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

As the Prelude begins, please be seated and let there be silence in the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE

Come Build a Church

Ken Medema

*God of creation, Maker of all things,
We gather in this place to pray.
We do invite you, come now among us;
Come and build Your church today.*

*Come build a church with soul and spirit,
Come build a church of flesh and bone.
We need no tower rising skyward;
No house of wood or glass or stone.
Come build a church with human frailty,
Come build a church of flesh and blood.
Jesus shall be its sure foundation.
It shall be built by the hand of God.*

*Let us see the tongues of fire.
Let us hear the great wind roar.
Let us know the awe and wonder,
That we've only glimpsed before.
Let us feel the strength of passion,
Which can make us laugh and weep.
Let us know this great awakening.
For so long we've been asleep.*

*Let us know the love unceasing,
Which alone can loose the bounds.
Reaching out across the chasms,
Bringing walls of hatred down.
Let us taste the sweet communion,
Where the circle never ends.
Hold us in the sweet connection,
Turning strangers into friends.*

*Guide our feet in peaceful pathways.
Teach us peace of heart and mind;
peace with God and all God's children;
Till we leave our wars behind.
Surely joy will come and find us
Like a breeze that cools the night;
Like the rain upon the desert;
Like a candle's gentle light.*

It shall be built by the hand of God.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen, indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE

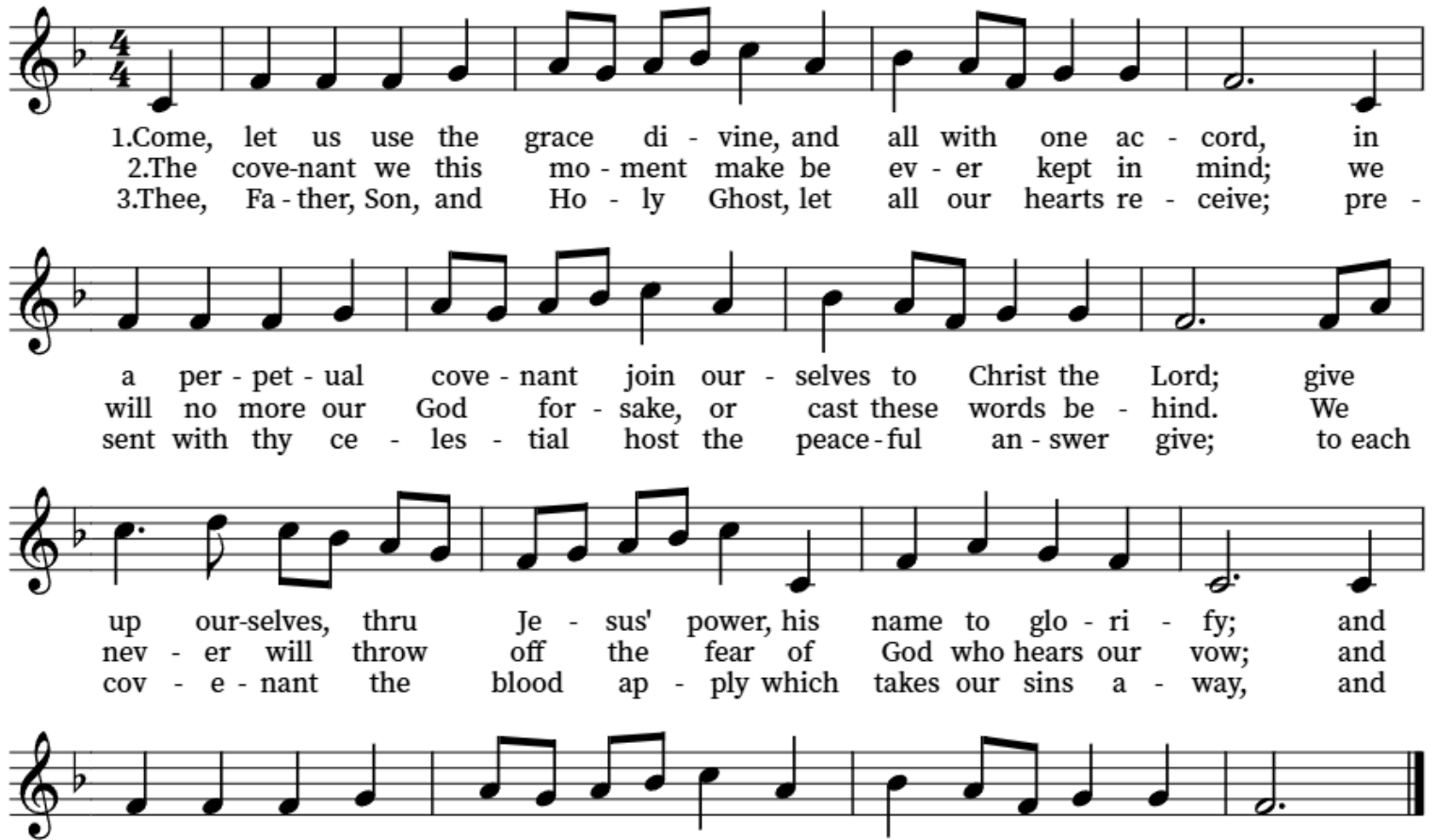
Surely the Presence

UMH 328

✝ HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

FOREST GREEN



1. Come, let us use the grace di - vine, and all with one ac - cord, in
2. The cove - nant we this mo - ment make be ev - er kept in mind; we
3. Thee, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, let all our hearts re - ceive; pre -

