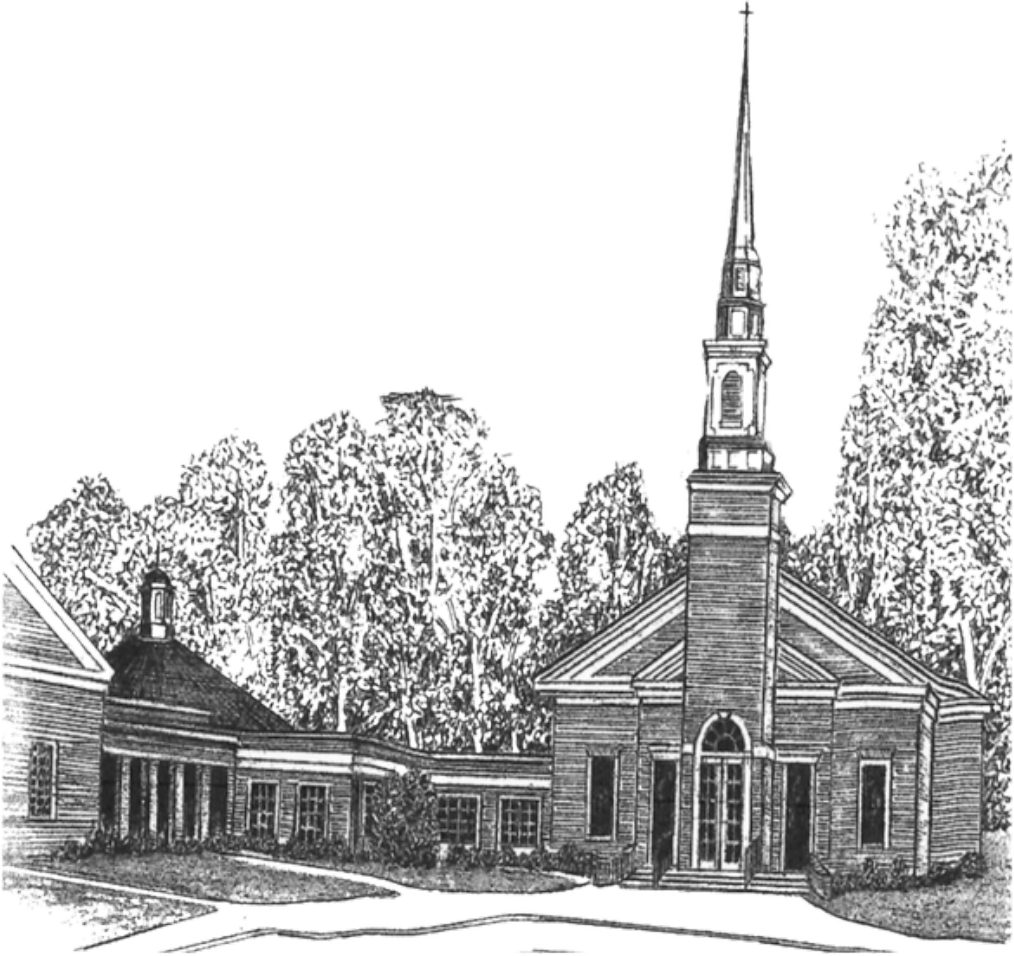


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10:00 A.M. Blended Modern and Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

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

PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul

Philip P. Bliss, arr. Tom Trenney & M. Kim

GREETING

The Lord be with you
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Are Ye Able

UMH 530

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG

God Really Loves Us

Crowder, Bowe, Sojka, and Glover

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 Lord Is My Shepherd
Allen Pote, words adapted from Psalm 23

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Let Me Bear Fruit
Nathan Jones

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✝ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ SONG OF PREPARATION

The Potter's Hand
Darlene Zschesch

Congregation,
led by 801 Praise!

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“We are Like Clay in the Potter's Hands”

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Have Thine Own Way

UMH 382

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Nathan Clements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Patrick Antonucci by Barbara Antonucci.

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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

Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Nathan Jones | *Director of Music Ministries*

Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries*

Chancel Choir

801Praise!

Nathan Clements | *Organist*

Ushers: Robert and Linda Hinson Greeters: Philip and Susan Apple

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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

God Really Loves Us

Crowder, Bowe, Sojka, and Glover

Verse 1

I've got a friend
Closer than a brother
There is no judgement
Oh how he loves me

I've got a friend
And He is my strength
He is my portion
With me in the valley
With me in the fire
With me in the storm

Let all my life testify

Chorus

Hallelujah
We are not alone
God really loves us God really loves us
Hallelujah
Oh praise my soul
God really loves us God really loves us

Verse 2

His mercy's enough
His grace is sufficient
So come if you're needing
Forgiveness or healing
His mercy's enough

Oh and this is our hope
The cross it has spoken
Death is no more
Christ is the Lord
Oh this is our hope

[Repeat Chorus]

Bridge

What a Father
What a Friend
What a Savior He is
What a Father
What a Friend
What a Savior He is

[Repeat Chorus]

[Repeat Bridge twice]

SONG OF PREPARATION

The Potter's Hand

Darlene Zschech

Verse 1 Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour
I know for sure
All of my days are held in Your hands
And crafted into Your perfect plan

Verse 2 You gently call me into Your presence
Guiding me by Your holy spirit
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life
Through Your eyes

Pre-Chorus I'm captured by Your holy calling
Set me apart
I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me Lord, I pray

Chorus Take me, mold me, use me, fill me
I give my life to the Potter's hand
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me
I give my life to the Potter's hand

[Repeat Verse 2, Pre-Chorus, and Chorus]

[Repeat Chorus]



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

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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.