

CENTRAL YOUTH LOVE OFFERING Miles McGinnis

OFFERTORY *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* arr. Lowell Mason

† DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Zach Dilworth

SONG OF PREPARATION *Love Can Build a Bridge* Overstreet/Jarvis/Judd
Central Youth

"Joy in Love" Romans 12:9-10, 17-18, 21 Kayla Stewart

SONG OF DEDICATION *Pass It On* Kurt Kaiser
Central Youth

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's Love once you've experienced it; you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found; you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

BENEDICTION Kayla Stewart

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory* arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in honor of Jamie Bryson, Central's Director of Music Ministries for his time and dedication with the youth.
Given by Julie and Central Youth.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Director of Youth Ministries: Julie Miles

Director of Music Ministries: Jamie Bryson

Organist: Nathan Clements

Soloist: JC Hightower

Crucifer: Jack Hightower

Acolytes: Sammie Febus, Ana León, and Millie Baucom

Clergy: *Senior Pastor:* Rev. Lanny Lancaster | *Assistant Pastor:* Rev. Sigrid Mottram

Ushers: Tera Milward, Millie Baucom, Sammie Febus, Ana León, and AJ Starnes

Audio Visual: Gabe Febus, Joel Ferguson, and Aidan Ollis

Bulletin: Nathan Clements

CENTRAL YOUTH

Seniors: Kayla Stewart, AJ Starnes, and Cat Evans

High School: Owen Apple, Miles McGinnis, Zach Dilworth, John León,

Nathan Clements, and JC Hightower

Middle School: Eli Currie, Jack Hightower, Millie Baucom, Ana León, Sammie Febus,

Tera Milward, Trent Dilworth, and Henry Dilworth

Youth Support Team: Emily McGinnis, Katie Stewart, Emily Pigg, Debbie Eggleston, David & Emily Dilworth, and Phillip Apple



YOUTH SUNDAY

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 7, 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect with God, Each Other, and Our Community.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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LET LOVE LEAD

11:00 AM WORSHIP • SUNDAY MAY 7, 2023

† You are invited to rise in body or spirit | Congregational responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE *Share His Love* arr. Don Phillips
Nathan Clements, organ | Jamie Bryson, piano

ANNOUNCEMENT Rev. Lanny Lancaster

WELCOME JC Hightower

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP JC Hightower

Let us worship the God of beginnings,
The God of earth,
The God of sky,
The God of love,
Let us worship our Holy God.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION Owen Apple

Creator God, we are quick to forget that in the beginning, you made us good.
Instead, we tell ourselves that we are not worthy of love, belonging, or attention.
Forgive us. Unifying God, we are quick to forget that in the beginning, you made all of humanity from the same dust.
Instead, we tell ourselves that we are different, creating division, separation and hatred where it does not belong.
Forgive us. Loving God, we are quick to forget that we were made from love to be love in the world.
Instead, we hold tight to grudges and judgment, to prejudice, gossip, and low self-esteem. Forgive us. Help us to see you. Help us to love as you loved. Amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE Owen Apple

RESPONSIVE READING Colossians 3:14-17 (NLT) Owen Apple

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us together in perfect harmony.
And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.
For as members of one body you are called to live in peace.
And always be thankful.
Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.
Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives.
Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.
And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, give thanks through him to God the Father. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER Nathan Clements

THE LORD'S PRAYER Nathan Clements

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 forgives 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Luke 15:11-32 | The Parable of the Lost Son

Leader: Cat Evans | **Narrator:** Nathan Clements

Father: Miles McGinnis | **Oldest Son:** Zach Dilworth | **Youngest Son:** Henry Dilworth

Pigs: Eli Currie, Trent Dilworth, and Jack Hightower

ACT OF PRAISE *Apostles' Creed* HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard
Central Youth

I believe in God the Father Make of the heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son by timeless birth. By the Holy Ghost conceived Virgin Mary bore God's Son, God in whom I have believed, God almighty, Three in one.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, for me he died. Laid within a grave so silent; Gates of hell He opened wide. And the stone sealed tomb was empty, on the third day He arose. Into heaven made his entry, Mighty conqueror of His foes.

At God's right hand He is seated. Till his coming, as he said. Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead. I confess the Holy Spirit has been sent through God the Son: To apply salvation's merit; Glory to the Three in One!

I believe the church of Jesus. Holy catholic remains. We are one through all the ages, with communion of the saints. I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised; Everlasting life in heaven, Amen, let God's name be praised!

SONG OF PREPARATION *Love Can Build a Bridge* Overstreet/Jarvis/Judd
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Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine. Love can build a bridge, don't you think it's time? Don't you think it's time?

"Child of God" 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Cat Evans

† HYMN *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

SONG OF PREPARATION *Love Can Build a Bridge* Overstreet/Jarvis/Judd
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"Rooted In Love" Ephesians 3:17-19 AJ Starnes

ACT OF PRAISE *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* Peter Scholtes
Central Youth

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. Chorus

We will work with each other, we will work side by side; We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. Chorus

All praise to the Father from whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. Chorus