

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2017

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

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

Dr. Jan Davis (8:30)
Rev. Carl Palmer (10:45)

Opening Voluntary *Improvisation and Toccata on Diademata* arr. Lani Smith

* **Call to Worship** Rev. Carl Palmer

Pastor: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

People: The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Pastor: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

* **Hymn 513** *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* DIADEMATA

* **Affirmation of Faith 883** (A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* **Gloria Patri 70** MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Musical Meditation (8:30) *Come Thou Fount* arr. John Purifoy
Frode Gundersen, piano

Back to School Blessing (10:45)

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than compassionate, more isolated than involved, more legalistic than loving. Have mercy on us, gracious Lord. Remove the obstacles that prevent us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. We pray this in Jesus' powerful name.

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

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.

Giving our Tithes and Offering

Offertory *The Peace May Be Exchanged* Dan Locklair

* **Doxology 95** OLD 100th

**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.**

* **Hymn 399** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* MESSIAH

* **Sermon Text** Acts 16:1-5
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Unlikely Heroes** Dr. Jan Davis (8:30)
Timothy Rev. Tony Holifield (10:45)

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* **Hymn 369** *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Voluntary** *'Gigue' Fugue in G Major* J.S. Bach

(*) 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 Music and Worship Arts: Dr. Frode Gundersen

Associate Director of Music/Organist: Scott Montgomery

Acolyte: (8:30) Lauren Clinehans & Eli Schulz
(10:45) Caroline Rudisill & Caroline Tallmadge

Sound/Video: Sam Thomas

Great is Thy Faithfulness Gathering

As part of our *Great is Thy Faithfulness* call for 30 days of prayer we would like to ask the Central family to come together next Sunday, August 20 from 12:00 noon to 12:35 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a come-and-go time of prayer and reflection. Hear testimonies and join in praise and prayer as we remember how great the Lord's faithfulness has been to our church family. Commitment Sunday is the following Sunday, August 27.

Fall Class Registration

Fall Class Registration is open. Sign up today! We have a great line-up this fall with lots of classes and small groups offered throughout the week. Start Wednesday nights 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.

GoodTimers at Ozark Folk Center

Join the GoodTimers for a day trip to the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, on Thursday, September 14. See pottery making, candle making, jewelry casting, corn shucking and much more! There will also be a tour of the village and a one hour presentation of "Life in the Ozarks." Cost is \$40, non-refundable, which includes park entrance fee, box lunch, evening buffet and transportation on a chartered bus. Registration is required at centraltolife.com/goodtimers.

Newcomer Connection

Are you interested in becoming a member of Central or looking for ways to be more connected? Then Newcomer Connection is the place to start. Join us today at 9:30 a.m. in the Wesley Chapel where you can learn more about what it means to be a United Methodist and how to get plugged into all that Central has to offer.

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 Flip & Kathy Smith, Barbi & David Godwin, Lora & the late David Oswalt, Debbie & Paul Ranalli, and their families in loving memory of Barbara and Phil Smith.

Great is Thy Faithfulness 30 Days of Prayer



As part of the Great is Thy Faithfulness campaign, we are asking that the Central family join in corporate prayer beginning July 28 and continuing until commitments are made on Sunday August 27. Join us as we ask ourselves, "Lord, what do you want to do through me?"