



Order of Service 4.21.2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

Prelude

Standing on the Promises—arr. Lamb
Played by The Bells of Praise

Acolyte— Kalin B.

Greetings—Kayla Potter Fuller
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements

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

Fairest (CCLI # 4455275)

Intro

Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Verse 1

Fairest Lord Jesus
Ruler of all nature
Oh Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish
Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Verse 2

Fair are the meadows
Fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer
Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Chorus

You are fairer than the fairest of ten thousand
Lovelier than all I've ever seen
You are brighter than the brightest star in
Heaven
Jesus You're ev'rything to me
Jesus You're ev'rything to me

Verse 3

Fair is the sunshine
Fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels Heav'n can boast

Verse 4

Beautiful Savior
Lord of all nations
Son of God and Son of man
Glory and honor
Praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

Glorious Day (CCLI # 7081388)

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You

Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music

Praise His Holy Name—Keith Hampton

Offering

Just a Closer Walk—arr. Ingram
Played by The Bells of Praise

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— Jim Larson

Sermon Title

Keep Your Eye On The Ball

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:42-44 NIV

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common.

Closing Hymn

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (UMH #462)

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 2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Refrain

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

Celebration on "Warrenton" -arr. by Wagner

**Responses in Bold*

KIDS Central News—Volunteers Needed!

Something that we would love to achieve in our Kids Central classroom is the ability to split our Bible lessons for our older and younger aged Elementary children into two separate lessons in order to uniquely and specifically tailor them to each age group. We believe that this would provide a higher level of Biblical understanding and enrichment to our Kids Central children.

With this being said, this is not something that we can currently offer without an additional volunteer or two who is willing to help teach these weekly lessons to our children. If you think that you would be interested in being a weekly teacher in one of our Kids Central classrooms, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at central@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor Sheila Dixon
for our 45th wedding anniversary
By: Greg Dixon*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(4/14) 10:00a Service..... 105

Operating Fund 2024

Contributions 4/14 \$ 3,125.00

Contributions MTD \$ 11,223.00

Ushers: Joe Patterson, David McDaniel

Greeter: Krista Sheriff, Paula Goforth

Thanks to all the amazing people who participated in and donated to our **Youth Spaghetti Missions Fundraiser**. Your support means the world to us and we couldn't have done it without you. Thanks a million for helping support our youth!

Save the date for our VBS from **June 9-13, 2024**. Details to come!

The **Methodist Women** will meet on **Monday, April 22, 2024** at 6:30 pm for a recipe swap in the CAC. Please bring your favorite appetizer and a copy of the recipe to share.

Save the Date! Join us for our tentative **Graduation & Youth on Sunday, May 26, 2024**, as we honor members of our youth and graduates. Please submit your graduate's information to the church office by 5/20/24 at central@cmkm.org for publication in the June newsletter.

New Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm. *What Love Is* by Kelly Minter This 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. To register or for more information, please call 704-466-1202.

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.

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!

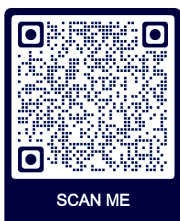
KIDS Central & Nursery News Our **Nursery** is available starting at 9:00 am for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471. **KID Central** is our church's church for K-5th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

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- *What Love Is* by Kelly Minter This 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.
- Please contact Liz Pflieger at 704-466-1202 to sign up.

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.

Praises: Successful Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser for Missions; Youth attending the D-Now Event.

Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Carol Brazzell (healing) 12.26.23; Penny Norwood (strength) 4.18.24.

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; John Morrison (healing), bother of Cecelia Meade 2.10.24; Eliana Rogers (death of mother, Kathy Rogers) 3.6.24; Jamie Kever, cousin of Audrey Brooks 3.12.24; Charlene Maxey (death) 3.8.24; Infant Baby Hazel (laryngomalacia) 3.11.24; Allen Ware, follow on caringbridge.com/allenware, son of MaryLou Ware 3.18.24; Kimberly (surgery) friend of Betty Masters 3.14.24; Deborah, friend of Betty Masters (surgery) 3.14.24; Sharon Zolciak (brain tumor) 3.28.24; Ann Gaddy Johnston (Penny Norwood's aunt) 4.2.24; Shepard (grandson of Paula & David McDaniel) 4.8.24; Cody Weller, Nephew of Julie Levra (healing and strength) 4.9.24; Donna Gann, Penny Norwood's mother 4.15.24, Jimmy Gaddy, Penny Norwood's dad 4.15.24; Tammy Towery, Penny Norwood's sister 4.15.24; Ashlee Eplee, granddaughter of Jane Mauney (strength to handle the loss of her father and to handle his estate); 4.16.24; Melissa Owens, Audrey Brooks' mother (surgery) 4.18.24.