

# Welcome to Central

Order of Service 7.16.2023  
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: Green

## Prelude

*How Firm a Foundation*—arr. Kirkland

**Acolyte**— Ruby O.

## Welcome/Announcements

**Good Good Father**—(CCLI # 7036612)

### Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

### Chorus

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

### Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

### Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

### Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

## Opening Worship

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* (CCLI # #4768151)

### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm 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

### Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

### Chorus

### Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

## Morning Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer* UMH 895

## Special Music

*Because He Lives* UMH #364—Gloria & William J. Gaither  
Performed by *The Dixon*—Brooks Quartet

## Offering

*Hallelujah, We Shall Rise as the Saints Go Marching In*  
—arr. Choplin

## 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

**John 10:11 (NKJV)**

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

**John 10:14 (NKJV)**

*<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.*

**John 10:17-18 (NKJV)**

*<sup>17</sup> "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."*

## Sermon— Pastor Perry Hines

### Sermon Title— *Our Good Shepherd*

### 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

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* UMH #462

V 1, 3, 4

#### Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

#### Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

#### Verse 3

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace.  
(Refrain)

#### Verse 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me,  
wilt be with me to the end.  
(Refrain)

## Benediction

## Chiming of the Holy Trinity

## Postlude

*Lead On, O King Eternal*—arr. Sewell

## CONNECT AND CONVERSE



Sunday, July 16  
11:15 am



PASTOR PERRY HINES

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AND CONVERSE WITH PASTOR PERRY HINES.

During these sessions, you will get to meet and welcome our new pastor, Perry Hines. He will be asking the following questions to get to know you better:

- How did you get connected to Central?
- When did you feel most alive at Central?
- What do you envision for the future of Central?



Light Refreshments will be served.



### Altar Flower Dates Available

If you're interested in reserving an altar flower date in July or August, we have several available. You can reach out to the church office at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org) to secure your preferred date. The cost for the flowers is \$100.

## Save the Date for our July 30 Fifth Sunday Fellowship Breakfast!

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.

**Ushers:** Joe Patterson, Allan Propst, Keith Bradley, & Clyde Kerns

**Greeter:** TBA

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(7/16) 10:00a Service.....94

### Operating Fund 2023

Contributions 7/16	\$ 5,545.00
Contributions MTD	\$ 15,613.15

Please note that our church email address has updated to [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org) and our website is now [www.cmkm.org](http://www.cmkm.org).

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Paul Hendricks Sr. by Mary Ann & Paul Hendricks, Jr.*