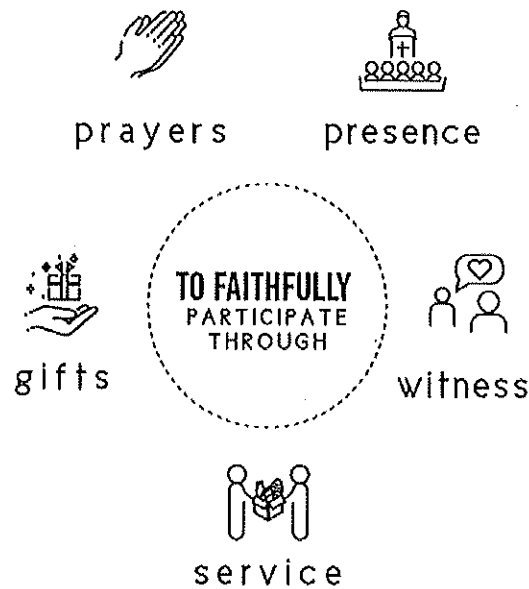


Central United Methodist Church



The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024
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

Partita on "Blessed Name"

arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

Rev. Stephanie Parrott

† Call to Worship

We have come together as one.

One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

We will worship together as one.

One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.

We are being empowered as one by One.

One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.

Now, in the name of the Holy Spirit, we act as one.

One people, giving witness to the power of God. To God be the glory! Amen.

† Opening Hymn

To God Be The Glory

UMH 98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

[refrain] Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [refrain]

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [refrain]

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-5; 11-13 and I Corinthians 12: 4-11
This is the Word of God for the people of God. 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

A Servants Heart

arr. Mary McDonald

Sermon

The Wesleyan Way: By Our Service

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be (vv. 1,3)

UMH 399

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

The Apostle's Creed, traditional version

UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church, (*means universal)
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

arr. Mark Hayes

† 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!

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (vv. 1,2,4)

UMH 581

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that 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, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

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.

† Benediction

Postlude

We Will Glorify (Toccata Brillante)

arr. Fred Bock

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† Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer List

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Gail Forshee (sister of Judy Dooley's partner) died Wednesday night in Florida.

Bill Dockery is a rehabilitation patient at Westmoreland Health and Rehab (Room 101, 5837 Lyons View Pk, 37919).

Pat Keyes is recovering from surgery for colon cancer. Please remember Peter, also (1155 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30043).

George Kiley (1519 Chicago Ave, 37917) reports his left ear is much better. He is still waiting for some progress in the right ear.

Carroll and Lucy Varnell (4408 High School Rd, 37912) are having some health challenges.

Sherry Burr (wife of Tim Gangaware's colleague Jonathan) remains at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center working on rehabilitation, using a walker, and breathing well on her on.

Michael Dearen (Patty Parham's nephew) has had five chemotherapy treatments and has one more before reevaluation. He sleeps a lot but is up some (7900 Stephanie Cove, Bartlett, TN, 38133).

Ford Deese (Mary Humes's 1-year-old grandniece) continues chemotherapy and is staying active. You can follow Ford's progress on <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/forddeese>. The family's address during treatment is 104 Dorothy Dr, Charleston, SC 29414.

Vicki Hollingsworth Webb (frequent visitor at Central) is in Life Care Center of Blount County recovering from a fractured shoulder and pelvis (1965 Stewart Ln, Louisville, TN 37777).

Please continue to remember **Joey Anderson** (Tiffany Mynatt's uncle), **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Emalie 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, 315 Avondale Dr, Sterling, VA, 20164), **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), **Rev. Bob Parrott** (Crit Parrott's father), **Donna Shirley** (Larry Ward's sister, 4133 Stephanie, Jonesboro, AK 72405), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **Charles Ragsdale** (Stephanie Parrott's father), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **Kathy Whaley** (friend of Penney Helms, 200 Nodding Oak, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516), **Bill Winans** (1658 Wisteria View Way, 37914), and **Rev. Grady Winegar** (5503 Pinecrest Rd, 37912).

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly:

Builder's Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Choir, Wednesday at 6:30 pm

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| March 18 | 4 th and Gill meeting, Room 210, 6:30 pm |
| March 24 | Lunch and Egg hunt after church |
| March 25 | Leadership Council, Room 210, 6:30 pm |
| March 28 | Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm |
| March 30 | Norwood Breakfast service, 10am-11am |
| April 2 | Prayer Group, Room 213, 10 am |
| | Study: The Healing Stories of Jesus, Room 208, 11:30am |
| April 3 | Serve Caswell Manor Lunch |
| April 7 | Ministry Team meeting, Room 210, 12noon to 2pm |
| April 13 | Grace Cares card making class, Room 210, 10am to Noon |
| April 15 | 4 th and Gill Neighborhood Meeting, Room 210, 6:30 pm |
| April 20 | Writers Guild, Room 209, 10am to Noon |
| April 22 | Leadership Council, Room 210, 6pm |
| April 27 | Violin Recital, Fellowship Hall, 10am to 1:30 pm |

"Bless Us!", one of the residents of Caswell Manor called out to Pastor Jimmy when he offered to pray for the food to be blessed. It was the 6th month of serving a monthly meal at Caswell Manor and our comfort level of being together has grown. God is Good!

On April 3rd, we will serve a special lunch to celebrate Easter. If you want to join us, look for the electronic sign up sheet in the Hub or sign up on the new Sign Up Board outside of the sanctuary across from the office. If you want to bless and be blessed, this is the way!

Easter weekend is an opportunity to serve at Norwood Food Pantry. On Saturday, March 30th, they are serving a breakfast at 10:00 am. They will prep the meal on Friday, March 29th, at 10:30 am. Last month they served almost 300 people in this drive thru ministry! Please email serving@knoxcentralumc.org. or text Melanie Gangaware at 865-256-4280 for any questions on volunteering at Norwood Methodist Church, 2110 Merchants Dr.

Our annual Palm Sunday lunch and egg hunt will be NEXT SUNDAY right after worship. This is a church wide event with lunch, a photo booth and egg hunt for our kids. *In order to have enough food we do ask that you email serving@knoxcentralumc.org and let us know how many in your family will be attending. Please RSVP if you haven't already done so.*

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. Dedications and donations need to be turned in by Monday, March 25th.

Your Name: _____

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

Amount of Contribution: _____

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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