

## Order of Service 1.17.2021

### Prelude

*The Love of God —arr. Parks*

### Welcome/Call to Worship

#### *Where He Leads Me*

(No. 338)

#### Refrain:

Where he leads me I will follow,  
Where he leads me I will follow,  
Where he leads me I will follow,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

### Opening Hymn

#### *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

(No. 714)

#### Verse 1

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
to me he hath made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
redeemed me for his own.

#### Refrain:

But I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day.

#### Verse 2

I know not how this saving faith  
to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his word  
wrought peace within my heart.  
(Refrain)

#### Verse 3

I know not how the Spirit moves,  
convincing us of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the word,  
creating faith in him.  
(Refrain)

#### Verse 4

I know not when my Lord may come,  
at night or noontide fair,  
nor if I walk the vale with him,  
or meet him in the air.  
(Refrain)

## Announcements Morning Prayer

### Anthem

#### *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

The Central Quartet

Brian Brooks, Greg Dixon,  
Pastor Bruce Gwyn, & Tim Miller

### Scripture Lesson Micah 6:1-8

#### God Challenges Israel

6 Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

#### What God Requires

6 "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" 8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### Sermon

#### Apostle's Creed (No. 881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### *Shall We Gather at the River*

(UMH No. 723)

#### Verse 1

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

#### Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

#### Verse 2

On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.  
(Refrain)

#### Verse 3

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.  
(Refrain)

#### Verse 4

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.  
(Refrain)

### Benediction

*God Be with You Until We Meet Again*

### Postlude

*Praise and Worship -arr. Schram*



### HELP GIVE A WOMAN

#### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

We have a new project to support a women's shelter in Shelby. Blank cards are now available in the CAC Hallway for you to fill out with words of encouragement and put in the collection box. These cards will be picked up weekly and delivered.

**Sunday School News**

We are thrilled to partner with RightNow Media (RNM), an online, user-friendly library for individuals in every age and stage of life. This is a program that offers unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos. And the great thing about it is that it's free to members of the Central Church Family! In February, be on the lookout for your email invitation to join.

Join us for our congregational-wide **Sunday School** after service. We will explore and study our Bible together in this group setting while maintaining social distancing.

**Warming Hearts Missions Project**

January and February can be hard months for those in need – the weather is cold, many do not have the basic essentials or they have run out after the rush of Christmas donations.

Please help us warm the hearts of those less fortunate in our community. In February we will join our Community Kitchen in giving out additional food as well as socks, hats, and gloves. We will be collecting these items during the month of January.

If you are not able to drop off the specific items but would like to support this project, you may drop off a monetary donation to the church office (on the memo line please designate it to Warming Hearts). For more information, please see Stephanie Wilson or contact the church office at 704-739-2471. We also have an Amazon Wish list and the link is at [www.cumckm.org](http://www.cumckm.org) and on our Facebook page.

**A Season of Giving**

Thanks to all who participated with donating new PJ's to Abba's Love and for also helping keep the Blessing Box filled with the Reverse Advent Calendar items! The donations received to these projects have blessed the lives of many people in the community.

do justice

love  
kindness

walk  
humbly  
with your God

MICAH 6:8

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**ATTENDANCE**

(1/10) 9:00a Service.....55

Operating Fund

Contributions 1/10 \$	2,518.34
Contributions YTD \$	7,370.79

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 1/10 \$	0.00
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**PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS**

*Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.*

**Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound:** Peggy Ramey; Sara Griffin; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, Betty Masters.

**Military Personnel:** SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army (Deployed); LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SP4 Joshua Brucker (Fort Campbell); Skyler Rhea—Army (Saudi Arabia).

**Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns):** Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Doris Sweeting 12.18.20 (death).

**Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns):** All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Cristi Boyd 9.30.19; Diane Larose 10.7.19; Crystal Braswell 10.16.19.

714 I Know Whom I Have Believed

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he  
 2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he  
 3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing  
 4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or

hath made known, nor why, un-wor-ty, Christ in love re-  
 did im-part, nor how be-liev-ing in his word wrought  
 us of sin, re-veal-ing Je-sus through the word, cre-  
 noon-day fair, nor if I walk the vale with him, or

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deemed me for his own.  
 peace with-in my heart. But I know whom I have be-  
 at-ing faith in him.  
 meet him in the air.

liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is a-ble to  
 keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day.

WORDS: Daniel W. Whittle, 1883 (2 Tim. 1:12)  
 MUSIC: James McGranahan, 1883

EL NATHAN  
 CM with Refrain

# Shall We Gather at the River 723

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an-gel feet have  
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, wash-ing up its sil-ver  
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev-ery bur-den  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will

trod, with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing  
 spray, we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the  
 down; grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-  
 cease; soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the

*Refrain*

by the throne of God?  
 hap-py gold-en day. Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er,  
 vide a robe and crown.  
 mel-o-dy of peace.

the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er; gath-er with the

saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1864 (Rev. 22:1-5)  
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

HANSON PLACE  
 87.87 with Refrain