

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

* indicates to stand as you are able;
if sitting is better for you, feel free to do so!

Prelude O, How I Love Jesus arr. John Turner

Greeting *Pastor Michelle*
Announcements *Amber Gaylord*
There are pads in the seats to help us connect with you—please take some time during the service to fill it out and pass it along. Feel free to check in on Facebook as well.

We are Called to Worship

One: Sometimes we feel burdened and burnt out;

All: Fill us with new heart and new life.

One: Sometimes we are worn out and world-weary;

All: Fill us with Spirit and truth.

One: Sometimes we need our faith restored;

All: Remind us now that in you alone is our new life.

One: Let us pray together:

Loving God, gracious beyond all telling of it, sometimes we feel beset on all sides by pain and powerlessness, by need and want and hopes unrealized. Sometimes it feels as if the world is closing in on us and self-destructing, and we can't do a thing about it. Today and every day, help us not to give in to the demons of pessimism and cynicism. Keep us from giving up, even when we feel overpowered. Help us to remain true to your Spirit, and help us to trust you as the center of our truest being, from which grows life and hope and joy. We ask it every day and in every way, in Jesus' name. Amen

***Song #124 (red Tune: 150) Seek the Lord**

*We Exchange Signs of Peace and Blessing

Please greet your neighbors, especially those you don't yet know

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Special Music Consecration *Connie Lamando*
by John Ness Beck

Scripture Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 *Carolyn Stanford*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes

Jesus Is All The World To Me arr. Mark Hayes

Response: All things come from you, O God.

All: And of your own have we given you.

***Song of Dedication #94 Doxology**

*Prayer of Dedication

***Song #388 (red) O Come and Dwell in Me**

We Hear Joys and Concerns and Pray for Each Other

Following the pastor's prayer, we will speak the names of others not already named who need special prayers today.

*This ends with the words: "Lord, in Your Love;"
the people respond: "Hear our prayers."*

The Lord's Prayer #895 (red)

Scripture Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *Jill Weston*

The Sermon *Pastor Michelle*

***Song #206 (red) I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

*Blessing

Postlude Honor, Glory and Praise by Anthony Giamanco

*Music can be a wonderful preparation for the week ahead;
why not spend some time in prayer before departing...*

Our Mission Statement

Central UMC is a fully inclusive church that seeks, embraces, educates, worships, and serves, all in God's love.

This Week

Sunday, July 23

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)

8:30 Café Central – dining room

9:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team #4

10:30 Fellowship Time – Lounge

Monday, July 24

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)

7:30 Book Study at Jonathan's

Tuesday, July 25

10-12 Clothing Center

Wednesday, July 26

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer

11-1 Clothing Center

Thursday, July 27

5:00 Shepherd Supper

5:30-7 Clothing Center

6:00 Pick-up Games – Lower Highland Park

Friday, July 28

Office Closed

7:30 A.A.

Saturday, July 29

8-1 Blood Drive – dining room

Sunday, July 30

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)

8:30 Café Central – dining room

9:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team #1

10:30 Fellowship Time – Lounge



Announcements

Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *Zealot*, by Reza Aslan. A new book, *Godric*, by Frederick Buechner is starting on August 7. Any one is welcome to come!

Clothing Center is in need of children's clothing in all sizes and other items that are listed on the board outside the church library in the Education wing. Thank you very much to all who have brought in items for the clothing center already! The items have been much appreciated.

Opportunities to Serve at Central Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center for Summer Café Lite (8:30-9:30), Summer Greeters (9-9:30) and Fellowship Time (10:30-11).

“Pick-Up” Tennis / Pickleball / (Beach) Volleyball every Thursday night starting at 6pm at the Lower Highland Park Tennis Courts in Endwell. No reservation needed...just show up--all ages and skill levels welcome / wanted! Bring your own equipment.

Carnival Needs Lots of help is needed on the day of the carnival. If you can help for an hour or so please sign-up in front of the office.

Blood Drive - Volunteers needed for the next Blood Drive hosted by Central on Sat. July 29 from 8am to 1pm. It is the Men's Group's turn to work at this event. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, cooking and serving food and cleanup. Times are 7:30-10:30 or 10:30-1:30. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center.

School Supplies several area stores are having July sales on school supplies. In front of the church library is a list of the various school supplies that will be needed for the backpacks to be given out in August. Items can be dropped off in the church office.

2 Cents Per Meal Deal collection for Central's Thursday community meal will be taken next Sunday.

In Our Prayers

Hospitals & Recovering:

Marian Russell – rehab
Sandy Watts – home
Jim Taylor – Ideal (rm. 240a)

Prayer Program: *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:*

Debbie & Stephen Bernardes, Grace Conklin,
Harold & Kimberly Dombert, Jeanne Guley,
Marge Johns, Betty Main, Gerald & Sue Pearce,
Charlotte Shults, Dane Weston

Church Family and Friends:

Dave Darrow at Mercy House, Barb & Armand Olevano,
Janine, our homebound members,
flooding victims in the Mohawk district of NY

To add prayer concerns (with person's permission),
contact Andy Tewksbury (785-5861) or the office (754-6060)

Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Café Lite Shelley Lobevero
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Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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July 23, 2017



Welcome!

We welcome guests and visitors today, and we pray that the service will be a blessing to you. If you wish to learn more about Central and our ministries, there are Welcome folders available at each entrance/exit to the Sanctuary, and in our Welcome Center.

Café Central is our fellowship time with refreshments before the service—all are welcome downstairs in the Dining Room, and in the Lounge after the service is another Fellowship Time.

Assisted Hearing Devices, which operate throughout the building, and **large-print bulletins, hymnals & bibles** are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Please speak to an usher.

Child Care during worship is provided in the Nursery (Room 114) for infants and children up to age four. An usher will be happy to accompany you.

Children's Activity Packets are available at the rear of the sanctuary for children's use during the service.

Central Church is sensitive to those with allergies. Snacks in Café Central are nut-free. Central's communion elements are grape juice and gluten free bread.