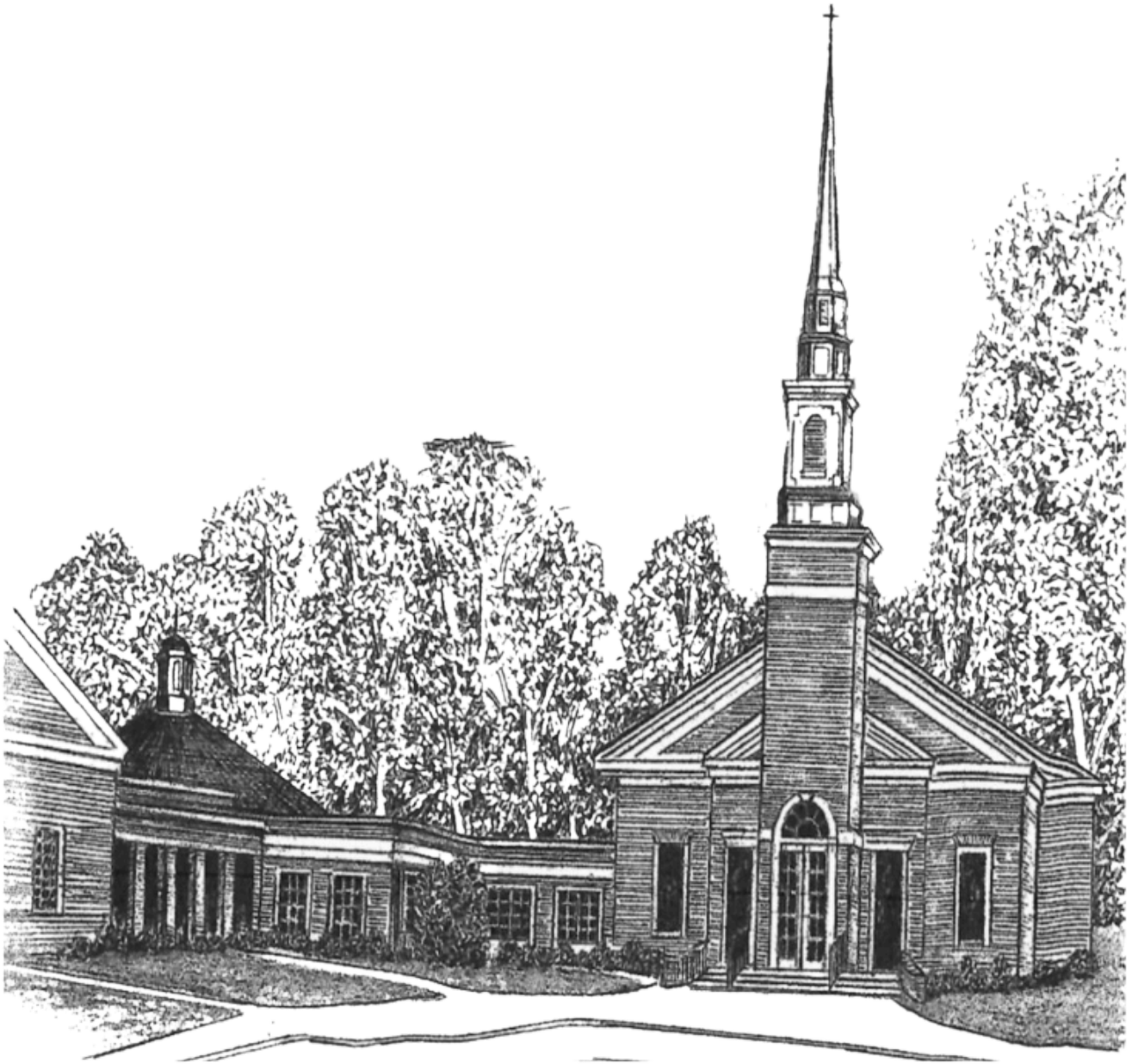


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united methodist church monroe



AUGUST 24, 2025
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10:00 A.M. Combined Worship | Sanctuary

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

PRELUDE

Leave It There

arr. Nathan Clements

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**

Jesus Calls Us

UMH 398

PASSING OF THE PEACE

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

PRAYER HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

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 OF PRAISE

By Our Love

Christy Nockels

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Jesus Is Calling

Fanny J. Crosby

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ SONG OF PREPARATION *Holy Spirit Rain Down*

