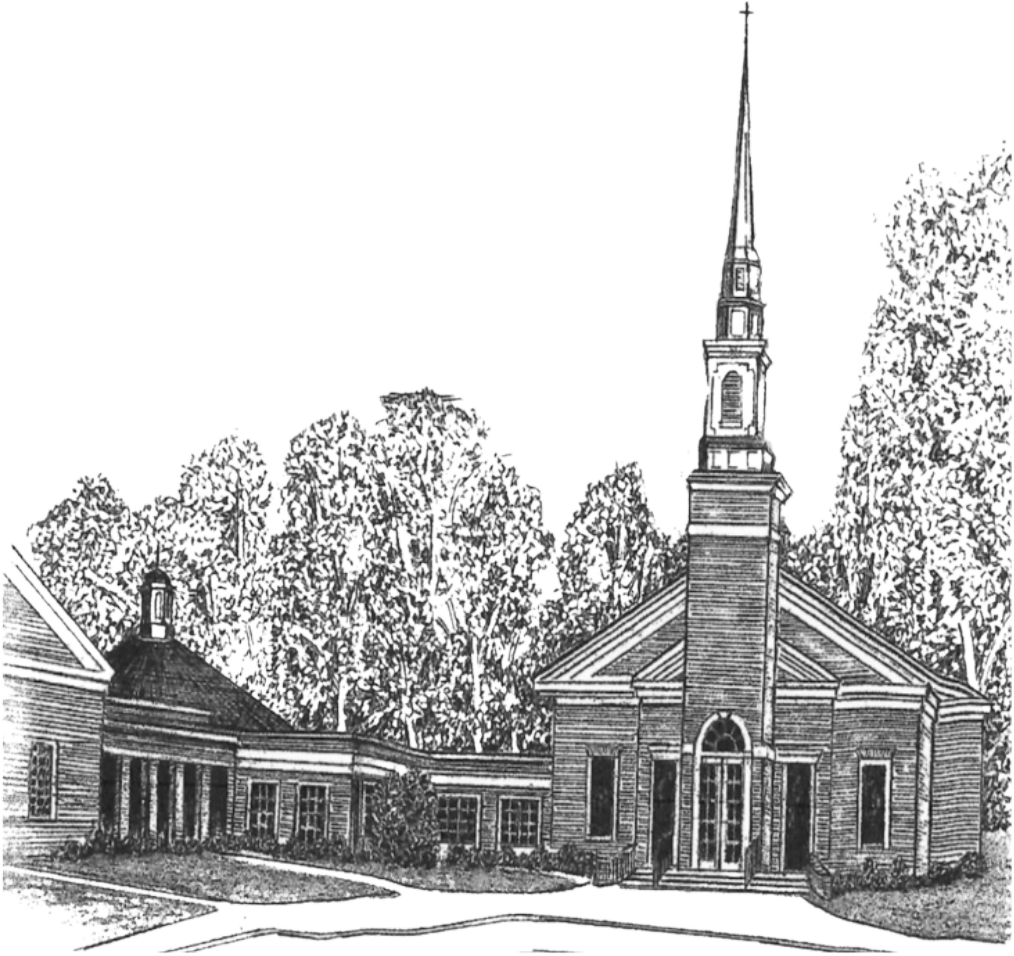


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AUGUST 9, 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

PRELUDE

Fugue in A Major, BWV 536

J.S. 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

Because He Lives

UMH 364

PASSING OF THE PEACE

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

PRAYER SONG

What a Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

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

The Most High God
Words by J. Paul Williams, Music by Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Peace Prayer
Traditional Text, Music by Nathan Jones

Nathan Jones

✝ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ SONG OF PREPARATION

Graves Into Gardens
Lake, Brown, Furtick, and Hammer

Congregation,
led by 801Praise!

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 45:1-15 (NIV)

SERMON

"Unfathomable Forgiveness"

Pastor JD Moffett

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Down by the Riverside
African-American Spiritual, arr. Martin Setchell

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Chancel Choir

801Praise!

Worship Leader: Debbie White-Parker

Ushers: James and Kalli Clements 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

What a Beautiful Name

Fielding/Morgan Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 1

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge 2

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

SONG OF PREPARATION

Graves Into Gardens

Lake, Brown, Furtick, and Hammer

Verse 1 I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Verse 2 I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

[Repeat Chorus Twice]

Bridge 1 You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes You
turn shame into glory You're
the only one who can
[Repeat Bridge 1]

Bridge 2 You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

[Repeat Chorus Twice]



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

- Aug. 12** Steering & Finance Committee Mtg., 6 P.M.
801Praise! Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.
- Aug. 13** Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.
- Aug. 14** UWF Executive Board Meeting, 2 P.M.
- Aug. 15** Central Squares, 8 A.M.
- Aug. 16** Reception for Nathan Clements, 11:15 A.M.
- Aug. 19** Finance Committee Mtg., 6 P.M.
801Praise! Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.
- Aug. 20** Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.
Birthday Club, 11:30 A.M.

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 Atrium Health



MEMORY CARE MINISTRY



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



5:30-7:30 P.M.



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 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.