

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 3, 2019

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Classic Services

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting Dr. Steve Pulliam

Opening Voluntary *Prelude in a Classic Style* Gordon Young

* **Call to Worship** Rev. Tony Holifield

Pastor: All who thirst, come to the water,
People: and drink deeply of these living streams.
Pastor: Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
People: Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.
All: Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

* **Hymn 605** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

* **Sermon Text** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **ReNew** Dr. Steve Pulliam
A NEW HOPE

Invitation to Repentance

As we prepare to reaffirm our own baptism
and receive the Holy Sacraments,
let us make our confession to God.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

God of grace and glory,
you have given us Jesus, the light of the world,
but we cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.
Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.
Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed,
we may preach your Word to the nations,
and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our light forever. Amen.

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory
(8:30) *Movement Two from Concerto Gregoriano* Pietro Yon
Scott Montgomery, organ & Frode Gundersen, piano

(10:45) *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether* Harold Friedell
Chancel Choir

* **Doxology 95** OLD 100th

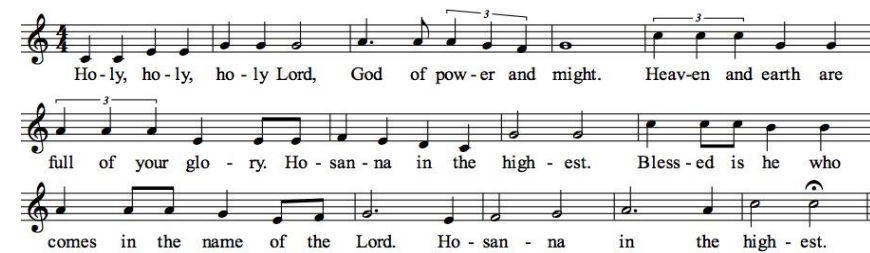
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



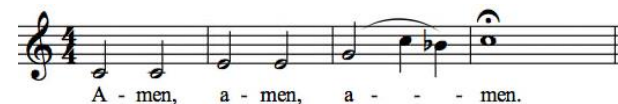
The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union
with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever:



Remembering our Baptism & Receiving the Bread and Cup

Receiving Prayer and Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* **Hymn 332** *Spirit of Faith, Come Down* BEALOTH

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Voluntary** *Fugue in C Major* J. S. Bach

Director of Music & Fine Arts:
Dr. Frode Gundersen

Associate Director of Music & Organist:
Scott Montgomery

Sound/Video:
Andrea Lewis

Acolytes:
(8:30) Hunt Gilbert & Lucy Hanes
(10:45) Claire Brandon & Evan Thomas

WORSHIP NOTES

We are glad that you are here to worship with us,
and we welcome our first-time guests!
We hope you will examine the numerous opportunities
to participate in the life of Central Church.

There are worship bags for children available for today's service.
Ask an usher if you would like one, and please return the bag after the service.

As we prepare for worship, please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Members of Central's Prayer Team are available after the worship service,
in Wesley 107, to pray for you or someone you love.

The asterisk (*) indicates to stand, as you are able.

CENTRAL'S MUSIC ACADEMY IS OPEN!

Have you wanted to take piano, organ, or voice lessons? Central UMC's Music Academy has officially begun, and the music department is offering private piano, organ, and voice lessons. These are available for children, youth, and adults. Lessons will be taught by our music staff.

SCOTT MONTGOMERY: piano, organ
FRODE GUNDERSEN: piano, voice
DENNESE ADKINS: voice

For more information, please contact Frode (fgundersen@centraltolife.com) or Scott (smontgomery@centraltolife.com).

WORSHIP LEADERS

Central UMC Pastors:

Dr. Jan Davis, Dr. Steve Pulliam, Rev. Greg Gibson (Central Pastors)
Rev. Emily Burch (College Pastor); Rev. Jody Farrell (Genesis Pastor)
Dr. Jack Wilson (Pastor Emeritus); Rev. Tony Holifield (Pastor Emeritus)