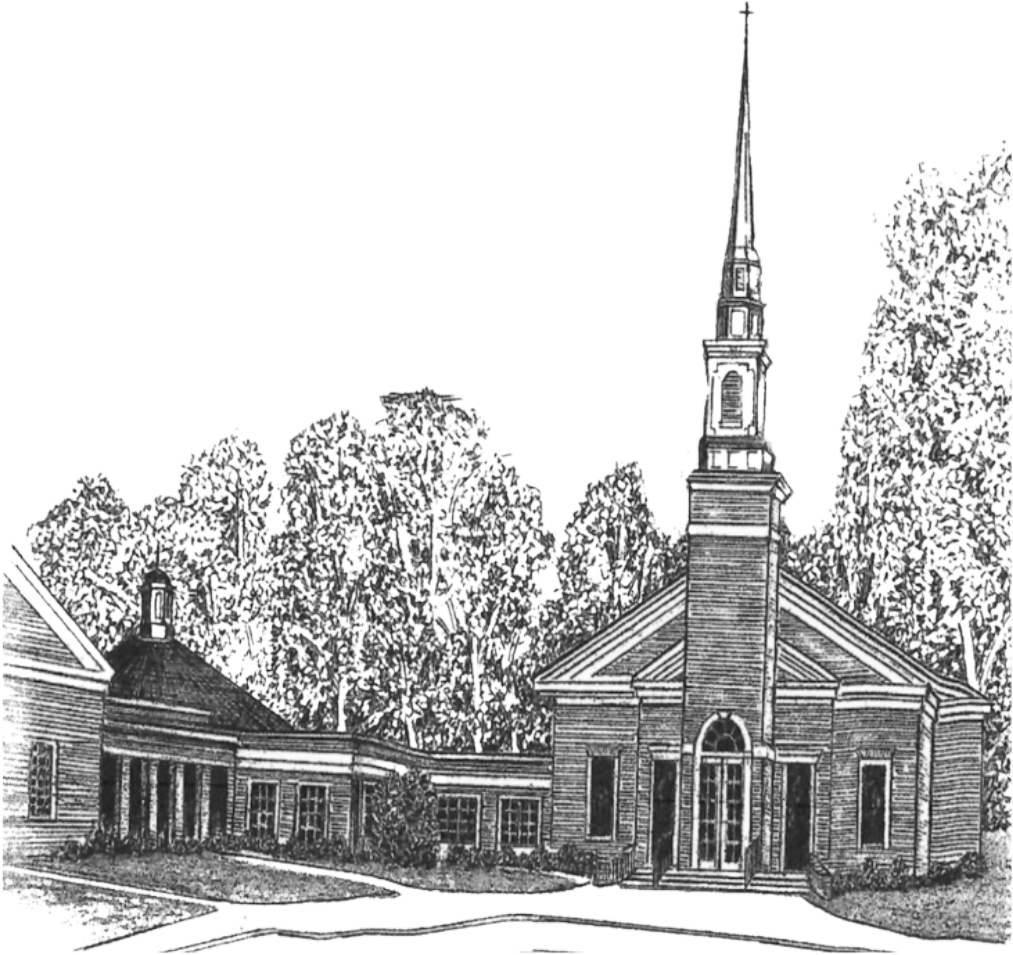


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10:00 A.M. Blended Modern and Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

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

PRELUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you
And also with you!

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER SONG

Reckless Love
Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson

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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Charles H. Gabriel

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Text by Charles Wesley, Music by Nathan Jones

Nathan Jones

✝ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ SONG OF PREPARATION

Who You Say I Am
Fielding/Morgan

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:25-30 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“A Divine Invitation to Rest”

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Song of the Soul Set Free
A.H. Ackley, arr. Harold DeCou

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dallas Rollins by his family.

If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one,
please contact the church office.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Chancel Choir

801Praise!

Ushers: John and Mary Ann Burns

Greeters: Matt and Nancy Gustafson

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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

Reckless Love

Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson

Verse 1 Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God

Verse 2 When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

[Repeat Chorus]

Bridge There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

[Repeat Bridge 3 More Times]

[Repeat Chorus]

SONG OF PREPARATION

Who You Say I Am

Fielding/Morgan

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh, His love for me
Oh, His love for me

Half-Chorus

Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am

Verse 2

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me,
Yes, He died for me

Chorus

Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am

Bridge

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

I am who You say I am

[Repeat Chorus]

Tag

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
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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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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

July 14-23 Dr. Bill's Vacation

July 15 801Praise!, 6:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir, 7:00 P.M.

July 16 Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.
Nehemiah Bible Study, 9:30 A.M.
Birthday Club, 11:30 A.M.

July 18 Central Squares, 8 A.M.

July 19 Mobile Blood Drive, 9:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

July 23 Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.
Nehemiah Bible Study, 9:30 A.M.
Birthday Club, 11:30 A.M.

July 27 Board of Trustees, 6 P.M.

July 29 Administrative Council, 6 P.M.

July 30 Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.

Aug. 1 UWF Indoor Yard/Bake Sale, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Discipleship at
central

We have several discipleship opportunities at Central:

- Director of Missions
- Dinner Church Lay Speakers
- Director of Young Adult Ministry

If you feel called or are interested in serving in one of these areas, please contact the church office at 704-289-3186 or jparker@centralumcmonroe.org.