

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Classic Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

Dr. Jan Davis

Opening Voluntary

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James Hook
(1746-1827)

* Call to Worship

Pastor: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. God's greatness is our foundation.

* Hymn 545

The Church's One Foundation

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* Sermon Text

Romans 1:14-17

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

Sermon

Not Ashamed of the Faith

Dr. Jan Davis

Invitation to Repentance

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Everlasting and righteous God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience, and also be unashamed representatives of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
(In the setting of J.S. Bach's 'Air on the G string')

arr. Marilyn Reimer

* Doxology 95

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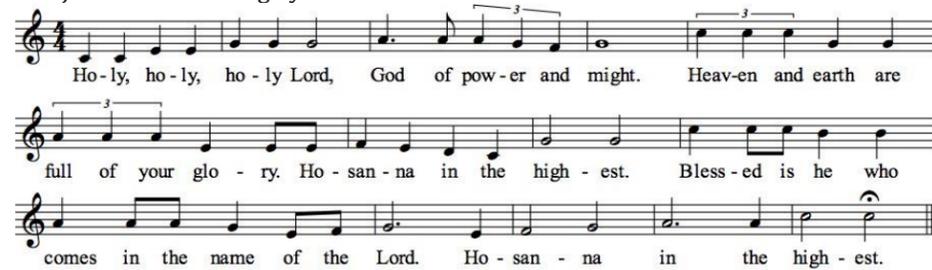
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* 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.**

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



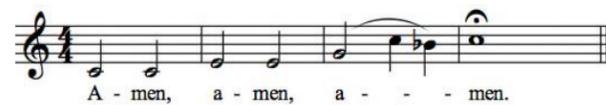
The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

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:



The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever:



Giving of the Bread and Cup

Communion Anthem (10:45)

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

Receiving Prayer

* Hymn 363

And Can It Be that I Should Gain
(Stanzas 1 & 5)

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* Benediction

* Closing Voluntary

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William Spence
(1859-1946)

(*) The asterisk indicates to please stand, as you are able.

Central UMC Pastors:

Dr. Jan Davis, Dr. Steve Pulliam, Rev. Carl Palmer, Rev. Greg Gibson
Rev. Emily Burch - College Pastor; Rev. Jody Farrell - Genesis Campus Pastor
Dr. Jack Wilson - Pastor Emeritus; Rev. Tony Holifield - Pastor Emeritus

Director of Classic Music and Worship Arts: Dr. Frode Gundersen

Associate Music Director/Organist: Scott Montgomery

Acolytes: (8:30) Emma Harvey & Anna Ziegler
(10:45) Levi Hudson & Eli Schulz

Video/Sound: Sam Thomas

CCM MS Rise Up

On Friday, September 8, come learn about the opportunities for 5th and 6th graders to Rise Up and serve in our Sunday morning worship services. This event will include training for those interested in serving as acolytes and communion servers, followed by games! More info and registration is available at centraltolife.com.

Midweek Worship and Communion

Our classes and small groups begin Wednesday, September 6. Start the evening with our new 25-minute Midweek Worship & Communion at 5:30 p.m. in the Wesley Chapel. Then enjoy a light meal for children and adults that are registered for KidsLife or adult classes.

Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief

In response to Hurricane Harvey, United Methodist Committee on Relief is accepting various physical and monetary donations. If you feel called to give, visit centraltolife.com for more info. We encourage you to be in prayer for the victims of this disaster!

U of A Wesley College Grad Lunch

The Grad Student Lunch is every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union, room 312. It is a free lunch followed by a short devotional.

CCM Bible Blast-off!

Central's 3rd graders, parents, and grandparents are invited to participate in Bible Blast-off on Saturday, September 16 from 5-7 p.m. Through games and song, the children will learn some basics about the Bible. Those attending will have an opportunity to hear from Dr. Jan Davis, get to know one another better, and brainstorm ways they can adapt the words of Deuteronomy 6 into their daily lives. Childcare is available for siblings of 3rd graders and a meal will be provided for all who attend. Register on-line at centraltolife.com.

Bikes, Blues & BBQ Outreach

September 22 & 23, Central will be one of the first sights that 400,000 guests to Fayetteville see as they roll down Dickson Street and we want to welcome them with the love of Christ. We will be handing out cold bottles of water as well as offering free bike parking on our surface lots. You can volunteer by signing up online at centraltolife.com. Volunteers can sign up for two-hour slots, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day.

Good SAM Pantry

The Good S.A.M. pantry item for the month of September is canned fruit. Bring your donation items to the church and place them in the white bins located throughout our campus. Good S.A.M. is a great way to help families in need!

A Dollar Makes a Difference

Every dollar bill you place in the offering plate will go to one of Central's missions to be determined this fall.

New Infant Comfort Room

Need to slip out with a fussy child? Need a place to nurse your baby? We can help! Check out our newly decorated Infant Comfort Room in the Wesley building on the first floor. We have a diaper changing station, private bathroom, comfortable glider chairs and the service will be streaming live on the tv in the room, so you won't miss out on worship! If you need direction on where to go, our ushers will be happy to assist you.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Elaine, Keith, Kirsten, and Chase in memory of their mothers and grandmothers, Joan Blowers and Phyllis Mills.