



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

April 25, 2021

10:00 am

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Mark Barden

Prelude

Cross of Glory
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Lowe

Opening Song

God So Loved

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well
That never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down
At the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

For God so loved
The world that He gave us
His one and only
Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
Will live forever

The power of hell
Forever defeated
Now it is well
I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved
God so loved the world

Praise God
Praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him
Praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Morning Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Savanna Craig

Anthem

Build My Life
Praise Ensemble

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you
Oh, we live for you

Holy, there is no one like you
There is none besides you
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who you are and fill me
With your heart and lead me
In your love to those around me

I will build my life upon your love,
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in you alone
And I will not be shaken

Children's Time

Rev. Fawn Mikel

Offering

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Burkhardt

Doxology #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Allelulia! Allelulia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Allelulia! Allelulia! Allelulia!

Congregational Hymn #568

Christ for the World We Sing (st 1-3)

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,

sin sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Sermon

“More Than a Symbol”
Mark 8:27-38

Rev. Dr. Mark Barden

My Cross To Bear

Congregational Response: **Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.**

Prayer Following Litany: **Jesus, help us to take up our cross day by day. Through these crosses we can grow closer to you. Help us to lean on you and to learn from you. May we not give in to self-pity or self-doubt. Rather, let us trust in your presence which strengthens us. Encourage us on our tomb-like days. Remind us of your resurrection. Help us to keep our vision focused on life and growth. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn *The Solid Rock*

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

*Benediction

*Postlude

The Wonderful Cross

Praise Ensemble

*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. **Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E107.

Important Announcements

Additional information found on our Web Page (www.cumcshelby.org)
or in the Church Newsletter

- **ONE BODY, MANY GIFTS PROGRAM:** To register or for more information, contact Pastor Mark at mbarden@wnccumc.net.
- **WORSHIP RESERVATION LINKS**
- **College Scholarship Applications are due May 2nd**
- **May 16th, Senior Sunday:** 2021 Graduates Honored during worship
- **May 23rd, Confirmation Sunday**
- **KID'S PLACE ART SHOW:** April 28, 5:30-7:30; Don Gibson Theater
- **YOUTH GROUP AT TEKOA FOOTHILLS:** July 18-24
- **VBS: GET IN THE MIX:** July 26-29, 9 am-noon; Kick-off July 25

Prayer Concerns

We invite you to pray during the week for the following:

- All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional, including Bill Jack; Brian Daley; Jessie Sumrell; Gina Blanton; Dale and Peggy Almond; Steve Angelina; Bill Story; Sandy Poston; Linda Hooker; Emily Ousley; Dr. Doug Boyette; Shelly Brooks; Edith Lake; John Reid; Pat Ellison; Jackie Guy; and Clyde and Suzy Buckner.
- We pray for those who experience injustice. Give us hearts of compassion to stand united with all people.
- We pray for our world as we continue the COVID battle. May the vaccine be administered and provide the results we long for.
- For caregivers carrying more burdens than we may understand
- Those who grieve, may they find comfort. We pray Conti and Strickland families as they struggle with losses of loved ones.
- Our shut-ins and others feeling alone. May we be arms reaching out, enfolding them into the body of Christ.
- The church universal and the United Methodist Church.
- We pray for peace in our world, nation and communities. May God heal and unify our nation.
- May we eagerly seek out our spiritual gifts to use for the glory of God.
- The ministries of Central United Methodist Church. May God give great wisdom to our Church Council as they lead the staff and church into the future. We give thanks for the ability to gather together in worship.
- And though unknown and unspoken, may we help carry each other's burden and praise God for each other's joys.

Sermon Notes
