

Central United Methodist Church



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2023
10:45 a.m.

Our Vision:

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

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

Prelude

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

arr. Bill Wolaver

Welcome

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

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

† **Call to Worship**

Archie Ellis

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty. Amen.

† **Opening Hymn**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

† **Scripture**

Matthew 13:31-35; 44-46

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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

One World, One Communion

Pepper Choplin

We Respond to God's Great Love

Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West (vv 1,2 & 4)

UMH 548

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

† 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! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity.
Christ has gathered his people around the earth
to commune at this table.

**Across political lines and economic lines,
in places of powerfully protected affluence,
and among the poorest of the poor,
we share a meal,
remembering and celebrating the One who proved shalom possible.**

And so, come:

you from the East and you from the West,
from the North and from the South.

Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes,
come with your inadequacies and with your strengths.
Come, for this is a table where all are invited
and all are welcome.

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,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.
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.
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.

He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth
and to make disciples of all nations,
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread...

When the supper was over he took the cup...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ...

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **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.

Instructions for Communion

We serve communion by intinction. You are invited to come to one of the stations where you will receive a piece of bread dipped in the juice. You may opt to spend some time in prayer at the altar. There is a gluten free option on the table. This is Christ's Holy Table and all are welcome.

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, ooo, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, ooo, we are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God. We are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God. We are living in the love of God.

We are living, living, we are living, ooo, we are living in the love of God.
We are living, living, we are living, ooo, we are living in the love of God.

We are singing for the Lord is our light. We are singing for the Lord is our light.
We are singing for the Lord is our light. We are singing for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, singing, we are singing, ooo, we are singing for the Lord is our light.
We are singing, singing, we are singing, ooo, we are singing for the Lord is our light.

We are dancing in the joy of God. We are dancing in the joy of God.
We are dancing in the joy of God. We are dancing in the joy of God.
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, ooo, we are dancing in the joy of God.
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, ooo, we are are dancing in the joy of God.

† Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on Leoni

arr. Joel Raney

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† Please stand in body or spirit

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

October 1	Book Discussion, 5:00 pm, Play and Pray
October 3	Prayer Group, 10:00 am, Room 213 Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 208
October 4	Bible Study, 10:00-11:30 am, Room 208
October 16	4 th & Gill Meeting, Room 210
October 17	Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 208
October 18	Bible Study, 10:00-11:30 am, Room 208
October 22	Praising Team Meeting, Noon, Room 210
October 23	Board of Ordained Ministry, 8 am – 6 pm, multiple rooms Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Room 204 (Builder's Classroom)
October 24	Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 208
October 25	Bible Study, 10:00-11:30 am, Room 208
October 31	Autism Up Halloween Party, 9:30am-2:30pm, Fellowship Hall Retired Teachers Meeting, 10am, Room 210

Did Jesus Really Say That? A new Bible Study led by Pastor Jimmy on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings beginning September 26th and 27th. Over the course of 6 meetings, we are going to focus on some of Jesus' words found in the Gospel of Mark. There are no materials required for the study except your Bible. The study will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Pick one that works best for your schedule! You can just show up, but an RSVP will help us know how many to plan for each day! RSVP to Pastor Jimmy via e-mail: jimmy@knoxcentralumc.org. (We will not meet on October 10th, 11th and 31st.).

September Book Club - If you are reading *Demon Copperhead*, we invite you to join us for a discussion group meeting on Sunday, Oct 1 at 5pm. Bring a sack lunch and drink along with a lawn chair and we will meet in the play and pray space. If it rains, we will move to the fellowship hall. This book touches on many justice issues and is a very uncomfortable book to read. We plan to discuss all of that and then plan a follow-up time to discuss the book's impact on us and on our church.

URGENT NEED! Beaumont Snacks Are Needed desperately! Our donations help ease the burden on the teachers who try to ensure no child in the class is hungry during school. They need to be in individual bags or packets and no nuts or peanut butter due to allergies. Some of the most requested: Cheez Its mini bags, Goldfish mini bags, Apple sauce pouches, granola bars – no nuts, Veggie straws, Popcorn, Baked chips, Crackers.

Prayer List
Sunday, October 1, 2023

Virginia Colson is at Foothills Health and Rehabilitation in Maryville (Room 204, 1012 Jamestown Way, Maryville, 37803). She will be there at least 3 weeks. Visitors and cards are welcome.

Linda Jackson will have knee replacement surgery on October 17.

The family of **Richard Moon, Sr.**, who died September 17.

The family of **George Whedbee**, who died September 23. Visitation will be 5 p.m.-7 p.m. tomorrow at Central UMC, with the service to follow at 7 p.m.

Bill Reseigh will have eye surgery on October 4 to correct a problem with his vision.

Tana Slater's knee replacement surgery has been rescheduled for October 9.

Joe Dearen (Patty Parham's brother-in-law) is home in Shelby County with hospice care.

Geoffrey Greene (Penney Helms's brother, 4701 Cabbage Ln, 37938) returns to Asheville tomorrow to see the surgeon who rebuilt his pelvis. He hopes to get approval to start walking again.

Charlotte Phillips (neighbor of Bill and Marjorie Rose) is gravely ill and in hospice care.

Please continue to remember **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Bill and Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Sancy Hail** (7545 Thunder Ct, Powell, 37849), **David Helms** (801 E Inskip Dr, 37912), **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), **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), **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).

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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