a per - pet - ual cove - nant join our - selves to Christ the Lord; give
will no more our God for - sake, or cast these words be - hind. We
sent with thy ce - les - tial host the peace - ful an - swer give; to each

up our - selves, thru Je - sus' power, his name to glo - ri - fy; and
nev - er will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow; and
cov - e - nant the blood ap - ply which takes our sins a - way, and

prom - ise in this sa - cred hour, for God to live and die.
if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.
reg - is - ter our names on high and keep us to that day!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1762 (Jeremiah 50:5)

Music: Trad. English Melody, arr. R.V. Williams

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER HYMN

Seek Ye First

UMH 405

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

This I Believe (The Creed)

Fielding/Crocker

*Our Father everlasting The all creating One
God Almighty Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour*

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

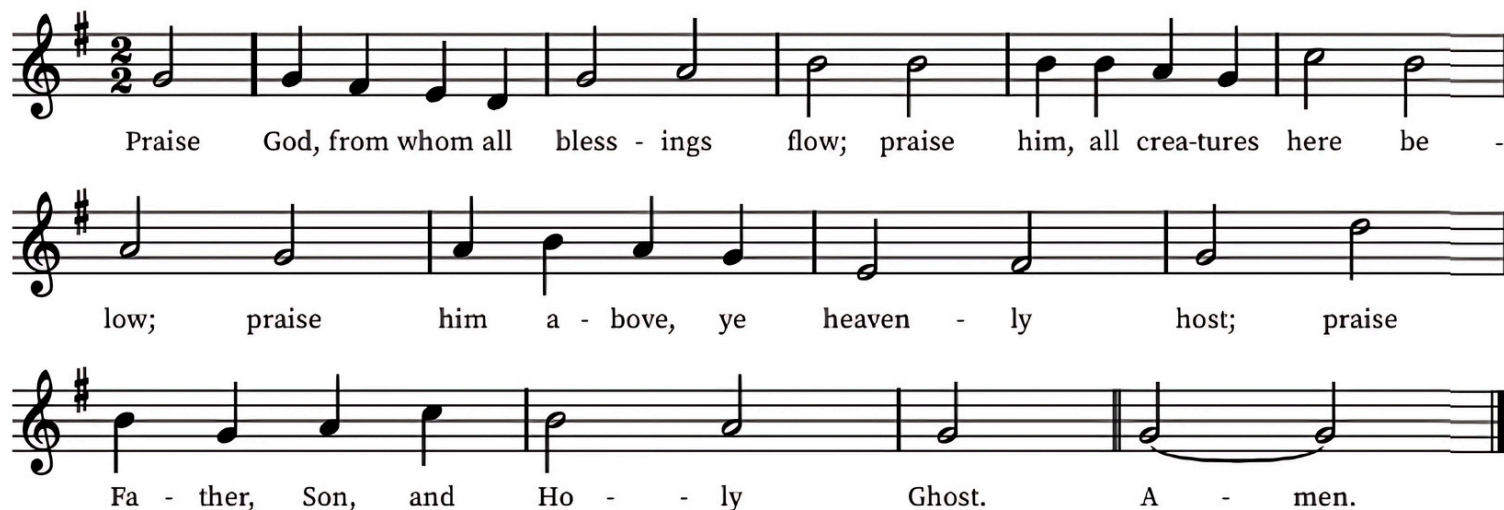
*I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be -
low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ SONG OF PREPARATION

Build My Life

Pat Barrett

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You There is none
beside You Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-39 (NIV)

SERMON

“You Must Know the Story to Tell the Story”

HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 605 | Verse 1

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

UMH 33

Candidates for Holy Baptism

Brooklyn Shae Khalil Kirby

Kyrin Gage Kirby

Tyler Scott Sikes

Georgia Lou Smith

SONG OF PREPARATION *Who You Say I Am*

Ligertwood/Morgan

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

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

UMH 37

Candidates for Confirmation

Millie Baucom	Ana Leon
Henry Dilworth	Tera Millward
Trent Dilworth	Parker Ollis
Raelynn Helms	Tyler Sikes
Brooklyn Kirby	Georgia Smith
Kyrin Kirby	

SERVICE OF MEMBERSHIP

UMH 38

Candidates for Membership & Reception into the United Methodist Church

Brandon Lee Ault	Ann Neese
Diane Capps	Gil Ritter
Victoria Elizabeth Cole	Karen Ritter

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

UMH 133

✝ BENEDICTION

RECESSION & POSTLUDE *God of Grace*

Paul Manz

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Bill White, Jr. | *Senior Pastor*

Rev. J.D. Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Julie Miles | *Director of Youth Ministries*

Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries*

Nathan Clements | *Organist & Pianist*

Chancel Choir

Praise Team

Ushers: Robert Hinson & Hank Baucom, Phil & Susan Apple

Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a *Connect Card* located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries and lets us know you joined us for worship. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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