



Scripture

Matthew 21: 33-46

Sermon

The Parable of the
Wicked Tenants

Preacher

Rev. David Lee

Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,
GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

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Please scan the QR code to the left and fill out the connect card to let us know you are worshipping with us and how we can connect you to our ministries.

The Worship of God

August 16, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy Bass

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Kim

*Congregational Hymn

Good, Good Father

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Children's Message

Rod Mauney

Blessing Of Backpacks

Offertory

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Cherwein

Doxology #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem

All My Boast Is in Jesus

Papa and Boswell

Praise Ensemble

What wonder of wonders, what love is this, that Christ would die for me?

His goodness, his merit, his righteousness, this sinner's only plea.

O foolish pride, be crucified, the work is finished.

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled with graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord. Who else is worthy?

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might ,but in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ in plenty or in want.
That I may know, that all may see his power within me.

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*Postlude A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Young
Libby Alexander, organ

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church! We are grateful you are here and pray that you experience God's love, grace, and presence in worship today. As a "Safe Sanctuary" congregation, we ask that all children always remain accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, including when using the restroom during the service. The restrooms are through the doors to the right of the chancel stage.

******The flowers on the altar are in honor and celebration of John and Gale Greene's 54th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 19th, 1972******

Central UMC Ministry Opportunities



This QR code will take you to a comprehensive list of opportunities to be involved and serve at Central. Check out the list! You will be proud of all that Central does to make a difference in people's lives! Find a place to serve! As you find your place to serve, help new people find the information and a place to plug in! Together we shine the light of Christ!

"Blessing of the Backpacks"

School children, teachers, and school staff are invited to *bring their bookbags, briefcases and themselves* for a special "Blessing of the Backpacks" for the new school year during service today.

Prayer Concerns

For this week, please pray for the following:

*All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional.

CUMC Family

1/16 Ollie Anthony
2/8 John Reid | Terri Reid, hip replacement
4/25 Becky and Steve Hill
6/25 Ed Winder | knee replacement
7/25 Perry Anthony | adjusting to life in Cambodia
7/31 Shelley Rempson | recovery from surgery
8/13 Gale Greene | spinal fusion surgery recovery

Family and Friends

3/30 Heidi Bishop Reuschling, sister of West Bishop | Complications from Long Covid
4/1 Parker Campbell deployment, Pilot on Aircraft Carrier to Middle East
4/27 Samantha Burrus, niece of Debbie Powell | breast cancer treatment
6/9 Matt Arey | Cancer
6/14 Turner Morris | rodeo accident, is currently in the hospital
7/15 Tracey Henderson | in the hospital with heart complications
7/19 Joyce Jackson, long-time Open Table guest | recovering from a stroke
7/28 The family of Allison Durbin | Karin Cook's sister
7/29 The family of Randy Cook
8/10 Tyler Wray | Open Table volunteer | joining marines.
Leaving for Parris Island Aug 18

Other

Military & First Responders
Our Unhoused Community
Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan

Ministry Needs

Below is a list of volunteer and donation needs for some of our ministries:

Backpack Ministry: For August: **Mac N Cheese**

Open Table: **Water Bottles**

Help Stock Open Table's Toiletry Shelf

Our Open Table guests frequently request basic toiletries, and our supplies are running low. You can help by donating:

- Travel-size shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Feminine hygiene products

Youth Group Calendar

❖ Sunday 8/16 -

Sunday School - Pioneer Coffee - 9am

Youth Group - 5-6pm

❖ Sunday 8/23 -

Sunday School - Pioneer Coffee - 9am

Youth Group - 5-6pm

❖ Sunday 8/30 -

Sunday School - Pioneer Coffee - 9am

Youth Group - Youth Pool Party with Aldersgate at Shannon King's - Time TBA



Help Support Kids Place Preschool!

Kids Place is preparing for the 2026–2027 school year, beginning August 31! Our Open House will be held on August 26.

Here are three ways you can support this important ministry:

- Pray for our students, families, and teachers.
- Purchase classroom supplies needed from our Amazon Wish List.
- Donate to the Kids Place Scholarship Fund, which is helping two families with tuition assistance. Please mark donations "Kids Place Scholarship."

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to view our Wish List. Thank you for helping Kids Place provide children with a strong academic and faith-filled foundation!

WISH LIST INFORMATION:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3V4LOCXO4GUZR?ref=list_d_wl_ys_list_1



Supporting Shelley Rempson, our Kids Place Director, During Her Recovery

Shelley Rempson underwent major surgery on July 31st and is expected to return home this week. A Meal Train has been organized to support Shelley and her family during her recovery. If you would like to provide a meal, please visit [Shelley's Meal Train](#). Please continue to keep Shelley and her family in your prayers during this time.



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Central Supper Club Registration Is Open!

Central Supper Clubs are returning this fall! After a wonderful first year filled with shared meals, meaningful conversations, and new friendships, we're excited to gather around the table again.

Each Supper Club includes approximately 5–6 couples—or a similar-sized group of adults—who meet once a month for dinner. Groups may take turns hosting in their homes or choose to gather at local restaurants.

Whether you've been part of Central for years or are looking for a way to connect with new friends, Supper Clubs offer a fun and relaxed way to build community beyond Sunday mornings.

Registration is open through August 23! Scan the QR code or visit the link below to sign up. New groups will be announced on August 30.

Sign-Up Form:

<https://forms.gle/otn3mkKdex859Xhn6>





*****If you would like to volunteer to help with the event or prepare food, please let Caroline Scism know. *****

 Pumpkin Painting at the Livermush Festival
Saturday, October 17 • 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Volunteers are needed!
Contact Leigh Mabry
(704) 472-1110 to sign up
for a 2-hour shift.

Help us make this annual
event a success!