Russell Fragar

Holy Spirit rain down rain down
O Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit rain down rain down
Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts as we stand
on Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down (REPEAT)
No eye has seen no ear has heard
No mind can know what God has in store
So open up heaven open it wide
Over Your church and over our lives

Holy Spirit rain down rain down
O Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit rain down rain down
Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard
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SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:16-26 (NIV)

SERMON

The Fruit of the Spirit, Part 1: Love

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Love Lifted Me

See Insert

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon on AUSTRIA

arr. Alan Bullard



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Bill White, Jr. | *Senior Pastor*
Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries*
Summer Choir
Ushers: Robert & Linda Hinson, Phil & Susan Apple

Joan Miles | *Liturgist*
Nathan Clements | *Organist & Pianist*
801praise!



Summer Sunday Mornings

9:00 A.M. • Sunday School

10:00 A.M. • Combined Worship | Sanctuary

Regular Sunday Mornings

9:00 A.M. • Modern Worship | Central Hall

10:00 A.M. • Sunday School

11:00 A.M. • Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

Tuesday Evenings

6:00 P.M. • Dinner Church | FLC

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Welcome to Combined Worship at Central! We're so glad you're here today as we come together as one church family, bringing together the richness of our traditional roots and the energy of modern worship. Whether you feel most at home with hymns or contemporary songs, with quiet moments or lively praise, there's a place for you in this service.

Today we worship side by side, united in faith, lifted by music, grounded in Scripture, and open to what God is doing in our lives and in our church. Whether this is your first time with us or you've been part of Central for years, we're thankful you're here.

We hope you experience the love, peace, and presence of God as we worship together. Welcome home.

Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service. Toddlers and Children through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Worship following the Children's Message.



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.

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Upcoming Opportunities

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| August 24 | Back to School Celebration Sunday
Student & Teacher Blessing
Kindergarten & Third Grade Bible Presentation |
| Sept. 3 | Music Ministries Kickoff 6 P.M. Hospitality Room |
| Sept. 4 | New Staff Meet & Greet 12-1 P.M. Church Office |
| Sept. 7 | Fall Kickoff Sunday - Regular Worship Schedule
Fall Kickoff Brunch
Central Youth Kickoff |
| Sept. 11 | Central Friends |
| Sept. 13 | Fall Consignment Sale |
| Sept. 16 | Chalk It Up To Love Distribution |
| Sept. 18 | Birthday Club |
| Ongoing | Summer Worship Schedule
August Shareback "Chalk It Up To Love"
Summer Choir
Central T-Shirts on Sale through September 1 st |

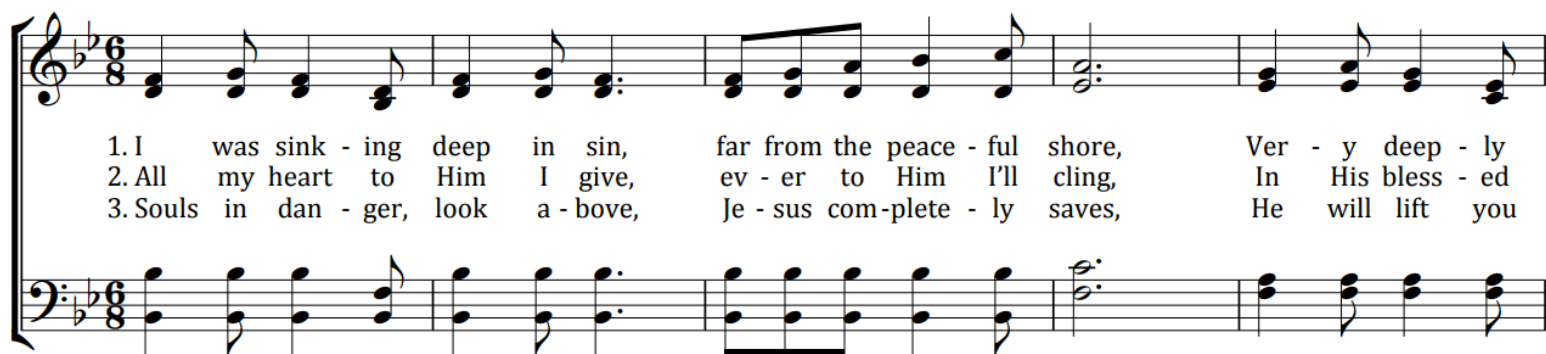
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† HYMN OF DEDICATION

