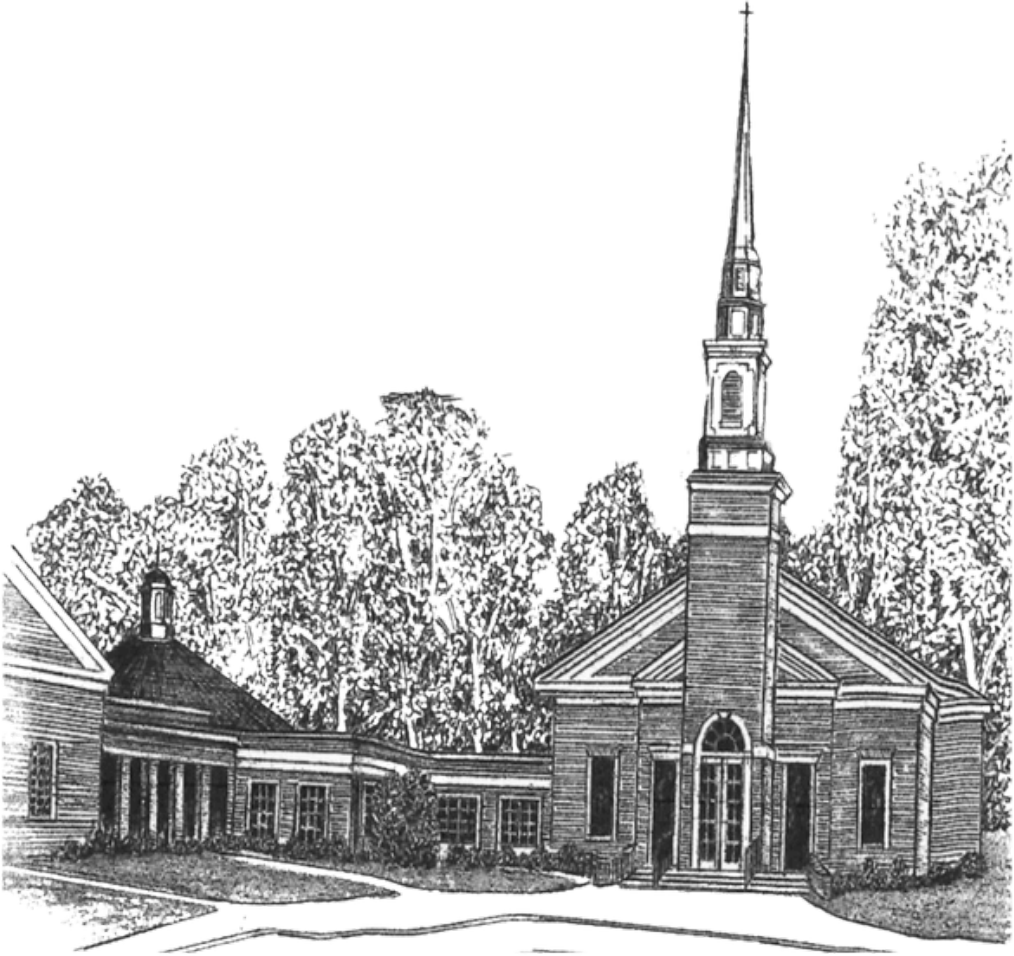


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10:00 A.M. Blended Modern and Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

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

PRELUDE

Variations on "Warum sollt ich mich denn grämen"
(*"Why Should I Then Grieve"*)

Traditional tune, variations 1 & 2 by J.G. Walther, variation 3 by C.F. Bach

GREETING

The Lord be with you
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

† HYMN OF PRAISE

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECOGNITION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

PRAYER SONG

Believe For It

CeCe Winans, Kyle Lee, Mitch Wong, Dwan Hill

Congregation,

led by 801Praise!

Please sing throughout!

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

Dona Nobis Pacem
(“Grant Us Peace”)
Traditional

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

In Jesus Name (God of Possible)
Smith, Reeves, Prince, Pratt, Dutton, and Benton

Nathan Jones

✝ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ SONG OF PREPARATION

Days of Elijah
Robin Mark

Congregation,
led by 801Praise!
Please sing throughout!!

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:4-11 (NIV)

SERMON

“God’s Plans for You, Part 2: Prosperity”

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sunlight
Winfield S. Weeden, arr. Harold DeCou

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Central UMC’s staff by Frances Hunley.

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

AN ORDER FOR RECOGNITION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we recognize these church leaders.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

Church Leaders: I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

Church Leaders: I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

Church Leaders: I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

Church Leaders: I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

The congregation responds: **We will.**

PRAYER SONG

Believe For It

CeCe Winans, Kyle Lee, Mitch Wong, Dwan Hill

Verse 1

They say this mountain can't be moved
They say these chains will never break
But they don't know You like we do
There is power in Your name

Verse 2

We've heard that there is no way through
We've heard the tide will never change
They haven't seen what You can do
There is power in Your name
So much power in Your name

Chorus

Move the immovable
Break the unbreakable
God we believe
God we believe for it

From the impossible
We'll see a miracle
God we believe
God we believe for it

Verse 2

We know that hope is never lost
Oh for there is still an empty grave
God we believe no matter what
There is power in Your name
So much power in Your name

[Repeat Chorus]

Bridge (three times)

You are the way when there seems to be no way
We trust in You God You have the final say

[Repeat Chorus]

Tag

God we believe
God we believe for it
God we believe
God we believe for it

SONG OF PREPARATION

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark

Verse 1 These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
So lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

Verse 2 And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

[Repeat Chorus]

Bridge
(four times) There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah

[Repeat Chorus twice]

Tag So lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
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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

First time visitor?

Visit centralumcmonroe.org/iamnew!

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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Upcoming Opportunities

- Sept. 13 Fall Kickoff Sunday
Jr. Youth and Youth Group, 3 P.M.
- Sept. 15 Chalk It Up 2 Love Distribution, 2:30 P.M.
SPRC Meeting, 6 P.M.
- Sept. 16 Nominations Committee, 4:30 P.M.
Finance Committee, 6:00 P.M.
Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.
801Praise! Rehearsal, 6:30 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 P.M.
- Sept. 17 Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M.
Birthday Club, 11:30 A.M.
Memory Care Ministry, 5:30 P.M.
- Sept. 18 Stephen Ministers Meeting, 9:30 A.M.
- Sept. 19 Central Squares, 8:00 A.M.
- Sept. 20 New Members Sunday
Mobile Blood Drive
Jr. Youth and Youth Group, 3 P.M.
- Sept. 21 New Beginnings Circle, 6 P.M.
- Sept. 23 Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.
801Praise! Rehearsal, 6:30 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 P.M.
- Sept. 24 Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M.
Memory Care Ministry, 5:30 P.M.

Dr. Bill's Weekly Schedule

(Subject to Change and Appointments Available)

Monday	10:00 A.M. - Noon 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Home Office Church Office Days of Board Meetings
Tuesday	10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Church Office
Wednesday	<i>Sermon & Sunday Preparation</i> 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Home Office Board & Committee Meetings
Thursday	10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Church Office
Friday	Pastor's Sabbath Observance	