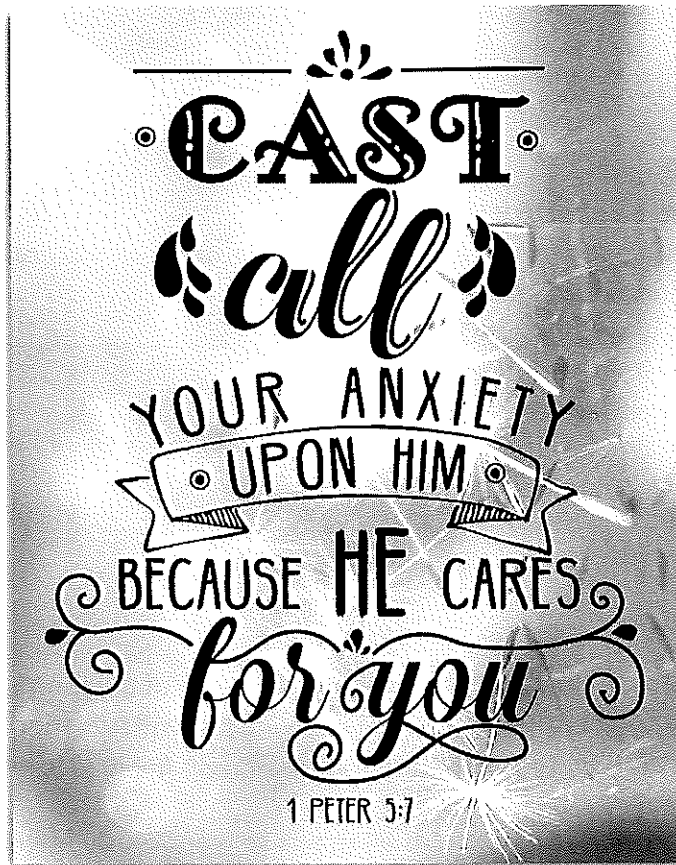


# Central United Methodist Church



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 21, 2023**  
**10:45 a.m.**

*Our Vision:*

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

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# ***We Gather to Praise God***

Prelude *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Beverly Kerr

Welcome Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

† Call to Worship based on Psalm 66 Rev. Stephanie Parrott

This is the day the Lord has made!  
**We will rejoice, and be glad in it!**  
You, O God, are our strength and our song; you have become our victory!  
**You are our God, and we will praise you;**  
**You are our God, and we will exalt you.**  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
**God's faithful loves endures forever! Alleluia!**

† Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

## ***We Listen to Hear God's Voice***

**Scripture** Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

**Gloria Patri** *Glory Be to the Father* UMH 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

### **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** *Balm in Gilead* Spiritual

**Sermon** A Living Hope: Casting Your Cares Rev. Sherrod

## ***We Respond to God's Great Love***

† **Hymn** Stand By Me (vv. 1-4) UMH 512

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; (stand by me)  
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. (stand by me)  
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,  
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me. (stand by me)  
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,  
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me)  
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,  
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of persecution, stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of persecution, stand by me. (stand by me)  
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,  
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me. (stand by me)

## Prayers of the People

### 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](http://Knoxcentralumc.org/getinvolved)

### Offertory

*Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth

### † Dedication of Gifts

The Doxology

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! Alleuia! Alleulia!

## ***We Are Scattered to Serve God In Our World***

### † Closing Hymn

*Standing on the Promises*

UMH 374

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

[refrain] Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. [refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. [refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. [refrain]

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

† *Please stand in body or spirit*

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We welcome Beverly Kerr as our guest musician today.  
She will be with us throughout the month of June.

## 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  
Downtown REO, Wednesday at 8:30 am  
Choir, Wednesday at 6:30 pm

May 21	Painting with Gaye King, Noon to 4pm, Fellowship Hall
May 29	Memorial Day – Church office closed
June 4	Open Streets Knoxville, 2-4 pm, outside of the church
June 6	Prayer Group, 10 am, Hospitality Room
June 11	Rhythm Wellness, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
June 19	4 <sup>th</sup> and Gill neighborhood meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 210
June 24	Decorate 1 <sup>st</sup> floor for Vacation Bible School
June 25-27	Vacation Bible School

### Let's go camping and learn s'more about Jesus!

Join us on June 25-27 for a Family VBS from 5 - 7:30pm. It is open to ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth are welcome to volunteer! We start with dinner from 5 - 5:45 pm. Families will move together for Bible lessons, crafts, and games! This is a great time to invite friends to join you! Dinner and VBS are free but donations to offset food costs are appreciated.

\*\*Please register your child(ren) by filling out a registration form which are located at the entrances of the sanctuary. Or you can contact Pastor Stephanie for her to send you one.

**Weekly Prayer List**  
**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

The family of **Mary Baugues**, who passed away Monday. She had been a member of Central UMC for 72 years.

Please continue to remember **Virginia Colson** (7823 Gleason Dr. #201, 37919), **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Bill and 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), **Blaine Honea** (son of Linda Stalsworth Honea, former member of Central), **Allen Knable** (Room 512A, 283 W. Broadway Blvd., Jefferson City, 37760), **Diane Lowe** (7125 Meadowbrook Cir, 37918), **Richard and Joan Moon** (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Doris Jean Moore** (7404 Kentfield Dr, 37919), **Nancy Morgan** (3105 Atoka Ln, 37917), **David Osinski** (Celeste Davenport's uncle), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **Kelli Ragsdale** (wife of Stephanie Parrott's cousin), **Sandra Temple Potts** (friend of Penny Helms and Becky Hutton), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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