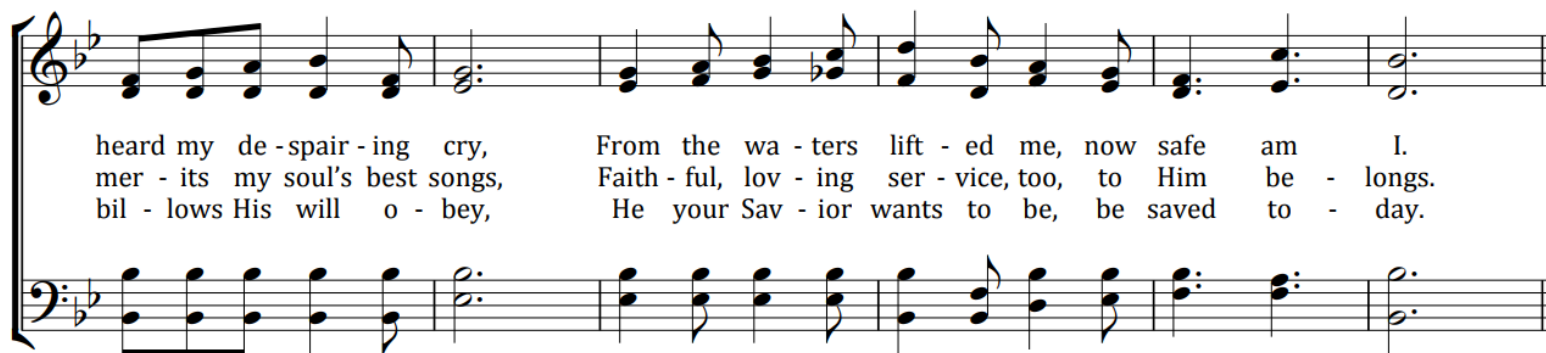
Love Lifted Me



1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, far from the peace - ful shore, Ver - y deep - ly
 2. All my heart to Him I give, ev - er to Him I'll cling, In His bless - ed
 3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves, He will lift you

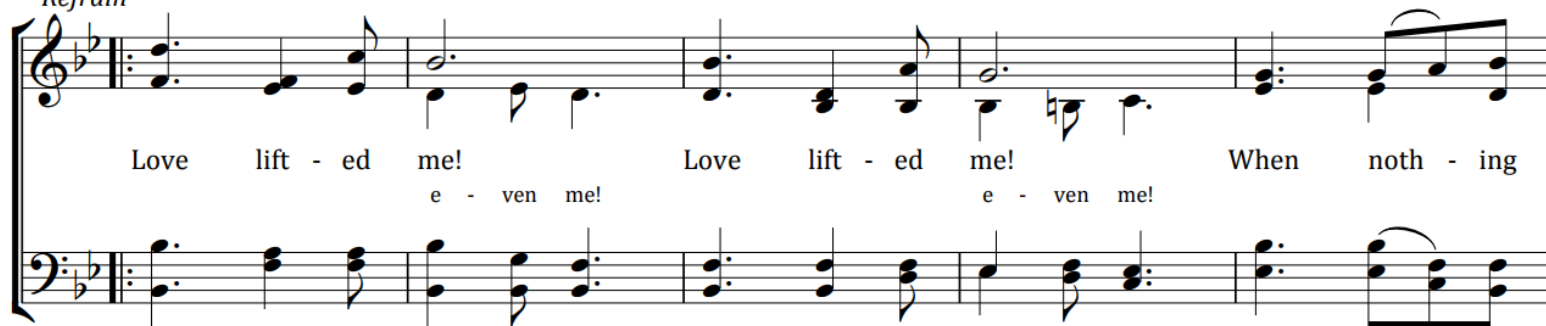


stained with - in, sink - ing to rise no more, But the Mas - ter of the sea
 pres - ence live, ev - er His prais - es sing, Love so might - y and so true,
 by His love, out of the an - gry waves; He's the Mas - ter of the sea,



heard my de - spair - ing cry, From the wa - ters lift - ed me, now safe am I.
 mer - its my soul's best songs, Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice, too, to Him be - longs.
 bil - lows His will o - bey, He your Sav - ior wants to be, be saved to - day.

Refrain



Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me! When noth - ing
 e - ven me! e - ven me!



1. else could help, Love lift - ed me! 2. Love lift - ed me.