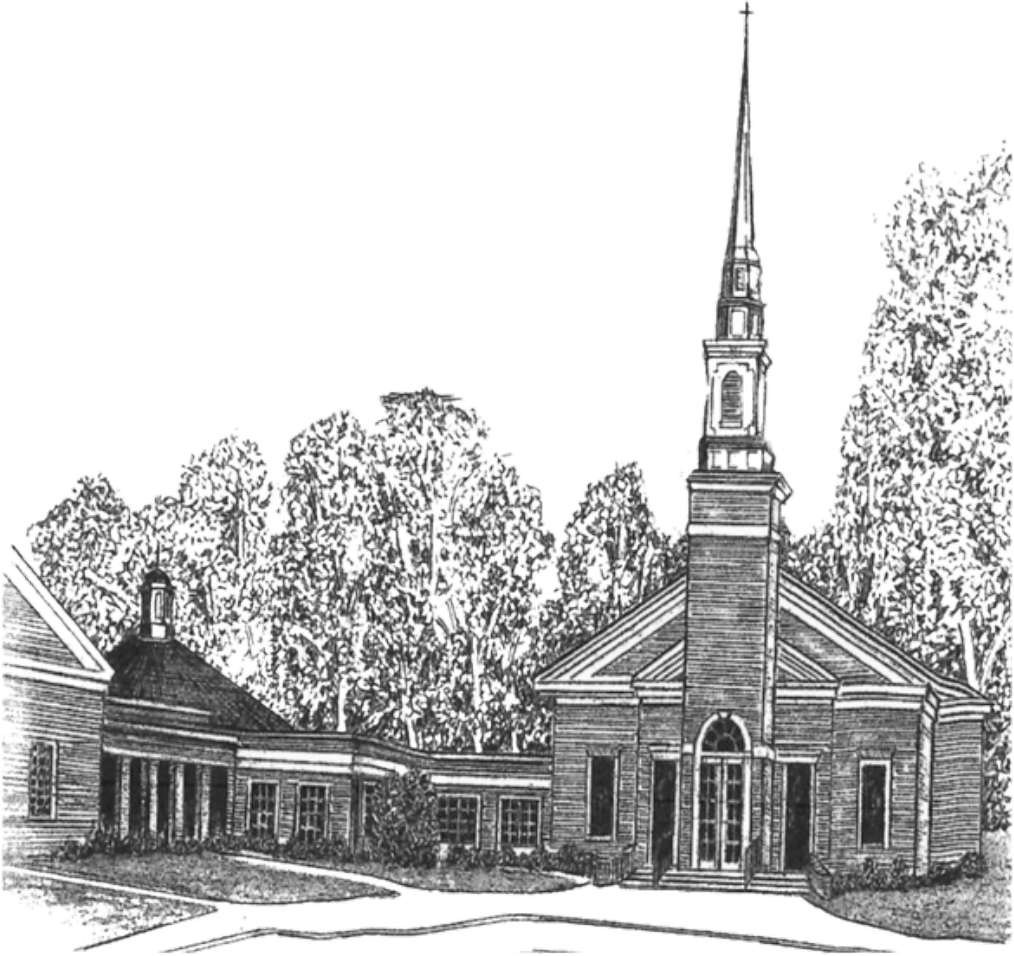


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10:00 A.M. Blended Modern and Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

✠ *Please rise in body or spirit* | Congregational responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE

Spiritoso from Voluntary, Op. 6 No. 1

Samuel Wesley (John Wesley's nephew)

GREETING

The Lord be with you

And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER SONG

The Heart of Worship

Matt Redman

Congregation,

led by 801Praise!

please see insert for words

PASTORAL 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. Amen.

ANTHEM

Great Is the Lord
Michael W. Smith, Deborah D. Smith, arr. Ed Lojeski

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Jesus at the Center
Israel Houghton, Micah Massey, and Adam Ranney

✝ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ SONG OF PREPARATION

I Speak Jesus
D. Smith, J. Reeves, C. Prince, R. Pratt, K. Dutton,
and A. Benton

Congregation,
led by 801Praise!

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“What is Your Confession?”

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH 176

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O How I Love Jesus
Traditional Tune, arr. Herman Voss

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Nathan Jones | *Director of Music Ministries*

Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries*

Chancel Choir 801Praise!

Worship Leader: Susan Apple

Ushers: Bill and Bonnie Parker Greeters: Suzette and William (Bill) Sullivan

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WELCOME TO **central**

Welcome to our Blended Modern and Traditional Worship Service at Central! We're so glad you've joined us today as we come together in reverence, community, and praise. While we embrace the timeless traditions of our faith, we also seek to create a welcoming space where modern hearts can connect with the rich history and deep meaning of our worship. Whether you're here for the first time or have been with us for years, you belong!

We hope you find a sense of peace, inspiration, and connection as we lift our voices and prayers together. Welcome home!

Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service. Toddlers and Children through 2nd grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST
CONNECTING WITH



GOD
EACH OTHER
COMMUNITY

PRAYER SONG

The Heart of Worship

Matt Redman

Verse 1 When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

Verse 2 King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

[Repeat Pre-Chorus]

[Repeat Chorus twice]

SONG OF PREPARATION

I Speak Jesus

D. Smith, J. Reeves, C. Prince, R. Pratt, K. Dutton, and A. Benton

Verse 1 I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

Verse 2 I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

Chorus ('Cause) Your Name is power
Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Verse 3 I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

[Repeat Chorus]

Bridge Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly
I speak the holy Name Jesus

[Repeat Chorus]

[Repeat Verse 1]



Welcome to Central United Methodist Church in Monroe, NC, where we believe in a holistic approach to ministry. We address the needs of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. We have numerous ministries and programs that enable us to effectively serve God, our community, and each other.

Come and experience our vibrant and meaningful worship, where faith is formed and reformed and connections are strengthened through fellowship.

We hope that you will live out your call to Christian Discipleship by uniting with Central UMC, share your spiritual gifts and talents, and be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours In Christ,
Dr. Bill White, Jr.
"Dr. Bill"
Senior Pastor



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Scan the QR CODE to download **THE CENTRAL APP** to Register your attendance, **Find** a ministry, **Give** your offering, and more.

Central uses visual and audio images of participants in our worship services and events for broadcast, event promotion, publicity, and other related communications endeavors.

Sunday Mornings

9:00 A.M. • Sunday School

10:00 A.M. • Blended Modern and Traditional Worship Service | Sanctuary
Stream online at centralumcmonroe.org/media

Tuesday Evenings

6:00 P.M. • Dinner Church | FLC

First time visitor?

Visit centralumcmonroe.org/iamnew!

Upcoming Opportunities

SEPTEMBER 13



- Sunday School | 9 A.M.
- Blended Worship | 10 A.M.
- Fellowship | 11:15 A.M.
- Jr. Youth & Youth Group | 3 P.M.

Aug. 26 801Praise! Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.

Sept. 1 Lessie Ann Circle, 10 A.M.

Sept. 2 801Praise! Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.

Sept. 3 Memory Care Ministry, 5:30 P.M.

Sept. 7 Church Office Closed for Labor Day

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MEMORY CARE MINISTRY



Thursdays in September
Sept. 3, 10, 17, & 24



5:30-7:30 P.M.



Central United Methodist Church
801 S. Hayne St.
Monroe, NC 28112
704-289-3186

 This workshop is free!

 Registration is strongly encouraged!

 All materials and refreshments will be provided!

 All are welcome - invite a friend!

RSVP:



Register online or call the church office at 704-289-3186.