

# Central United Methodist Church



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**June 1, 2025**

**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**

*There is a Fountain*

arr. Dan Forrest

**Welcome**

The peace of Christ be with You! **And also with you!**

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

**Opening Prayer**

† **Call to Worship**

Rev. Diana Brown Taylor

Clap your hands! Shout for joy!

**Our Lord reigns on the throne of glory!**

We open our hearts to the ascended Lord, who sits on the throne of glory!

**Lord of Lords, illumine our hearts this day,**

**that we may feel your glory and live into the hope to which you have called us.**

Let us worship God together.

**whose name is great and greatly to be praised! Amen!**

† **Opening Hymn**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (vv.1-4)

UMH 154

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
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† **Scripture**

Matthew 28:16-20

*This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!*

**A Time for Young Christians**

Madie Shehar

*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).*

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

Sermon

A Call and A Promise

Rev. Sherrod

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

† Hymn

*Christ Beside Me*

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising light of my life.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

*As We Remember Now*

Mary McDonald

† 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!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God! Amen.



## 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, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image

**And breathed into us the breath of love and life.**

But we turned away, rejecting your love and one another in fear and hate.

**Yet your love remained steadfast.**

You delivered us from the captivity of alienation and despair;

**Brought us into covenant and spoke to us through your prophets.**

**Moving us into places of love and reconciliation.**

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 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.

By this covenant, you anointed Jesus Christ to bring good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free, and proclaim the year of jubilee.

*On the night in which Jesus gave himself up...*

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 to be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by your grace.

By your Spirit reconcile us to one another, that we may know your perfect love in each of us; help us to celebrate all that you have made us to be; Help us to believe your words of love out loud to all the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together at the heavenly banquet.

Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church.  
All honor and glory to you, our Creator, 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.

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

† **Closing Hymn**

*We've a Story to Tell the Nations* (vv. 1-3)

UMH 569

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

[refrain] For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword. [refrain]

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love. [refrain]

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

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

Bible Study, Wednesday, 10:00-11:30am, # 209

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

Choir, Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:45 pm

Worship, Sunday at 10:45 am

### Monthly:

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Prayer Group, 10am, # 213  
Caswell Manor Lunch Prep.

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – Serve Caswell Manor Lunch

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – Help at Minvilla Manor

Second Harvest Food Pantry

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Trustee Meeting, 10am, # 209

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – VMC Lunch Prep

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – Serve VMC Lunch

4<sup>th</sup> Monday – Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, #210

June 3

Prayer Group, Room 213, 10am

June 3

Centro Post Partum Class, Room 106, 10am-Noon

**June 8**

**Pentecost Sunday, don't forget to wear your red**

June 8, 9, 10

Vacation Bible School

June 17

Trustees Meeting, Room 209, 10am

Centro Post Partum Class, Room 106, 10am-Noon

June 26

Centro Science Night, Fellowship Hall, 5pm-8pm

June 27

Centro Health Fair, Fellowship Hall, 10am-2pm

July 7 - July 30

Fellowship Hall Closed for repair

### Vacation Bible School: Scuba Diving into Friendship with God! June 8-10, 6-8pm

VBS is offered for all children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will serve dinner each evening at 5:30. We need volunteers to help serve, teach, craft, and play each evening. Please see the bulletin board for more information.



**Prayer List**  
**Sunday, June 1, 2025**

**Sybil Brown's** (Nancy Brown's daughter-in-law as well as Dan and Diana Brown Taylor's sister-in-law) met with an oncologist Tuesday. Her doctors plan to monitor her regularly for any signs of returning cancer.

**Kelly Stephenson** (friend of Tyler Lewelling) is responding to treatment for colon cancer. She had surgery on Thursday.

**Don Stinton** (Mary Humes's brother) is struggling with some health concerns (P.O. Box 62, Walden, CO, 80480).

**Kathy Whaley** (friend of Penney Helms) is still being treated for pneumonia, but her treatment will focus on keeping her comfortable. Cards should now be sent to her sister's address (10624 Smithfield Rd., Bailey, NC 27807). Her sister will get them to Kathy at the hospital.

Please continue to remember **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Haley Dockery (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914)**, **David Helms** (801 E Inskip Dr, 37912), **Peter Keyes** (2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 212, Decatur, GA 30033), **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), **Ron O'Tool**, **Charles Sartwell** (Ann Sartwell's father and former CUMC member, Ivy Park at Monterey, 1110 Cass St, Apt 101, Monterey, CA 93940), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **Carroll and Lucy Varnell** (4408 High School Rd, 37912), **Bill Winans** (3696 Halcyon Trace, Trussville, AL 35173), **A C Wilson** (4371 Lifespring Lane, #215, 37918) and **Rev. Grady Winegar** (4371 Lifespring Lane, #223, 37918).

## 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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