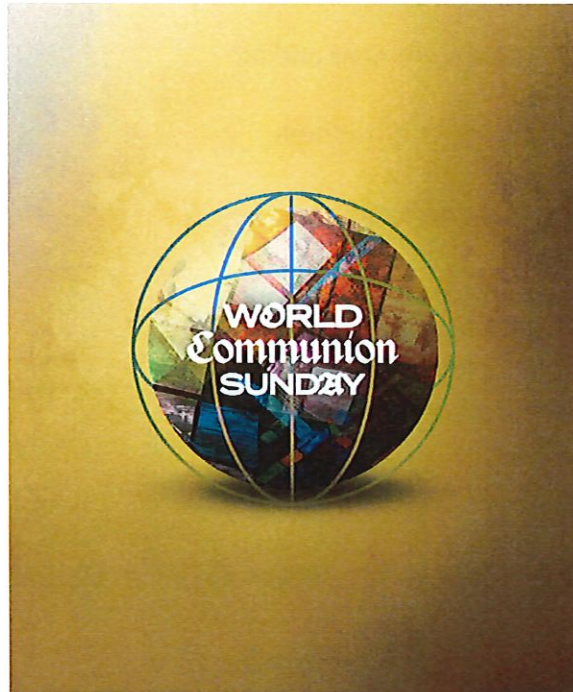


Central United Methodist Church



World Communion Sunday
October 6, 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 *Jesus Paid It All* arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!** Rev. Diana Brown Taylor

Opening Prayer Rev. Daniel H. Taylor, Jr.

† Call to Worship

Today we gather around God's table from near and far

We are the People of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

We are all people in Christ!

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

We are One in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

For we are the people of Redemption!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

† Opening Song *The Church's One Foundation* UMH 545

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Scripture 1 Corinthians 10:17
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

A Time for Young Christians Wil Davenport
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 Faith, One Hope, One Lord* Craig Courtney

Homily Rev. Brown Taylor

We Respond to God's Great Love

Hymn *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* African American Spiritual

He's got the whole world in his hands. (repeat 3 times)

He's got the little tiny baby in his hands. (repeat 3 times)

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. (repeat 3 times)

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. (repeat 3 times)

He's got everybody here in his hands. (repeat 3 times)

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

One World, One Communion

Pepper Choplin

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.

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.

Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table,
but we have pursued our own course.

You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without.

You have promised us the bread of life itself, **but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.**

You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.

And now we are famished, too, Lord.

Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.

**Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as
servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

Pardon

You have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace,
and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven.

Glory to God, **Amen.**

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.
Christ 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.

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

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **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 and you are invited to dip into the cup. 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.

Prayer After Communion

God of the joyful feast, today in the north and the south, in the east and the west,
we are grateful to have met you around tables full of gifts you have given us.
Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us so that as we leave this table,
we might be a part of extending every table around the world.
Help every meal we share look more and more like your heavenly feast;
everyone welcomed, everyone fed, everyone nourished.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn

Go, Make of All Disciples

UMH 571

Go, make of all disciples:" We hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from thee, our Father, In thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,
and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

"Go, make of all disciples," baptizing in the name
of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same.
We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord,
redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

"Go, make of all disciples." We at thy feet would stay
until each life's vocation accents thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart,
revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.

"Go, make of all disciples." We welcome thy command.
"Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand.
The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;
in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here

† Benediction

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Mark Hayes

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† Please stand in body or spirit

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly:

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

Handbell Rehearsals, Wednesday at 5:30-6:15 pm

Choir, Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:45 pm

Worship, Sunday at 10:45 am

Monthly:

1st Tuesday – Prayer Group, 10am, Room 213
Caswell Manor Lunch Prep

1st Wednesday – Serve Caswell Manor Lunch

3rd Thursday – VMC Lunch Prep

3rd Friday – Serve VMC Lunch

4th Thursday – Help at Minvilla Manor
Second Harvest Food Pantry

October 8	Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
October 9	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
October 12	Writers Guild Workshop, 10am-Noon, Room 210
October 13	Ministry Team Meeting, Noon-2pm, Room 210
October 15	Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
October 16	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
October 17	Discipleship Pathway Team, 6:30 pm, Room 210
October 18	Centro Health Fair, 8am-2pm, Fellowship Hall
October 20	Justice Meeting, Noon – 1:30 pm, Room 209
October 21	Justice Knox, 6:30 pm, Room 209 4 th and Gill Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 210
October 22	Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
October 23	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
October 24	Beaumont Partners Breakfast, 9am-11am, Fellowship Hall
October 25	Wedding Rehearsal, 5pm, Sanctuary
October 26	Wedding, 4pm, Sanctuary
October 28	Board of Ordained Ministry, 8am-8pm, Entire Building Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, TBD
October 29	Retired Teachers, 10am-12noon, Room 210 Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
October 30	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
October 31	Autism Up Halloween Party, 9:30am-2:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Prayer List
Sunday, October 6, 2024

Pat Keyes is now back at their apartment with hospice care. Her address is 2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033.

Melanie Reseigh's knee-replacement surgery was postponed and has not been rescheduled.

Ford Deese (Mary Humes's grandniece) started her radiation treatments in Jacksonville on Monday. The address in Jacksonville is Ford Deese, Room #210, Ronald McDonald House, 824 Childrens Way, Jacksonville, FL 32207. You can follow Ford's progress on <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/forddeese>

Chenelle Johnson (sister of one of Tiffany Mynatt's clients) died September 27 from complications of surgery. Please remember her family.

Francie Legg (Lucy Varnell's niece) is recovering from Thursday surgery.

Tiffany Mynatt is working with a large family whose housing is being sold and is looking for a new rental within their financial constraints. She asks prayers that they can find an affordable place to live.

Please remember all those devastated by the flooding, isolated by water and utility outages, and trying to travel in and out of those areas. Add a special thanks for those doing clean-up, opening roads, and working to restore water and electrical service.

Please continue to remember **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Michael Dearen** (Patty Parham's nephew, 7900 Stephanie Cove, Bartlett, TN, 38133), **Emalie and Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Lena Frye** (friend of Lauren Gangaware), **Brenda Bacon Goble** (friend of Susie Knable), **David Helms** (801 E Inskip Dr, 37912), **Peter Keyes** (2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033), **G.R. Lewis** (wife is friend of Ali Umbarger), **Diane Lowe** (7125 Meadowbrook Cir, 37918), **Joan Moon** (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Nancy Morgan** (3105 Atoka, 37917), **Donna Shirley** (Larry Ward's sister, 4133 Stephanie, Jonesboro, AR 72405), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **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).

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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