



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

May 2, 2021

10:00 am

Welcome

Savanna Craig

Prelude

His Mercy is More
Praise Ensemble

Hymn #529

How Firm a Foundation (st 1,2, & 5)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed
For I am Thy God, and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to His foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

Morning Prayer

Rev. Fawn Mikel

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time

Donna Boggs

Offering

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Perks

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!**

Hymn TFWS 2172

We Are Called

Come, live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

Come, open your heart
Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

Sing, sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love

We are called to act with justice
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Sermon

"But I'm Only a Boy"
Jeremiah 1:4-10

Rev. Dr. Mark Barden

Anthem

Broken Yet Chosen
Crossfire

Broken yet chosen how can it be
What hidden value does God see in me
Broken yet chosen could this be real
Can God use my life to bless and to heal

It's taken me sometime to understand
There's a place for me within your plan
I didn't see the good gifts in me
But you have always known what I could be

I ask for strength to bring into your light
All the trials and struggles in m life
Trusting you grace to open my heart
Making space to let your healing start

I love you God I offer all I am
I place my life completely in your hands
Live now in me let your love grow
Beauty from my waking soul

Broken yet chosed God help us trust
Sacred the value your eyes see in us
Broken yet chosen beautifully real
Use now our lives to bless and to heal

*Closing Hymn #463 *Lord, Speak to Me* (st 1,4, & 5)

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou has sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone.

Oh, fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

*Benediction

*Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Payne

Libby Alexander, organ

*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**
- **YOUTH GROUP AT TEKOA FOOTHILLS:** July 18-24
- **VBS: GET IN THE MIX:** July 26-29, 9 am-noon; Kick-off July 25

CUMC Kids Gatherings

In May, we will have two children's gatherings. One on Wednesday, the 5th, and one on Wednesday, the 26th. We will meet from 5-5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Let Savanna or Danny know if you plan to attend!

Upcoming Special Worship Services

Please make plans to be present on both of these Sundays as a sign of your presence and commitment to these two special groups of our CUMC family! There are two boxes placed in the narthex to drop off cards and notes of encouragement for our 2021 high school graduates and confirmands.

2021 Graduates Honored May 16th

In worship on Sunday, May 16, we will honor our 2021 graduates for all of their hard work and dedication.

Confirmation Sunday May 23rd

On Sunday, May 23, we will celebrate with our 2020 confirmands as they are **finally** confirmed within the United Methodist Church!

Sermon Notes

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; Bill Story; Sandy Poston; Emily Ousley; Carrie Richardson; Pat Ellison; 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 for the 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.
- And though unknown and unspoken, may we help carry each other's burden and praise God for each other's joys.