



Order of Service 3.10.2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This—arr. McChesney
—Performed by the Handbells

Acolyte

Greetings—Kayla Potter Fuller
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements

**Lenten Reading/
Extinguishing of the Lenten Cross**

Reader: Audrey Brooks

Pass the Peace

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.

Opening Worship

Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)
(CCLI# 7109317) V1, V2 & Chorus

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

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

Chorus

Beginning to end my life in Your hands

Great great is Your faithfulness
You never let go this one thing I know
Great great is Your faithfulness
The Old Rugged Cross (CCLI# 19722)

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where
the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

Verse 2

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary

Verse 3 (Congregation leads)

In the old rugged cross stained
with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day
to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music

'Til the Storm Passes Over—Mosie Lister

Offering

Tell the Story—arr. Dennis —Performed by the Handbells

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!

Offertory Prayer

Sermon— Pastor Perry Hines
Sermon Title
Faith That Overcomes

Scripture Lesson

1 John 5:1-5 NKJV
5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

John 16:33 NKJV
33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV
6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Colossians 1:15-18 NKJV
15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Definition of faith: “Believing in advance in something that will only seem logical when seen in reverse” —Phillip Yancey

Reception of Members
We welcome Dave & Denise Hartz to our church family today.

Closing Hymn
My Hope is Built (UMH #368)

Verse 1
My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2
When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,

my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain
Verse 3
His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain
Verse 4
When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

Refrain

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude
Voluntary on "Restoration" -arr. Dixon

*Reponses in Bold

On Easter Sunday, March 31, please bring an item to share with your church family for our **Fifth Sunday Breakfast** at 9:00 am. Coffee and Juice will be provided. Look forward to seeing you there!

3/24/24 Palm Sunday
3/31/24 Easter Cantata & KIDS
Central Signing Program, 10:00 am

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Abbie, Layla, Johnny & John Harris By Jean Harris

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
ATTENDANCE

(3/3) 10:00a Service.....95
Operating Fund 2024
Contributions 3/3 \$5,920.00
Contributions MTD \$5,920.00

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Neal Sheriff
Greeter: Krista Sheriff

Boy Scout Fundraiser Cards—Please see Carol Velky or visit the church office if you would like to purchase a discount card. Cost is \$10. Cash or Checks accepted (made out to Troop 92).

Building Study Informational Meeting—March 10, today after service. You are invited to learn about the proposed sanctuary renovation and future project fundraiser. The presentation will feature renderings, upgrades, costs, and project timeline.

New Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study Beginning March 26 at 6:30 pm. *What Love Is* by Kelly Minter This study is a very encouraging in-depth 8-week study on 1, 2, and 3 John. Study guides and books are available for purchase on Amazon and at www.christianbook.com. Teacher: Liz Pflieger For more information, please contact the church office 704-739-2471.

Please note: The Fellowship Snacks have moved to the CAC--The Methodist Men will be providing morning refreshments from 8:45-9:45 am for anyone wanting to drop by.

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, March 24th, 2024**, starting at 12 pm for an **Easter Egg Hunt at the Pastor's House**. We will have pizza, cookies, crafts, and a Children's Easter Bible Story reading. There will be egg hunts for both age groups: 2-4 years old and grades K-5. For further details, please feel free to call us at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org.

Time to Order Your Easter Lilies in memory or honor of a loved one! Order forms are available in the narthex and church office. Please place your order by today, **March 10, 2024**. Cost is \$12 each.

Help serve at the church: Live-streaming volunteers are needed for 2 open positions. The goal is to have 4 volunteers to rotate time and serve 2 Sundays on then have time off for 6 Sundays. Please contact Candy in the church office at 704-739-2471 or let Todd Wilson know your interest.

The Daily Devotionals pamphlets are available for pick up in the Narthex.

Altar Flower Dates Now Available We have the open flower dates. If you would like one of these dates please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to secure your preferred date. The cost for the flowers is \$100.

