

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Prelude Allegretto Bach  
*Sarah Stefflik & Martha Weber*

Greeting  
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: We come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.  
**All: We come because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.**  
One: We come, all who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service into a meaningful whole.  
**All: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out commitments.**  
One: So we come, sinners and saints, with our hatreds and our loves, with our failures and our successes, with our sorrows and our joys.  
**All: We follow the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts. Prepare us, O God, to hear your word and feel your spirit on this day. Confront us with your grasp on our lives. Help us make choices of meaning and purpose. Help us to respond to the One who came as true bread of life so we may know and share life at its fullest and best. Amen.**

**\*Song #578 (red) God of Love and God of Power**

\*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 Song for the Gulf Coast Bill Douglas  
*Martha Weber, Bassoon*

Scripture Joshua 23:14-16 *Anne DePugh*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes  
Angelico ~ Bill Douglas *Martha Weber*  
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 #593 (red) Here I Am, Lord**

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 Philippians 3:7-16 *Deb Fisher*

The Sermon *Rev. Mark Marino*

Celebrating Holy Communion UMH p.15

**\*Song #344(red) Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

\*Blessing

Postlude Menuet Bach

*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, September 3

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
8:30 Café Central – dining room  
9:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team #1

### Monday, September 4 – Labor Day

#### Office Closed

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

### Tuesday, September 5

10-12 Clothing Center  
7:00 Program Councils – dining room

### Wednesday, September 6

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer  
11-1 Clothing Center  
1:30 UMW Leadership

### Thursday, September 7

5:00 Shepherd Supper  
5:30-7 Clothing Center  
6:30 Cappella Ringers  
7:30 Chancel Choir

### Friday, September 8

7:30 A.A.

### Saturday, September 9

### Sunday, September 10 – Homecoming Sunday

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 3  
9:00 Café Central – dining room  
9:30 Sunday School  
11:00 WORSHIP

**Reminder:** Next Sunday we return to 2 services and Sunday School resumes for all ages.



## Announcements

**Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle** at Jonathans Restaurant 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!

**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 is Sept 29.

**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, Knud Hansen ([khansen3@yahoo.com](mailto:khansen3@yahoo.com)/ 754-0882).

**Ramp Project** to remove Dave Darrow's ramp is scheduled for Sat, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. If interested in helping, contact Kelly Crane. People must register ahead of time to help.

**Emergency Offering** envelopes for donations for flood victims in Texas are at either entrance. Please make checks out to Central UMC. Or you can donate directly to UMCOR by going to the website [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)

**Companions in Christ** Orientation meeting will be held Sunday, Sept 24 at 10am in the dining room.

**Adult Sunday School** begins next Sunday! The first class, led by Pastor Michelle, will be three weeks of exploring John Wesley's three simple rules for Christians: *Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God.*

## **In Our Prayers**

### Hospitals & Recovering:

Joyce Winchell – Ideal (rm 238)

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

Dick Blackwell, Norma Cooper,  
Jennifer & Richard Erickson, Knud & Pat Hansen,  
Carl & Denise Jones, Sarah Maroney, John Petrush,  
Dirk & Cathy Sorber, Kelly & Chuck Whitney

### Church Family and Friends:

Dave Darrow at Mercy House, Sylvia Gutowski, Brian,  
Chuck Harvey, Stacey, our homebound members,  
Cleo Lebaron is at Hilltop (rm.2019)

### Sympathy extended to:

Family & friends of Rev. Ron Onder

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

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*Custodian*..... Gregg Wood  
*Communion Stewards* ..... Karen Avedisian, Pauline Witt  
*Greeters*.....Marion & Herb Wegener / Amber Gaylord  
*Café Lite* .....Gail & Jim Scott, George Harrington, Shelley Lobevero  
*Van* ..... Dave Henderson

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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## ***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.