

**Order of Service 1.22.2023**

**3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Liturgical Color: Green**

**Prelude**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

—arr. Hughes

**Acolyte**— Ruby O.

**Welcome**

**Opening Worship**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart* (CCLI #2298355)

**Chorus**

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

*One Thing Remains* (CCLI #5508444)

**Verse 1**

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant in the trial and the change  
One thing remains  
One thing remains  
Interlude  
Your love Your love Your love will never  
change

**Chorus**

Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
(REPEAT)

Your love

**Verse 2**

On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never ever have to be afraid  
One thing remains  
One thing remains

**Bridge**

In death in life I'm confident and  
Cover'd by the power of Your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that  
Can separate my heart from Your great love  
(REPEAT)

**Ending**

Your love

**Announcements**

**Morning Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer* UMH 895

**Special Choir Music**

*Give Me Jesus*—arr. Leo Roesti

**Offering**

*Lord, I Know I Been Changed*

—arr. Shackley

**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!

**Centering Hymn**

*I Love You Lord—The Faith We Sing* #2068

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice  
to worship you, O my soul rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,  
May it be a sweet, Sweet sound in your ear

**Scripture Lesson**

**Joel 2:23-29 (NRSV)**

*2 O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. 25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. 28 Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit.*

**Sermon**—Pastor Bruce Gwyn

**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.

**Closing Hymn**

*The Old Rugged Cross* UMH #504

**Verse 1**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest  
and best for a world of lost sinners was  
slain.

**Refrain:**

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

**Verse 2**

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the  
world, has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

**Verse 3**

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood  
so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered  
and died, to pardon and sanctify me.  
[Refrain]

**Verse 4**

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far  
away, where his glory forever I'll share.  
[Refrain]


**Benediction**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

**Postlude**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King* -arr. Mansfield

**Save the Date for our January 29 Fifth Sunday Fellowship Breakfast!**

 **5th Sunday Breakfast**  
Fellowship "Pilot" - Bring your favorite store-bought or homemade breakfast pastries, donuts, fruit, ham or sausage biscuits, or breakfast casserole enough to share for up to 6 people. Food will be continental style. There will be no Sunday School classes that day. This will be time for some church fellowship before the 10am Service. If successful, we will do it 4 more 5th Sunday times in 2023!

*The altar flowers are given to  
the glory of God and  
in loving memory of  
Mary Ann "Gran" Kerns  
by Faye & Clyde Kerns*

## Central News and Events

**Mary's Breakfast Bunch** will meet on Tuesday, January 24 at Linwood Restaurant at 9am. Come join us for breakfast and fellowship!

**You are invited to join us for the next Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:15pm.** Our program will be playing a "Valentine's Day Family Feud" game and a spaghetti dinner cooked by Chef Bobby Childers! Dinner will include spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert! RSVP to the church office by February 6 at 704-739-2471 or [central@cumckm.org](mailto:central@cumckm.org) to make sure we have enough for everyone.

**Community Kitchen Food Drive Request** Our partner, Second Harvest Food Bank has been running low on donations and we are asking for your help to supplement our pantry. For January, we are collecting canned ready meals to distribute. We are seeking items like or similar to Dinty Moore Beef Stew and Spaghetti O's. Please leave your donations in the food drive box in the CAC Hallway. Thank you for your support and for helping people in your community. We served 337 people last month.

**Informational Meetings Notice** There will be informational meetings after service every Sunday during January. We will discern the direction for Central Methodist during these meetings.

**Hearts for Hospice**—We are doing a fundraiser for Cleveland County Hospice selling hearts for \$1 each. Please visit the narthex to purchase and fill out a heart to be displayed in the church. Our goal is to sell 100 hearts!

**Sunday School News** **\*\*Please Note New Time\*\*** Sunday School now will be meeting in the CAC at 8:30 am.

**Our Nursery** is available during worship service for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org) or 704-739-2471.

**KID Central** is our church's church for ages 5-12. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter Fuller at [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org).

**UMYF United Methodist Youth Fellowship** meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to join/volunteer for youth events, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org) or 704-739-2471.

If you need to contact **Pastor Bruce Gwyn** please contact/text him at 704-291-0212 or [pastor@cumckm.org](mailto:pastor@cumckm.org).

**Ushers:** Joe Patterson

**Greeter:** Mary Ann Hendricks



The ladies' circles of Central would like to invite the women of the church to meet together on Monday, February 6th at 6:30 pm in the CAC.

Anyone interested in joining a ladies group is welcome to attend. We will discuss future projects and decide on a new name for this group. *Light refreshments will be served.*

If you have any questions or to **RSVP by 2/3/23** please contact Stephanie Wilson

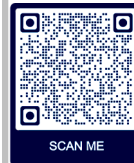
(704-466-0187), Amy Dixon  
(980-215-5757) or

Marie Brinkley (704-277-6961).

We look forward to seeing you in February!

### Small Group Meeting Information

We will have a Leaders' Meeting on February 5. Recruitment Sunday will be on February 12 following services where you can learn more about the small group and to sign up for one. The meetings will be held in the CAC.



### Welcome Visitors!

Scan to get connected to Central, inquire about membership and for prayer requests.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(1/15) 10:00a Service.....93

#### Operating Fund 2023

Contributions 1/15	\$13,272.00
Contributions YTD	\$21,907.40

#### Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 1/15	\$0.00
Contributions YTD	\$0.00

## PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

**Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound:** Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, John & Evelyn Eagle; Marilyn Hamrick.

**Military Personnel:** SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua 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; PFC Matthew Oliveira—Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.

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

**Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns):** All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Sidney Bridges (brain tumor) 9.19.21; Freida Grant 2.21.22; Sherry Curtis 4.20.22; Jennifer Wall 4.26.22; Parker Byrd 7.27.22; Clyde V. (motorcycle accident); Terry and Johnny Neil 10.17.22; Charles Bagwell 10.17.22; Tina Melvin 10.24.22; Marsha & Carl Morrow 12.1.22; Robert Childers, Sr., (death) 1.1.23; Sandy Edwards 1.5.23; Audrey Jackson (Aunt of Paula McDaniel) 1.9.23.