

Prayer Concerns

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Sunday School - 10am
Worship - 11am

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Counters

May 4 Lynne/Jay
May 11 Yvonne/Anne
May 18 Archie/Jack
May 25 David/Ann

Children's Time
May 4 Jay Hooper
May 11 Molly Ann Birth
May 18 Brooklyn Smith
May 25 David Fries

May Birthdays
Jacob Smith Betty Culp
Allison Bober Mark Wooten
Michael Kiefer Steve Miller

May 4, 2025

Central United Methodist Church

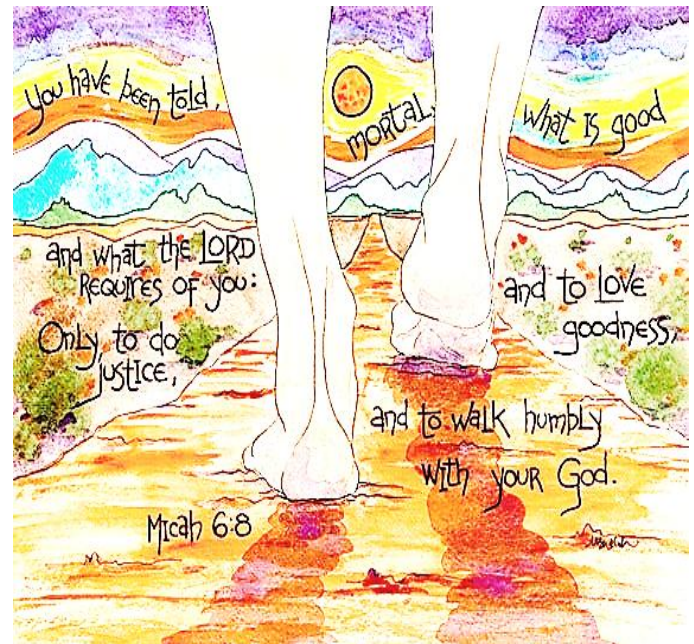
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WELCOME VISITORS!!!

We are delighted you have joined us as we worship God. We hope the warmth of our service, the ministry of God's Word, and the love of our people will encourage you to come again.

Please let us know who you are and if you'd like our pastor to contact you:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Order of Worship
11am Worship Service
2nd Sunday of Easter

*Liturgical Color: White (Victory, Purity,
Righteousness)*

Prelude: Tina Grubb

The Light of Christ Enters:

Welcome and Announcements:

***Gathering for Worship:** #186 "Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior. I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him. I will praise Him. I will praise Him. I will praise Him. I will praise Him."

***Opening Prayer:**

***Hymn of Praise:** #413 "A Charge to Keep I have"

Children's Time: Jay Hooper

Anthem: "What does the Lord Require?"

Scripture: Micah 6:108 NLT

Listen to what the LORD is saying:
"Stand up and state your case against me. Let the mountains and hills be called to witness your complaints.
2 And now, O mountains, listen to the LORD's complaint! He has a case against his people. He will bring charges against Israel. 3 "O my people, what have I done to you? What have I done to make you tired of me? Answer me! 4 For I brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from slavery. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to help you. 5 Don't you remember, my people, how King Balak of Moab tried to have you cursed and how Balaam son of Beor blessed you instead? And remember your journey from Acacia

Grove to Gilgal, when I, the LORD, did everything I could to teach you about my faithfulness." 6 What can we bring to the LORD? Should we bring him burnt offerings? Should we bow before God Most High with offerings of yearling calves? 7 Should we offer him thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins?

8 No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Message: "What is Good?"

***Affirmation of Faith:** #882 "The Apostles' Creed, the Ecumenical Version"

***Sung Response** #70 "Glory be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the world without end. Amen. Amen.

Pass the Peace of Christ

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

***Doxology** # 95

***Offertory Prayer:**

Holy Communion: See insert

***Hymn of Dedication:** #467 "Trust and Obey"

***Blessing:**

Postlude: Tina Grubb

***The Light of Christ Goes into the World**

**Stand in Body or Spirit*

Announcements

Trustees Meeting: This Thursday, (5/8) at 6:30pm.

Save the Date: May 18, our 11am service will be held at the Scout Hut with lunch to follow. Come, relax and enjoy!

UMM Meeting: May 21, 6pm.

Capital Campaign Update: The capital campaign is moving along nicely. Since January, we have collected \$30,817.00 towards our goal of \$53,000!!

Spencer's Spring Senior Luncheon

will be held May 6th at 12 noon at Oakdale Baptist Church. They are having hamburgers and hotdogs along with the fixings. This event is for Spencer residents 55+ only.

