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