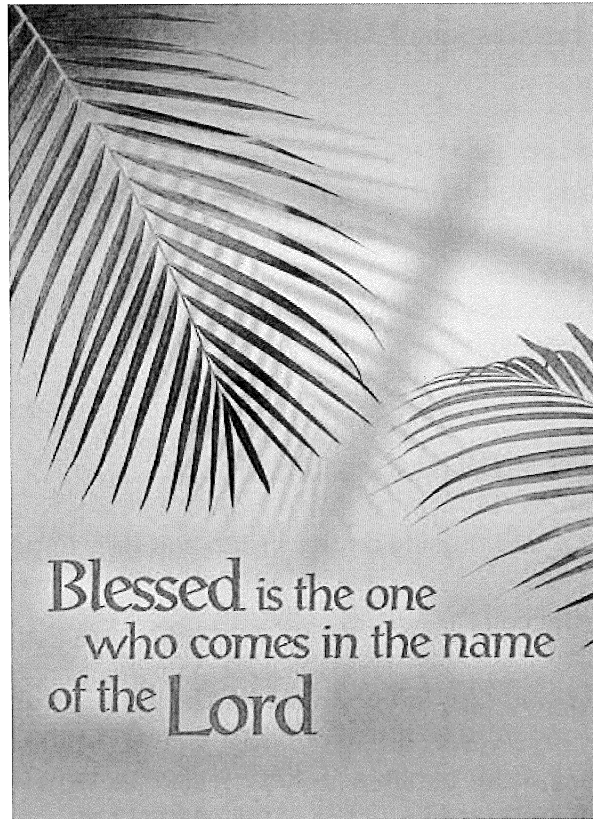


Central United Methodist Church



Palm Sunday
March 24, 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
www.knoxcentralumc.org

We Gather to Praise God

Introit

Hail, Prince of Peace

Chester Nordman

Welcome

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

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

Rev. Stephanie Parrott

Proclamation of Entrance to Jerusalem

Justin Umbarger

Mark 11:1-11

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them,

“Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If someone says to you,”

“Why are you doing this?”

“Say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’”

They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them,

What are you doing, untying the colt?”

They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting,

“Hosanna, blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Opening Song

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Call to Worship

Jesus is coming!

**From the mountainside, from the seaside,
from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor,
from the bedside of those who are sick. Jesus is coming!**

**Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers,
In celebration, we join the crowds of old,
waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.**

Let us rejoice in this moment.

For we know the pain that lies ahead.

We know the story. A story of betrayal and death,
a story of hope and resurrection.

For now, we greet Jesus with loud hosannas,
blessed be the name of the Lord!

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Scripture

Acts 1:1-8; † John 1: 35-42

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

With The Waving of Palms

Fred Bock

Sermon

The Wesleyan Way: By Our Witness

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

Hymn

My Tribute

UMH 99

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done.

Congregational Prayer

God, you call each of us to bear witness to your abundant love with a frightened world. You called your disciples to share the good news of your love to the ends of the earth. Give us courageous and willing spirits so that we may boldly go wherever and to whomever you send us. Be with our church, its ministries and our leaders. 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

The Palms

J. Faure

† 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

I Love to Tell the Story (vv. 1,3,4)

UMH 156

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

[Refrain] I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [refrain]

† Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary in C

David Lasky

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† Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer List
Sunday, March 24, 2024

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

Kate Dunham and two of her sons are having health struggles.

Pat Keyes is home recovering from surgery and was to see the oncologist this week (1155 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30043).

Mike Mingle (brother-in-law) of Steve Galyon died Wednesday in Chattanooga.

George Kiley (1519 Chicago Ave, 37917) has had some improvement but continues to deal with hearing loss.

Sherry Burr (wife of Tim Gangaware's colleague Jonathan) remains at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center for rehabilitation.

Michael Dearen (Patty Parham's nephew) has had five chemotherapy treatments and has one more before reevaluation (7900 Stephanie Cove, Bartlett, TN, 38133).

Ford Deese (Mary Humes's 1-year-old grandniece) received her last dose of chemotherapy in this cycle. 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.

The family of Gail Forshee (sister of Judy Dooley's partner), who died March 13 in Florida.

Erica Grandstaff (daughter of Al and Sherrie Curl) will be at the Mayo Clinic this week for testing/diagnoses of ongoing, undetermined medical issues.

Margaret Welchance's (friend of Allison Malone's family) son died suddenly last Tuesday.

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).

A close friend of Patty Parham's daughter Holly is hospitalized with multiple issues from automobile accidents and trying to find a facility that can provide personalized care.

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), **Carroll and Lucy Varnell** (4408 High School Rd, 37912), **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

March 24	Lunch and Egg hunt after church
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, 6:30 pm
April 27	Violin Recital, Fellowship Hall, 10am to 1:30 pm

Service is broad at Central and there are many ways to participate. One way is to provide snacks. The kids came back from Spring Break this week and we are ready to deliver! Thank you for the donated snacks for Beaumont Elementary, one of our school partners! Not only does it help the kids learn by satiating their hunger, it is a monetary raise for the teachers because there is NO budget in the school for these snacks. Teachers historically spend their own money to help their students put their energy into *learning new subjects* instead of *learning how to ignore hunger pains*. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for feeding these children!

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

March 30th - Norwood Breakfast Service for their drive though food ministry, 2110 Merchants Dr. / 10 am - 11 am

April 2nd - Cook and Prepare meal Caswell Manor / 10 am - 11am at Central

April 3rd - Cook, Prepare, and Serve meal at Caswell Manor. 8 am - Serving at 12:00 pm, Special Easter Menu

April 18th - Cook and Prepare meal Volunteer Ministry Center VMC)

April 19th - Heat and Serve VMC meal / 9:30 am - Serving at 11:30 am

For questions on how to participate, please **email** serving@knoxcentralumc.org **or sign up for our weekly e-letter, *The Central Hub*, or text** Melanie Gangaware at 865-256-4280.

Please note: The March 25th Leadership Council meeting has been canceled.

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 today.

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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