

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving
Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know, and live.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "Recessional"

Turner

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"Prelude on 'Finlandia'" - Ritter c 2010 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" - Arr. Ellsasser c. 2010 Lorenz Publishing Co

"He is Exalted" CCLI Song # 17827

"How Deep the Father's Love" arr. Mauldin (c)2019 Brentwood Benson Publishing

"Recessional" - Turner c. 1993 Lorenz Publishing Co

Call to Worship Courtesy of Ministry Matters

October Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Oct 3	\$13,116
Needed for Oct	\$62,235

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	101
Online:	36



Bible Reading for October 17

Mark 10:46-52, For the past three weeks, we have spent time examining the upside-down kingdom that is the Kingdom of God. Consistently, it is the expectations of the people surrounding Jesus that are in the wrong order. The world, as it is, is not what God intends for His kingdom. How do we come to see what God wants for the world? For our community? What keeps us from acting to build up the Kingdom of God here and now?

Wednesday Nite Café October 13th Menu

Ham, Cut Sweet Potatoes,
Turnip Greens, Cornbread,
Dessert

If you would like a To-go box for Wednesday Nite dinner, call Wim Marchant before Monday at noon so he can get an accurate count to order food.

Pricing

Adult/\$7
Child/\$5
Household/\$20



Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



Calendar

Sunday, October 10
9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)
10:30 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM– 7:00 pm, Children & Youth

Tuesday, October 12
5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L
2:30 PM Prayer Team
5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, October 13
5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café
6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming
Children, Youth, Adults

Thursday, October 14
7:00 AM, Men's Java Jaay Bible
8:00 AM Gleeeful Bible Study-FH

Friday, October 15
5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel
FH- Fellowship Hall
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall
L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

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Love God
Love others
Serve the world

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Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM



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October 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM
Please silence electronic devices.
*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Arr. Ellsasser

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things...
So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.
We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.
God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.
Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.
Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.
Amen.

Opening Hymn #181 "Ye Servants of God"
Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still he is nigh, his presence we have;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King,

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Hymn “He is Exalted”

He is exalted the King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high

Prayers of the People

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Kathy Littrell

Special Music “How Deep the Father's Love”

arr. Mauldin

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished:
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

How deep the Father's love for us.

Bible Reading — Mark 10:35-45

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

They said, “Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory?”

Jesus replied, “You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said, “You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared.”

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, “You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people.”

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Where the Least are the Greatest”

Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #581 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom,
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.