

Prelude

Wayfaring Stranger—Spiritual/arr. Hayes;
Gaspard

Acolyte—Kalin Brooks & Olivia Homan

Welcome

Call to Worship

Open The Eyes Of My Heart
(CCLI 2298355)
CH, CH, V, Bridge

Chorus (2 x)

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy, holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy, I want to see You

Opening Hymn

Here I Am to Worship

(CCLI 2017851)

V1, CH, V2, CH, Bridge, CH, CH, Verse 1

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor
(Chorus)

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
(Chorus 2X)

Verse 1

Announcements

Morning Prayer

Children's Message

Special Music

Promise Land—Natalie Sleeth

Offering

Here I Am to Worship—arr. Hayes

Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow, Praise God, all creatures here
below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our
gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy
Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Lesson

Joshua 2:1-24

2 Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men
secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go,
view the land, especially Jericho." So they
went, and entered the house of a prostitute
whose name was Rahab, and spent the
night there. 2 The king of Jericho was told,
"Some Israelites have come here tonight to
search out the land." 3 Then the king of
Jericho sent orders to Rahab, "Bring out the
men who have come to you, who entered
your house, for they have come only to
search out the whole land." 4 But the
woman took the two men and hid them.
Then she said, "True, the men came to me,
but I did not know where they came
from." 5 And when it was time to close the
gate at dark, the men went out. Where the
men went I do not know. Pursue them
quickly, for you can overtake them." 6 She
had, however, brought them up to the roof
and hidden them with the stalks of flax that
she had laid out on the roof. 7 So the men
pursued them on the way to the Jordan as
far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had
gone out, the gate was shut.

8 Before they went to sleep, she came up to
them on the roof 9 and said to the men: "I
know that the LORD has given you the land,
and that that dread of you has fallen on us,
and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in
fear before you. 10 For we have heard how
the LORD dried up the water of the Red
Sea before you when you came out of Egypt,
and what you did to the two kings of the
Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to
Sihon and Og, whom you utterly
destroyed. 11 As soon as we heard it, our
hearts melted, and there was no courage
left in any of us because of you.
The LORD your God is indeed God in heaven
above and on earth below. 12 Now then,
since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to
me by the LORD that you in turn will deal
kindly with my family. Give me a sign of
good faith 13 that you will spare my father
and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all
who belong to them, and deliver our lives
from death." 14 The men said to her, "Our
life for yours! If you do not tell this business
of ours, then we will deal kindly and
faithfully with you when the LORD gives us
the land." 15 Then she let them down by a
rope through the window, for her house
was on the outer side of the city wall and
she resided within the wall itself. 16 She said

to them, "Go toward the hill country, so
that the pursuers may not come upon you.
Hide yourselves there three days, until the
pursuers have returned; then afterward you
may go your way." 17 The men said to her,
"We will be released from this path that you
have made us swear to you 18 if we invade
the land and you do not tie this crimson
cord in the window through which you let
us down, and you do not gather into your
house your father and mother, your
brothers, and all your family. 19 If any of you
go out of the doors of your house into the
street, they shall be responsible for their
own death, and we shall be innocent; but if
a hand is laid upon any who are with you in
the house, we shall bear the responsibility
for their death. 20 But if you tell this business
of ours, then we shall be released from this
oath that you made us swear to you." 21 She
said, "According to your words, so be it."
She sent them away and they departed.
Then she tied the crimson cord in the
window. 22 They departed and went into the
hill country and stayed there three days,
until the pursuers returned. The pursuers
had searched all along the way and found
nothing. 23 Then the two men came down
again from the hill country. They crossed
over, came to Joshua son of Nun, and told
him all that had happened to them. 24 They
said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has given all
the land into our hands; moreover all the
inhabitants of the land melt in fear before
us."

Sermon

Apostle's Creed (No. 881 UMH)

*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.*

Closing Hymn Go Down, Moses

(UMH No. 448 V1,V10,V11)

Verse 1

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Let my people go, oppressed so hard
they could not stand, Let my people go.

Refrain:

*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's
land, tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.*

Verse 10

This world's a wilderness of woe,
O let us on to Canaan go (**Refrain**)

Verse 11

O let us all from bondage flee, Let my
people go; And let us all in Christ be
free, (**Refrain**)

Benediction

Postlude

When We All Get to Heaven

—arr. Leatherman

Announcing Central Explorer's Quest 9/25/21 from 9:00 am-1:00pm
 This event for ages 5-12 years will feature music, food, indoor cave exploration and much more! This is a free event and you can preregister at www.cumckm.org.

Sign up to help Usher & Greet during Service
 Please see Joe Patterson for the sign up sheets. There are many spots available to fill.

Upcoming Meetings
 8/16/21 Finance, 6:00 pm and Administrative Council 7:00 pm
 8/24/21 Trustees, 6:00pm

Hearing Assist System
 We now have a Hearing Assist System that will allow you to connect via a belt pack that the church provides or if you have a smartphone, you can use it with your own hearing aid when you download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app.

Altar Flowers
 We are now resuming altar flowers in the sanctuary and the cost is now \$90. The calendar is being updated and the Administrative Assistant, Candy Love will be in touch with you if you had a prior date to see if you would still like to place flowers. If you are interested in getting a date, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org

Sunday School News
 Central UMC is now offering a congregational wide Sunday School Class. Join us at 9:00am for our Sunday School Class.

August Ushers:
 Tom Bennett, Johnny Harris, Joe Patterson, & Allan Propst
August Greeter: Volunteer Needed
Thank you for your support!



*The altar flowers are given
 to the glory of God and in memory of
 Elizabeth Groome Arthur
 By Jean Arthur Harris
 and the John O. Harris III, Family*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

ATTENDANCE

(8/8) 10:00a Service.....72

Operating Fund

Contributions 8/8 \$ 3,297.08
 Contributions YTD \$241,370.18

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 8/8 \$ 0.00
 Contributions YTD \$ 600.00

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; LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SP4 Joshua Brucker (Syria).

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Judy Norwood 7.12.21; Ann Reep (death) 8.5.21; Stephanie Thennis 8.10.21.

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Nancy Radford 6.7.21; Allen Ware 6.14.21 (colon cancer/www.caringbridge.org/visit/allenware); Sherry Wilson 6.25.21; Rev. Warren Owens 8.1.21(death), brother of Audrey Brooks; Sidney Bridges 8.9.21; Ronnie "Earp" Steven Sparks (death 8.9.21), brother of Dorothy McDaniel.