

**Order of Service 3.5.23**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Liturgical Color: Purple**

**Prelude—**

*Jesus Paid It All*—arr. Hayes/Gaspard

**Acolyte—Eli O.**

**Lenten Reading/  
Extinguishing of the Lenten Cross**  
*From I am Guilty* by Audrey Surma—  
*The Moneychangers* Reader: Barry Brogdon

**Welcome/Opening Hymn**

*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* Medley

**Verse 1**

Jesus keep me near the cross  
There a precious fountain  
Free to all a healing stream  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

**Chorus**

In the cross in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

**Verse 2**

Near the cross I'll watch and wait  
Hoping trusting ever  
Till I reach the golden strand  
Just beyond the river

**Chorus**

*(Will the Circle Be Unbroken)*

**Verse**

There are loved ones in the glory  
Whose dear forms you often miss  
When you close your earthly story,  
Will you join them in their bliss?

**Chorus**

Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by Lord, by and by,  
There's a better home a-waiting  
In the sky Lord, in the sky.  
(Repeat)

*(slower)*

In the cross in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

**Cornerstone/Everlasting God**

**Verse 1**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
(REPEAT)

**Chorus**

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

**Verse 2**

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

**Chorus**

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles  
(REPEAT)

**Announcements/Morning Prayer**

**INVITATION**

Christ the Lord invites to his table all who  
love him, who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess  
our sin before God and one another.

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not  
loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the  
cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us. In the  
name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven!  
Glory to God. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*Anthems of Love*—Dan Forest

**Offering**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*—arr. Sewell

**Doxology**

*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**

*Fill My Cup, Lord* UMH 641

**Verse 1**

Like the woman at the well,  
I was seeking for things  
that could not satisfy.  
And then I heard my Savior speaking—  
"Draw from My well  
that never shall run dry."

**Chorus**

Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up Lord; Come  
and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of Heaven,  
feed me till I want no more.  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me  
whole.

**Verse 2**

There are millions in this world  
who are seeking  
For pleasures earthly goods afford.  
But none can match the  
wondrous treasure  
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

**Verse 3**

So my brother if the things that this  
world gives you  
Leave hungers that won't pass away,  
My blessed Lord will come and save you  
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray—

**Scripture**

**Luke 18:9-17 (NRSVUE)**

*9 He also told this parable to some who  
trusted in themselves that they were  
righteous and regarded others with  
contempt: 10 "Two men went up to the  
temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other  
a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by  
himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you  
that I am not like other people: thieves,  
rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax  
collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a  
tenth of all my income.' 13 But the tax  
collector, standing far off, would not even lift  
up his eyes to heaven but was beating his  
breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a  
sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to  
his home justified rather than the other, for  
all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but  
all who humble themselves will be  
exalted." 15 People were bringing even  
infants to him that he might touch them, and  
when the disciples saw it, they sternly  
ordered them not to do it. 16 But Jesus  
called for them and said, "Let the children  
come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to  
such as these that the kingdom of God  
belongs. 17 Truly I tell you, whoever does  
not receive the kingdom of God as a little  
child will never enter it."*

**Sermon Bruce Gwyn**

**Apostle's Creed**

*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  
rose 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.*

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us

one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen. And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Taking the Bread and Cup**  
*Communion Meditation*-arr. Johnson

**Closing Hymn**  
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158

**Verse 1**  
Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

**Verse 2**  
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

**Verse 3**  
Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

**Benediction**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

**Postlude**  
*The Solid Rock*—arr. Kirkland  
**\*Response is in bold.**

**Ushers:** Joe Patterson, Allan Propst  
**Greeter:** Cecelia Meade

*The altar flowers are given  
to the glory of God  
and in memory of Butch Morrison  
By Scott & Cecelia Meade*

The **Ladies' Circles** of Central would like to invite the women of the church to meet together on Monday, March 6 at 6:30 pm in the CAC. Please RSVP to the church office by 3/3/23.

**We are collecting plastic eggs for our upcoming Eggstravaganza on April 2 from 3-4pm.** We will have egg hunts, food, games, prizes and fun for the whole family!

**Community Kitchen March 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. This month, we are collecting **oatmeal, grits, pancake mix and syrup** 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.

Join us for **Easter Service** on Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 10:00 am.

**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).

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
ATTENDANCE**

(2/26) 10:00a Service.....88

Operating Fund

Contributions 2/26 \$ 5,596.75

Contributions YTD \$ 47,489.15

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 2/26 \$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.

**Praises:** Birth of twin girls on 2.23.23, Elliott Anne and Emersyn Mae, daughters of Ramey & Matt Bridges, granddaughters of Faye & Clyde Kerns.

**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; Allen McKinney (prostate cancer) 2.7.23.