

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Prelude Song of Hope by Louri Grichetchkine

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: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

**All: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: Even when we are in deepest distress,

**All: God gives us strength and makes us live again.**

One: The love of God lasts forever!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: Let us pray together:

**Holy One, we admit that too often, we conform to the ways of the world around us, and not to the ways of your realm. We think too highly of ourselves, and not highly enough of others, we let conflicts prevail over grace, and divisions over harmony. Even from this place, we trust in your power to return and restore us, to enliven and empower us, to save us from our worst selves. We wait for you, O God, attentive and hopeful, for in you we find the best you intend for us, and the best you call us to be. We trust in you as we pray. Amen.**

**\*Song #2128 (black) Come and Find the Quiet Center**

\*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

*Blessing of the Backpacks, Students, and Teachers*

Special Music Men's Ensemble  
Every Time I Feel the Spirit African-American Spiritual

Scripture Romans 12:1-8 Cyndi Tedeschi

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes

You Are My All in All~Dennis Jernigan Men's Ensemble

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 #555 (red) Forward Through the Ages**

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 16:13-20 Amber Gaylord

The Sermon Pastor Michelle

**\*Song #2237 (black) As a Fire is Meant for Burning**

\*Blessing

Postlude I'll Fly Away arr. Mark Hayes

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

### Altar Flowers

To the Glory of God and in honor of  
Cleo LeBaron for her 85th birthday August 30th  
by Jerry, Josie, Andy, Amy and family

### **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, August 27- Backpack Blessing Service

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
8:30 Café Central – dining room  
9:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team #1  
10:30 Fellowship Time – Lounge  
10:30 Communion Stewards meeting-library  
11:00 Backpack Distribution - sanctuary



### Monday, August 28

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
7:30 Book Study at Jonathan's



### Tuesday, August 29

10-12 Clothing Center

### Wednesday, August 30

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer  
11-1 Clothing Center

### Thursday, August 31

10:00 Newsletter Mailing  
5:00 Shepherd Supper  
5:30-7 Clothing Center  
6:00 Pick-up Games – Lower Highland Park



### Friday, September 1

**Office Closed**

7:30 A.A.

### Saturday, September 2

### Sunday, September 3 – Holy Communion

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
8:30 Café Central – dining room  
9:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team #2  
10:30 Fellowship Time – Lounge

### Monday, September 4 – Labor Day

**Office Closed**

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
No Book Study at Jonathan's

**Announcements**

**Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle** at Jonathans Restaurant is finishing the book, *Godrick*, on Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. The study will not meet on Labor Day. A new book, *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine will start on Monday, September 11. Any one is welcome to come!

**Clothing Center** is in need of help sorting clothes on Tuesdays (10-12) and Wednesdays (11-1). For more information talk with Amy Klock or call the office.

**“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.

**Sky Lake Retreat** The Challenge of Jesus, A DVD-based study led by Rev Mark Marino will be Oct 13-15. For more information, contact Jack & Judy Davis, 607-727-8950, or [jackd18818@yahoo.com](mailto:jackd18818@yahoo.com). Registration deadline-Sept 29.

**Communion Stewards** will be meeting in the library after the service today.

**Greeters Needed** for Fall/Winter If interested in greeting please contact Amber Gaylord at 621-1190 or [eriksgurl2010@yahoo.com](mailto:eriksgurl2010@yahoo.com). It's easy to do...just arrive early with your smile. Any groups or individuals are welcome.

**Chancel Choir** will resume on Thursday, September 7 at 7:30pm in the choir room. Anyone who wishes to sing is invited to come. They sing 2 or 3 times per month at the 11am service. For more information call Carolyn Stanford at 621-0493.

**CUMC Men's Group** will meet on Fri Sept 15 at 6PM. This is an invitation for ALL MEN. As usual we will have a meal and a devotional. We will discuss plans for the year, and then convene to the Youth Center for some fun and games. Sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. Any questions to Knud Hansen ([khansen3@yahoo.com](mailto:khansen3@yahoo.com)/ 754-0882)

**In Our Prayers**

**Hospitals & Recovering:**

Jim Taylor – home  
Joyce Winchell – Ideal (rm. 238)

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

Jean Bixby, Don & Kim Cook, Sue & Ed Driver,  
John Hanifin & Roseanne Rivetts, Barb & Alan Jones,  
Mark & Suzette Marino, Alan & Martha Petrush,  
Jim & Leslie Snyder, Tracy White

**Church Family and Friends:**

Dave Darrow at Mercy House, Sylvia Gutowski,  
Deb Henderson, Chuck Harvey, our homebound members,

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

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***A Reconciling Congregation***

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Greeters..... Pauline Witt / Carla & Gregg Wood  
Van ..... Bruce Bishop

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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***August 27, 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.