

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Prelude "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Sean Stafford

Greeting Pastor Michelle
Announcements Bill Carmine

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: Gracious and Loving God, we come with joy today.

All: We come seeking your extravagant grace and your abundant love.

One: We come today with hope and expectation:

All: God, plant your joy into our lives.

One: We yearn for the life you have promised us—

All: Help us to look for the gifts you give to us and the doors you open for us.

One: Let us pray together:

Holy One, your Spirit prays with us, and offers us words when we have none. We acknowledge the longing in our hearts for you and your life; at the same time, we admit that we have not always recognized or accepted the gift of your grace when it came to us. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear all the ways you enter into our world. Let us repeat again and again the joy we find in the wonder of your love. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Song #246 (red) Joy to the World**

***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 "God of Great and God of Small" ~ Natalie Sleeth Carolyn Stanford

Scripture Psalm 105:1-11, 45 Horace King

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes

"There is None Like You" ~ by Lenny LeBlanc

Carolyn Stanford

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 # 2095 (black)**

Star Child

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 13:31-33, 44-52

Marie King

The Sermon

Pastor Michelle

***Song #228 (red)**

He is Born

*Blessing

Postlude

"Joy To The World"

Sean Stafford

*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.*

In Our Prayers

Hospitals & Recovering:

Marian Russell – Lourdes

Jim Taylor - Ideal(rm 240a)

Deb Henderson - Home

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

Robert Bennett, Pat Conklin, Cheryl Dommies, Sylvia Gutowski, Allan & Lora Johnson, Shannon Maliwacki, David Pender, Myrtle Simonin, Dave & Lynn Weston

Church Family and Friends:

Dave Darrow at Mercy House, Janine,
our homebound members

Sympathy extended to: Nelson Eshleman on the death of his father

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

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Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

Announcements

Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *The 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.

“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 Please pick-up a banana or two from the tree in front of the church office. Non-perishables may be put in the education office. Perishable items please wait to bring the week before the carnival. 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.

Ice Cream Social is Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30pm in the dining room. Bring your favorite card game or board game. All ages invited for a fun night!

2 Cents Per Meal Deal collection for Central's Thursday community meal will be taken today after the service. Central offers a free meal to anyone every Thursday at 5pm.

Christmas in



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