Please call to register at 704-216-7714.

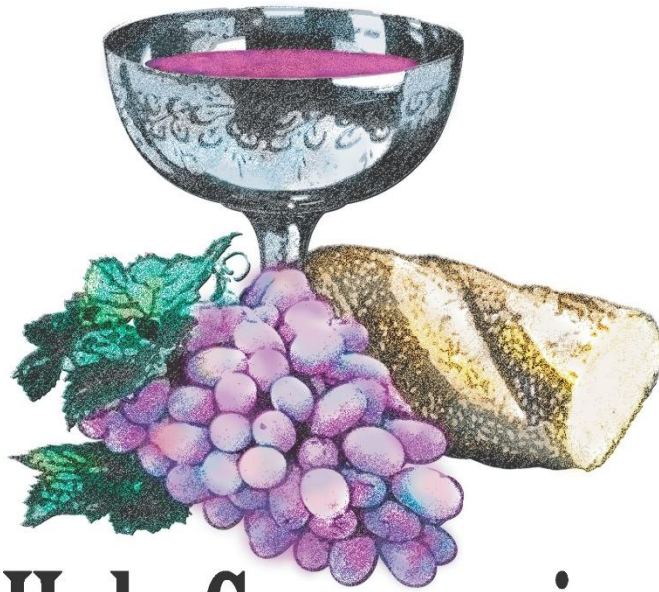
Address for: Rev. Sam Lewis 1224 Edgedale Dr. Salisbury, N.C. 28144

A gift was given in memory: of Jane Spencer Turner by Eleanor Spencer Sandifer.

Choir Practice: Mondays at 6pm

Bell Practice: Mondays at 7pm

Central UMC
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Holy Communion

Jesus asks all to come to the table – encourages us all to look at God requires of us and come to be strengthened for the work ahead. All Jesus asks is that we love God, and seek to live a life like his – a life of peace and compassion toward all. But we fall short often. And so, let us confess now before God and each other where we have failed to follow Christ's example of a life doing as God requires:

Loving, Compassionate One, We struggle to live into what You require of us> It seems to simple, but it is hard for us in this world. We fail to do what is right, to protest injustice around us, we look down on those less fortunate instead of giving them a hand, we aren't kind to humans, animals or the planet. And there are times when we don't even acknowledge Your presence in our lives. Remind us of the foundations of our being – to love You and one another. Forgive us when we fall short of what You want from us. Turn us toward one another, nudging us into a life of radical community. And when we lose focus on love, remind us that spending time with You will ground us in in Your ways.

(In silence confess to God your personal failings toward justice, kindness and walking with God)

This very moment we have been forgiven. **Glory to God! Amen.**

Lift up your heads

We lift them up to God

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Lift up your hands

We dedicate our heads, our hearts, and our hands to the worship of God.

We offer our entire being to the God of Creation, who made the sun and the moon to govern by day and by night and hung the stars in the sky. We offer our entire being to the great God who hollowed out the valleys and bulged up the mountains, who spat out the seven seas, and populated the world with glorious creatures. Blessed be the name of the Lord who created us and fashioned us from the dust and breathed into us the breath of life.

Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who came to us in spite of our destructive ways. He healed the sick, raised the dead and cast out demons. In the brief time that he was with us, Jesus sided with the oppressed, had compassion for those who suffer, and gave dignity to women and children. He taught us in word and deed about a God we had been unable to understand. In spite of his glory-revealing presence among us, we turned him into a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. Jesus was persecuted by certain religious leaders and betrayed by one of his own. He was lied about, tortured, and hung on a cross to die. Yet, even on the day of his crucifixion, Jesus continued to teach those who would listen. When evil people came with his betrayer, Jesus did not respond with violence, choosing instead to remind us that those who live by the sword will die by the sword. When he was falsely accused and condemned to death, Jesus refused to do harm. And while hanging on the cross, he prayed: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." But we give you thanks that nothing ever was, or ever will be, able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he shared a meal with his disciples. He took bread from the table, gave thanks to God, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the meal was over he took the cup, gave thanks to God, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Today, Jesus, we remember the bread and the cup. Today, we remember your life and your death. We remember your resurrection; we remember eternal life. As we receive these gifts in praise and thanksgiving we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and vine; make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. Wonder-working God, pour out your Spirit upon us; as we offer ourselves to be God's presence in the world, so that we may "do what is right, love mercy, and to walk humbly with You" until Jesus returns in glory and we eat with together with the saints at the table of plenty he prepares for us.

In all that we do, may the honor and glory be yours, Almighty and Gracious God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Come to this table and be refreshed. Leave this table go following God's commands to love God and others.