

## Order of Service 1.29.2023 4th Sunday after the Epiphany Liturgical Color: Green

### Prelude

*Be Thou My Vision* —arr. Larson

Acolyte— Eli O.

### Welcome

### Opening Worship

*Amazing Grace Medley* (CCLI# 22025)

Me and Jesus, got our own thing goin'  
Me and Jesus, got it all worked out  
Me and Jesus, got our own thing goin'  
We don't need anybody to tell us what it's  
all about

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

### (Interlude)

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Through many dangers, toils and snares  
We have already come  
'Twas grace hath brought us safe thus far  
And grace will lead us home

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

**Goodness of God** (CCLI #7117726)

### Verse 1

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

### Chorus

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

### Verse 2

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

### Bridge

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running

### Announcements

### Morning Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer* UMH 895

### Special Choir Music

*Sound of Silence*—Paul Simon/arr. Emerson

### Offering

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer* -arr. Berry

### 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

*As the Deer (Faith We Sing #2025)*

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship thee

### Scripture Lesson

**Isaiah 60:1-12 (NRSV)**

*60 Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon  
you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth  
and thick darkness the peoples, but  
the Lord will arise upon you, and his  
glory will appear over you. 3 Nations  
shall come to your light and kings to the  
brightness of your dawn. 4 Lift up your  
eyes and look around; they all gather  
together; they come to you; your sons  
shall come from far away, and your  
daughters shall be carried in their  
nurses' arms. 5 Then you shall see and  
be radiant; your heart shall thrill and  
rejoice, because the abundance of the  
sea shall be brought to you; the wealth  
of the nations shall come to you. 6 A  
multitude of camels shall cover you, the  
young camels of Midian and Ephah; all  
those from Sheba shall come. They shall  
bring gold and frankincense and shall  
proclaim the praise of the Lord.*

**Sermon**—Jim Larson

**Sermon Title**—*Where Do We Go From Here*

### 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

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God* UMH# 110

### Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

### Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

### Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

### Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
thru him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

### Benediction

### Chiming of the Holy Trinity

### Postlude

*Chorale Postlude* -arr. Wilson

*The altar flowers are given to  
the glory of God by Central UMC*

### Please Note:

Flower dedications are a wonderful way  
to show gratitude for or honor loved  
ones. We have several altar flower dates  
available, please contact the church office  
at 704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org  
for more information.

**Central News and Events**

**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 to make sure we have enough for everyone.

**Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023.**

**Lenten Study** Join us beginning on February 20 as we read an individual Lenten study titled "Your People Forever." This six-week study will take us through 1 & 2 Chronicles then Holy Week spent primarily in the Gospel of John, from Palm Sunday to Easter. Please see Audrey Brooks to order a copy of the book by February 5.

**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 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.

**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 or 704-739-2471.

If you need to contact **Pastor Bruce Gwyn** please contact/text him at 704-291-0212 or 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

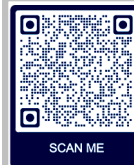
(704-466-0187), Amy Dixon (980-215-5757) or

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**

(1/22) 10:00a Service.....86

Operating Fund 2023

Contributions 1/22	\$ 1,720.00
Contributions YTD	\$23,627.00

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 1/22	\$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; Gail Humpries (death) 1.10.23.

**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; Sharon Wilson 1.25.23; Kim Phillips 1.25.23.