



Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,
GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

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The Worship of God

August 26, 2018

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Nick Richart

Prelude

Passacaglia on the Prodigal Son

Biery

Libby Alexander, organ

Perverse and foolish oft I stayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

Lighting of the Candles

LeeAnne McDowell

*Congregational Praise

This Is Amazing Grace
The Heart of Worship

Children's Time

Julianne McDowell

**Children up to age 5 may join the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Prayers of the People

Rod Mauney

Message

"Coming Home"
Luke 15: 11-32

Rev. Mark Barden

Offertory

In Remembrance
Chancel Choir

Red

*Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Blessings for the New School Year

Pastor Mark: Notebooks are filled ... upon those who are both learners and teachers.

Savanna: May all our students... and receive this blessing from your sisters and brothers in Christ.

[All students stand]

ALL (except students): "Lord, Our God, in your wisdom and love you surround these students with the mysteries of the universe. Send your spirit upon each one and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge.

Nick: Learning does not take... please stand with our students.

[All school teachers, volunteers, and personnel stand with students]

ALL (except teachers, volunteers, administrators or other school personnel): "Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us in your ways. Look upon these teachers, school personnel and volunteers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, forever and ever

Pastor Fawn: I invite everyone else to stand... May all learners receive this blessing.

[Everyone stands]

ALL: O Lord, our God, your spirit of wisdom and guidance leads us on life's journey from birth and into eternal life. Fill us with knowledge and experience through each stage of life that we may grow to share the blessings of what we learn with others. Most importantly may we be your witnesses by your love we impart in our daily living. We dedicate this new school year to your honor and glory, O Divine Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life. Amen.

*Closing Song

They'll Know We Are Christians

*Benediction

Rev. Mark Barden

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Chant Heroique
Libby Alexander, organ

Blake

*Please stand as you are able.

Notes on the Prelude:

The music illustrates several features of the parable. The opening bass theme, repeated throughout the piece represents the constant and unconditional love of the Father. As the variations progress, one hears straying, hardship, contrition and finally reconciliation as the theme is transformed to the major key.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in honor of Ethel Willis' 103rd birthday and in memory of her daughter, Sandra.

Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your children are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

Labor Day Cookout

The Hot Lunch Ministry is providing a cookout for the community on September 3rd, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. More information can be found in our newsletter or on our website at cumshelby.org. We hope to see you there!

**A reminder that the exterior doors at Central will be locked just prior to the beginning of our Worship Service. Access will still be available through the doors to the Sanctuary on Marion Street as they will remain unlocked.

To Our Guests:

Thank you for sharing in worship today. We are honored that you have chosen to spend a portion of your day with us and we want to help you have a meaningful experience. Here are a few things that you may find helpful.

-**Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E105.

-**Hearing devices** are available for those who need them.

-**Large print Bibles & Hymnals** are available for those who need them.

The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.