



Central United Methodist Church – at 10:00 am

We are a family of faith that invites everyone to share our walk with Christ.

Third Sunday after Epiphany: January 22nd, 2023

Preaching: Susan Scott, Certified Lay Speaker

Liturgist: Paul Battistini

Musician: Kyle Akin

Streaming Coordinator: Rick Velez

Centering Music: -Kyle

Welcome: -Paul

Hymn: “You Who Are Thirsty” **FWS #2132**

Greeting: -Paul

ONE: Grace and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:1-4 (*responsively*) -Paul

Leader: Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of

Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

**People: The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep
darkness a light has dawned.**

Leader: You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at
the harvest, as warriors rejoice when
dividing the plunder.

**People: For as in the day of Midian’s defeat,
you have shattered the yoke that
burdens them, the bar across their**

**shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.
Praise be to God.**

Hymn: *"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"*
UMH #400

Joys and Concerns: -Paul

Pastoral Prayer: -Susan

The Lord's Prayer: *(in unison)* -Susan

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory, forever. AMEN.**

Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:10-18* -Paul

A Church Divided Over Leaders

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,¹⁰ in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas¹¹"; still another, "I follow Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the

gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Children's Sermon: -Susan

Special Music: -Kyle Akin

Sermon: *"Who Do You Love?"*
Susan Scott, Lay Speaker

Hymn: *"The Church's One Foundation"* UMH #545
(verses 1 & 2)

Offering our Treasure and Ourselves: -Paul

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: -Susan

Announcements: -Paul

Hymn: *"We Will Glorify the King of Kings"* FWS#2087
(all verses)

Benediction: -Susan



Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please join us again next Sunday.

Come as a stranger, leave as a friend.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan 22nd- During fellowship time we will be presenting the second set of short videos on the future of the United Methodist Church. A light lunch will be provided.

February 19th – Service with our friends at Oak Point.

February 22nd- Ash Wednesday service at 10:00am

We are still collecting for Savers Fundrive. We welcome all clothing (packed in trash bags), good household items (packed in boxes) and books (packed in boxes). See Jody Battistini (774-766-2393) with any questions or help needed.

LAY SERVANT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Counter</u>	
1/22/23	Susan Scott	Paul B	Bev P	Susan R	Paul B	
1/29/23	Ann Burnham	MJ S	Donna T	Kevin O	MJ S	
2/5/23	Sandy Sweet	Susan R	Nancy E	Linda M	Susan	Communion
2/12/23	Susan Scott	Linda M	Bev P	MJ S	Bob R	