



Order of Service 8.6.23
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Prelude *Kum Ba Yah*—arr. Krug

Acolyte—Eli O.

Greetings—

Kayla Potter Fuller, Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements—Eli O.

Goodness of God (CCLI Song #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 after
It's running after me

I'll Fly Away (CCLI # 26399)

Verse 1

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Verse 3

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away
Morning

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.

Special Choir Music

Remember Me—by Boyd Bacon

Offering *When Morning Guilds the Skies*—arr. Larson

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

Luke 15:11-32 NKJV

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." ' 20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. 25 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' 28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' 31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'

Sermon

Pastor Perry Hines

The Two Prodigals

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.

Receiving the Bread and Cup
Communion Meditation-arr. Johnson

Closing Hymn

Nearer to the Heart of God (UMH #472)

Verse 1
 There is a place of quiet rest,
 near to the heart of God;
 a place where sin cannot molest,
 near to the heart of God.

Refrain:
 O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
 sent from the heart of God,
 hold us who wait before thee
 near to the heart of God.

Verse 2
 There is a place of comfort sweet,
 near to the heart of God;
 a place where we our Savior meet,
 near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

Verse 3
 There is a place of full release,
 near to the heart of God;
 a place where all is joy and peace,
 near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

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 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.

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

We Give Thee But Our Own—arr. Giamanco

**Response is in bold.*



FAMILY BACK TO SCHOOL
MOVIE night
 YOU'RE INVITED!
A FREE FUN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
 113 S. PIEDMONT AVE KINGS MOUNTAIN NC
 RSVP BY 8/23/23

FEATURED MOVIE:
THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 AT 5:00 PM

Join us for a fun movie night in the CAC. We will have candy, popcorn, drinks, and food!

PLEASE RSVP TO CENTRAL@CMKM.ORG
 SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL 704-739-2471 BY 8/23/23.



Join us for **Movie Ministry Night** Wednesday, August 16 at 6 pm

Don't forget to invite your friends and family! We will also be providing drinks and popcorn.

The movie details will be announced soon.

To ensure that we have enough for everyone, RSVP to the church office 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org by August 14th.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

ATTENDANCE

(7/30) 10:00a Service.....110

Operating Fund

Contributions 7/30	\$	5,056.00
Contributions MTD	\$	27,258.15

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Johnny Harris, Roger Putnam
Greeter: TBA

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Johnny Reavis
 By: Johnsie Reavis

Central News and Events 8.6.23

We have an exciting outreach opportunity coming up! We will be partnering with our *Warming Hearts Ministry* to have a Central Mission Day: Back to School Supplies Pick Up Drive on Friday, August 11th from 6:00-7:30 pm. This is a church-wide outreach initiative and we need your help! We will need volunteers to help out during the event as well as people to help us set up at 5:00 pm. We also are taking school supply donations from church members at the time. Donations can be dropped off outside of Kayla's office in the "donations" box.

There will be a Trustees Meeting on Monday, August 7 at 6:00 pm.

Save the date for our next **Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:15pm**. The program will be the Talent Show. Please RSVP by September 11. If you would like to sign up as an act for the Talent Show please contact Penny Larson at pal_1255@yahoo.com or 407-928-8579.

Choir Hymn Caroling Night Wednesday, September 27, 2023. We would like to invite the church congregation to join our choir as we travel to sing to our homebound members. If you would like to participate or schedule a visit please contact Justin Harper at Justin@cmkm.org or the church office at 704-739-2471.

KIDS Central & Nursery News

In August here are some things we will be learning: In our **Kids Central classroom**, some things that we will be learning over the next few weeks are how the Holy Spirit is our helper and that we were made to be creative! A Bible story that we will be reading is Acts 8! In our **nursery classroom**, some things that we will be learning over the next few weeks are how to obey God and the importance of reading our Bibles! A scripture we will be reading is John 15:14!

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@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

KID Central is our church's church for K-5th and meets at 9:45am on Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org.

Central Youth 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@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

You can reach Pastor Perry Hines at 828-768-5996.

Prayer List: Praises and Concerns

Please note names will stay on list for one month unless otherwise requested—Please contact the church office 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to have names added/or removed from the prayer list.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; 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; 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; Riley Bridges 6.19.23; Carol Brazzell 6.29.23.

Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Sharon Wilson 1.25.23; Kim Phillips 1.25.23; Allen McKinney (prostate cancer) 2.7.23; Mary Edwards 7.18.23; Fleete Wilson 7.24.23.



Welcome Visitors!

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