



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

September 2, 2018

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Nick Richart

Prelude

Take Up Your Cross

arr. Martin

Libby Alexander, organ

Lighting of the Candles

Belle Westbrook

*Congregational Praise

Lift High the Cross #159

The Wonderful Cross

Children's Time

Daniel Sprinkle

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

Prayers of the People

Holli Goforth

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.

Song of Preparation

Lead Me to the Cross

Fraser

Isabella Yodice, solo

Praise Ensemble

Message

"More Than a Symbol"

Rev. Mark Barden

Mark 8:34-38

Offertory

Give Me Jesus

arr. Thompson

Marilyn Jack, piano and Libby Alexander, organ

Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mark Barden

*Closing Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
The Faith We Sing hymnal #2129

*Benediction

Savanna Craig

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

I Give You My Heart
Praise Ensemble

Morgan

*Please stand as you are able.

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.

**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.

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 cumcshelby.org. We hope to see you there!

Church Office Closed

Due to Labor Day Holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 3. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday.

If you are on **Lay Leadership or Stewardship**, please mark your calendar for the following meetings:

**Lay Leadership (Nominating) - Tuesday, Sept. 4, 5:30 pm

**Stewardship - Thursday, Sept. 6, 5:30 pm

Church Council, Board of Trustees and Finance will have changes to their regular meeting times in September due to Labor Day Holiday:

**Finance will meet September 10th at 5:30 pm

**Church Council will meet September 10th at 7 pm

**Board of Trustees will meet September 17th at 5:30 pm

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.

Sermon Notes