2024 Ushers and Greeters Needed We are looking for ushers and greeters for Sunday Morning Worship at Central. This is a ministry that can help our church grow, and we need your help. We are currently working on the usher and greeter calendar for the upcoming year, and we are in need of 4 volunteers each month. There are many spots available, so please consider volunteering. You can contact Joe Patterson or the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to let us know you are willing to serve. Thank you for your interest!

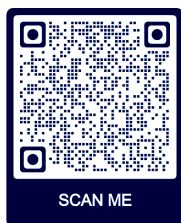
KIDS Central & Nursery News Our **Nursery** is available starting at 9:00 am for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471. **KID Central** is our church's church for K-5th and **check in is now at 9:00am** 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.

Welcome Visitors!

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



Sunday Morning Groups

1. Sunday Morning Group

- Leader: Mark Dixon
- Time and location: 8:30 am Asbury Room, Sunday mornings
- Age: All ages

2. Daughters of Wesley Sunday Morning Group

- Leader: Tim Miller
- Time and location: 9 am in the Parlor/Bride's room
- Leader: contact info: tmnkm@bellsouth.net 704-473-9148

3. He Choose the Nails by Max Lucado

- Leaders: Clyde Kerns & Carolyn Hindel,
- Time & Location: 8:45am Upstairs in the Central Fellowship Room
- Leader: contact info: clydekerns@att.net or carolynhindel@yahoo.com

Weekly Groups

Men's Bible Study

- Leader: Tim Miller
- Time and location: Weekly on Tuesdays, 7:30 pm in the Asbury room
- Leader: contact info: tmnkm@bellsouth.net 704-473-9148
- Description: We are an ongoing small group for men of all ages. Dedicated to studying God's word as it is shared to us in the Bible. We meet for fellowship and worship in a safe and non-judgmental environment. We recognize and appreciate that not everyone is at the same level in their Biblical study, and we work together to make God's word understood and relevant for each of us in our lives

Mary's Breakfast Brunch

Leader: Betty Masters

•Time and location: Meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am. Location is Linwood Restaurant: 805 Cleveland Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

•Leader: contact info: 704-739-2653

Weekly Prayer Partners

Leader: Kayla Potter Fuller kayla@cmkm.org

Time and Location: Tuesday 12:30pm-1:15pm in the CAC

This will be a time we will spend together in prayer for our church prayers requests, our community, global needs and for one another. Members will be given weekly prayer assignments.

Short Term Groups

Women's Seekers Bible Study

- Leaders: Debbie Greene & Stephanie Wilson
- Time and Location: Wednesdays 10:00 am in the Asbury Room beginning Jan. 31 and ending on March 20, 2024
- Leader: contact info: dgreene902@aol.com or sswduch@carolina.rr.com
- Description: We will do the 8-week study *The Easter Series* on RightNow Media- this is an Eyewitness Bible series on the Easter story seen through the eyes of those who were there during Holy Week.
- **New Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study** Beginning March 26 at 6:30 pm. *What Love Is* by Kelly Minter This study is a very encouraging in-depth 8-week study on 1, 2, and 3 John. Study guides and books are available for purchase on Amazon and at www.christianbook.com. Teacher: Liz Pflieger For more information, please contact the church office 704-739-2471.

Prayer List: Praises and Concerns

Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; John Eagle; Marilyn Hamrick.

Military Personnel: SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SFC Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua Brucker; Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; SSG Colby Bailey—Army; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; PFC Matthew Oliveira—Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.

Praises: Growth in our children's church and programs.

Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Carol Brazzell (healing) 12.26.23.

Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Patsy Lunsford (healing); Jeff Hedden, (cancer) cousin of Clyde Kerns 12.22.23; Eric Dixon (healing), cousin of Jeff, Mark & Greg Dixon 1.24.24; Wayne Carlisle, Mike Norwood's cousin (hospital—ICU) 2.5.24; Charlene Maxey (Hospice) 2.6.24; John Morrison (healing), bother of Cecelia Meade 2.10.24; Eliana Rogers (death of mother, Kathy Rogers) 3.6.24; Jamie Kever (chemo treatments & surgery), cousin of Audrey Brooks 3.6.24.