

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "The Courts of Praise"

Logan

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

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Discussion Questions

Prepare for 2/13: Luke 6:17-26

When reading for this week, trying out an unfamiliar translation is encouraged! (Biblegateway.com is a great place to start if you need access to Bibles) Sometimes when scripture is so familiar, the power of Jesus' words becomes muted. If you are feeling daring, consider for whom this sermon would not be good news. How might this sound if we came across Jesus preaching this out in the open today?

February 9th Menu for Wed Nite Café

Fried Chicken
Cole Slaw
Mashed potatoes, gravy
Biscuits, salad
Dessert



January Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Jan 30	\$9,181
Needed for Jan	\$62,235
Received for Jan	\$77,861

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	152
Online:	146

Feb 6 is the deadline to sign up for the Feb 21 **Children's Retreat** (3rd-5th Grade) at the Vision in Huntsville. The Youth juniors and seniors will lead the children's retreat. Parents are needed to chaperone.

The **Sages Valentines Luncheon** is Feb 13 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Call or email Tina Wofford for reservations. - **Youth** are needed to help with the SAGES older adult luncheon. The youth serve the luncheon for the older adults at the church. We will need the youth to help from 10:30 to 1:00.

Mark your calendar for **February 13!** The children will be having a **bake sale** in the fountain area from 9-11:45.

Safe Sanctuary Training will be on Feb 27 in the Lower Fellowship hall at 4 pm. Everyone who will be working with youth, kids, and/or vulnerable adults at Central or as part of a CUMC activity or trip will need to attend.

Facemasks are Recommended



and Encouraged while indoors.

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.



Central's mission:
Love God
Love others
Serve the world

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

Calendar

Sunday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 8

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

Wednesday, February 9

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café
6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming
Children, Youth, Adults
6:30 PM Choir Practice
7:00 PM Trustees Meeting - L

Thursday, February 10

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ
8:00 AM The Gleeeful Bible Study, *offsite*

Friday, February 11

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

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.



Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

February 6, 2022

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

**Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

arr. Mansfield

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

We are here, Lord. Now what?

Follow me!

We have dedicated our lives to study, Lord. Now what?

Follow me!

But, we have partners, families, and responsibilities, Lord.

Follow me!

The days of our lives are filled with hurriedness and important tasks, Lord.

Follow me!

There are bills to pay, obligations to honor, aspirations to fulfill, Lord.

Follow me!

I want to serve you, love your people, and glorify your name, but really don't know how, Lord.

Follow me!

Can't it wait?

Follow me!

Where? For how long?

Follow me!

Opening Hymn #152 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them
good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There’s not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

*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 “Take My Life”

Arr. Dan Galbraith

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev’ry power as You choose.

Chorus

***Here am I, (here am I), all of me (all of me)
Take my life, (take my life) It’s all for Thee (It’s all for Thee.)***

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Chorus

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

Debbie Looney

Special Music “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Arr. Raney

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see. Now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved:
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Chorus

***My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood, his mercy reigns:
Unending love, amazing grace.***

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures:

He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Chorus

Bible Reading — Luke 5:1-11

**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.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Message — “From Now On”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #398 “Jesus Calls Us”

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult
of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, “Christian, follow me!”

As of old the apostles heard it,
by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus’ sake.