

# Central

United Methodist Church

## \*Order of Service 10.31.2021

Sheet Music Available

### Prelude

Prelude on "Pleading Savior"

—arr. Smith

Acolyte—Eli Osborne

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Be Thou My Vision (CCLI #6361343)

V1, V2, In, V3, In, V4

### Verse 1

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy  
presence my light

### Interlude

### Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom and  
Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

### Verse 3

Riches I heed not nor  
man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven my  
treasure Thou art

### Interlude

### Verse 4

Be my compassion my love for the poor  
Break my distraction so I can't ignore  
The least of Your children  
the ones You adore  
For by them Jesus I worship You Lord

### Opening Hymn

We Believe (CCL #6367165)

V1, Ch, V2, Ch, Bridge, Ch x2, Ending

### Verse 1

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe we believe  
In this broken generation  
When all is dark You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe we believe

### Chorus

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again  
We believe

### Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
In our weakness and temptations  
We believe we believe (Chorus)

### Bridge

Let the lost be found  
and the dead be raised  
In the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud  
our God will save  
We believe we believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe we believe

### Chorus (2x)

### Ending

He's coming back again  
He's coming back again  
We believe

### Announcements Morning Prayer

### Special Music

Wonderful Grace of Jesus—by Haldor Lillenas  
CUMC Men's Quartet

### Offering

Immortal, Invisible —arr. Lopez

### 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

Luke 12:35-48

35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." 41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for

us or for everyone?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. 44 Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. 45 But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. 47 That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. 48 But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

### Sermon Ready or Not, I Will Return

### 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

Amazing Grace (UMH 378)

V1, V2, V3

### Verse 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

### Verse 3

Through many dangers, toils,  
and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

### Benediction

### Postlude

Fanfare of Praise—Krug

**Save the Date!**  
**For our KID Central**  
**Christmas Singing Sunday**  
**on December 19, 2021**  
**during our 10am service**



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**All Saints Day** will be November 7, 2021 where we will remember our members who have passed away since the last All Saints Day.

**Family Fellowship Night is Back!** November 10 at 6:15pm. Circle 4 will be providing a Thanksgiving meal. Julie Proctor founder of the Manos De Fe mission will be presenting the program. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 8.

**The Russell Fellowship Class Christmas Project** will be collecting cash and blankets this year (no toys). They will be serving around 30 families in the community. To donate, please earmark your checks for Russell Christmas Project. For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

**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.

**Sunday School News**

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

**Special Notice:**

*Please note masks are encouraged for all members and visitors until further notice 8.23.21*

**October Ushers:** Clyde Kerns & Joe Patterson  
**Greeter:** Katherine Hicks

**Upcoming Events**

**Mondays:** Bells of Praise, 6:00pm  
**Trustees Meeting,** 11/2 6pm  
**Charge Conference,** 11/8, 7pm

**Operation Christmas Child Underway**

Join us in reaching 150 children this year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Make out your check to Central and designate in the memo line Operation Christmas Child and the donation is \$25 per box. You can also pay online and choose your own shoebox items on the CUMC Goal Page at <https://sampur.se/2Zkijsl> or visit our website. For more information, please see Audrey Brooks or contact the church office.

**The UMM Annual Soup Sale** will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 in the CAC from 11am-2pm. Please see a UMM member to purchase tickets or call the church office at 704-739-2471.

*The Altar Flowers are given to the  
Glory of God and in memory of  
Johnny Reavis by Johnsie Reavis.*

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**ATTENDANCE**

(10/24) 10:00a Service.....68

Operating Fund

Contributions 10/24 \$5,014.45  
Contributions YTD \$301,396.52

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 10/24 \$ 0.00  
Contributions YTD \$ 600.00

*Thank you for your support!*

**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; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, Betty Masters; John & Evelyn Eagle.

**Praise:** Austin O’Kelley Broadway and Dr. Kelsey Flint-Martin are to be married in Watkins-Glen, NY on November 1. Austin is the grandson of MaryWade O’Kelley Smith. The newlyweds will reside in Irmo, SC.

**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; SGT 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; Stephanie Thennis 8.10.21; Ernie & Lisa Howell 9.27.21 Passing of Marie Brinkley’s mother, Lala Myers 10.6.21.; Sheila Gentry 10.25.21

**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; Sidney Bridges 8.9.21; Sidney Bridges (brain tumor) 9.19.21; Rob Croft (former youth director) 9.26.21; Trent Hullender (Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma) 10.18.21; Bob Smith III 10.20.21.