

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Prelude What Wondrous Love Is This? arr. Sean Stafford

Greeting

Announcements *Bruce Bishop*  
*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 to this time of worship in reverent awe.

**All: This place where we are standing is holy ground.**

One: May we know the presence and power of the Living God.

**All: God comes to us in revelation, bringing warmth and fire.**

One: We have known God throughout our history.

**All: Yet, there is still much we do not know. In these moments we would be open to the unexpected.**

One: Let us pray together

**Abraham and Sarah went out, not knowing where they were headed, because they trusted in you, O God.**

**Jesus went forward to this death in Jerusalem, trusting in your purpose. Help us, like them, to take you at your word, and to move onward in faith. May you be the lamp to our feet, and the light to our path, through your Spirit of life and wisdom. Amen.**

**\*Song #2008 (black) Let All Things Now Living**

\*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 (11 am)

Special Music (11am) *The Still Small Voice*  
*Chancel Choir* Hawthorne/Medena/Wakefield

Scripture Genesis 17:1-7 *John Obusek*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes

The Power of the Cross ~ Nichols *Chancel Choir*

Response: All things come from you, O God.

**All: And of your own have we given you.**

**\*Song of Dedication #64 Holy, Holy, Holy**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Song #163 (red) Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know**

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 Mark 8:31-38 *Kelly Whitney*

The Sermon *Rev. Mark Marino*

Celebrating Holy Communion UMH p.15

**\*Song #2238 (black) In the Midst of New Dimensions**

\*Blessing

Postlude *Worthy of Worship*  
by Terry York & Mark Blankenship

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

### Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Carole's  
brother Bruce by Dick and Carole James

### Our Mission Statement

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

*The baptismal font remains out in the sanctuary as a visible reminder of our baptisms. Please take a moment as you enter or depart to pause, touch the water if you wish as you remember your own baptism. If you'd like a pebble for remembrance, please feel free to take one with you.*

## This Week

### Sunday, March 4

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)  
8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 4  
9:00 Café Central – dining room  
9:30 Sunday School  
11:00 WORSHIP

### Monday, March 5

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 1301)  
6:30 Praise Band  
7:30 Book Study at Jonathan's

### Tuesday, March 6

10-12 Clothing Center  
1:00 Book Study  
7:00 Program Councils

### Wednesday, March 7

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer  
11-1 Clothing Center  
1:30 UMW Leadership  
6:00 Lenten Dinner

### Thursday, March 8

8:30 Wesley Class Breakfast  
5:00 Shepherd Supper  
5:30-7 Clothing Center  
6:30 Cappella Ringers  
7:00 Trustees  
7:30 Chancel Choir

### Friday, March 9

7:00 Flower Show Trip  
7:30 A.A.

### Saturday, March 10

### Sunday, March 11 – UMW / UMCOR Sunday

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 1  
9:00 Café Central – dining room  
9:30 Sunday School  
11:00 WORSHIP



## Announcements

**Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle** at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Phillip Yancey on Monday. All are welcome to come.

**Daytime Book Study** with Pastor Michelle on Tuesdays at 1pm is also reading *The Jesus I Never Knew*.

**Lenten Supper & Service** is this Wednesday, March 7 at 6pm in the dining room. A soup buffet is provided by the program councils followed by a Lenten program.

**Wesley Class Breakfast** is Thursday, March 8 at 8:30 at the Blue Dolphin. Call Bonnie Harvey, 785-8996, for reservations by Monday.

All men invited to **UMM Men's night** on Fri, March 16. The meeting includes a meal (with dessert), Devotions and a Program. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center.

**Safe Harbour Collection** The UMW is collecting personal care items during the month of March for this crime victims assistance center. The list of items are available at either entrance to the sanctuary and in the March newsletter.

**Day Light Savings Time** begins next Sunday. Turn your clocks ahead an hour so you will be on time for service!

**Church Service Broadcast** on Sundays and Mondays has changed channels. Spectrum TV has moved the public access channel from 4 to 1301.

**UMCOR Sunday** is next Sunday, March 11. This special collection is for the operating costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief so that gifts given for specific needs like the flooding this past year will go entirely for the crisis.

**Emmaus Walk** informational session is this Sunday, March 4th at 3 p.m. at Vestal UMC. Learn about this spiritual renewal program and how to register for upcoming walks.

## In Our Prayers

**Prayer Program:** *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:* Vernon Andrews, Mary Ann Burgher, Ron & Diana DeHaas, Elaine & Dennis Gilyard, Deborah Jeffery, Beth MacMillan, Brenda Papa, Goldie Small, Keith Wilcox

### **Church Family and Friends:**

Philip Truex, Lois MacMillan, Linda Daniels, Lee Shelp, our homebound members

### **Sympathy extended to:**

Tom Hall on the death of his mother

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

## Central United Methodist Church

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*Organist*..... Sean Stafford  
*Custodian*..... Gregg Wood  
Communion Stewards 8:30..... Ray Frederick & Amber Gaylord  
11:00..... Art & Sandra Felton  
Greeters..... Dawn, Russ, Leah & Zach Hill  
Café Lite ..... Shelley Lobevero, Dee Stiles, Pat McVannan  
Van ..... Chuck Whitney

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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***March 4, 2018***



## ***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 between the services—all are welcome downstairs in the Dining Room,

**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.