

Order of Service 2.5.2023 5th Sunday after the Epiphany Liturgical Color: Green

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee -arr. Eithun

Acolyte—Olivia H.

Welcome

Opening Worship

Love the Lord (CCLI # 4572938)

Verse 1

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

Verse 2

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

Bridge

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength.

Raise a Hallelujah (CCLI # 7119315)

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the
presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven
comes to fight for me

Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna
hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive

Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with
everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will
watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the

middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you
lost your hold on me

Bridge 1

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Bridge 2

Sing a little louder in the
presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for
me (REPEAT)

Sing a little louder

Ending

I raise a hallelujah (REPEAT)

Announcements

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music

Come Down, Lord—by Stan Pethel

Offering

In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)
-arr. Fetteke

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

Open Our Eyes (The Faith We Sing #2086)

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Romans 8:24-25 (NIV)

²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Mark 12:28-32 (NIV)

²⁸One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, ²⁹"Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength.

³¹The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." ³²"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

Sermon—Jim Larson

Sermon Title—*Faith, Hope and Love*

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH# 140

Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Fantasia on "O How I Love Jesus" -arr. Krug

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God ad in memory of Senator J. Ollie Harris by Johnny Harris

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.

Small Group Meeting Information

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

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 February 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 February, we are collecting canned fruit to distribute. 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.

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 on the bulletin board in the CAC hallway. 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, Ricky Hall, Roger Putnam, Terry Edwards

Greeter: Mary Lou Ware



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 please contact Stephanie Wilson (704-466-0187),

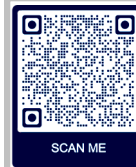
Amy Dixon (980-215-5757) or

Marie Brinkley (704-277-6961).

We look forward to seeing you in February!

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023.

2/22/23 Community Lenten Service at CUMC at noon.



Welcome Visitors!

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(1/29) 10:00a Service.....92

Operating Fund 2023

Contributions 1/29	\$ 7,885.00
Contributions YTD	\$31,512.40

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 1/29	\$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; Sharon Wilson 1.25.23; Kim Phillips 1.25.23.