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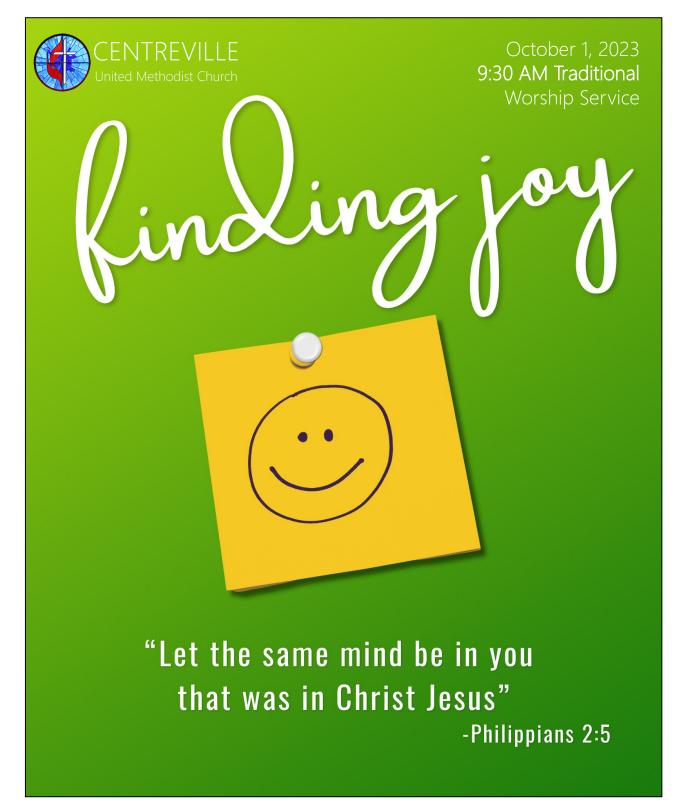
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The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Welcome Rev. Matthew Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Prelude Joyful Bells Burroughs

Jubilation Ringers

*Call to Worship Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Leader: Almighty God, who formed us in Your image,

People: We reflect Your infinite multitude.

Leaders: While we are many, we become one in the Body of Christ. Sunhee Kohari

Benji Lei

Felicia Wilson-Atta

Leader: Let us celebrate our diversity as we worship the Lord

People: In whom we who are many become one.

*Hymn O Church of God, United Hymnal Pg. 547

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest

Children will rejoin their families in the sanctuary for Communion.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Anthem Song of Joy, Song of Praise arr. Brighton

Voices In Praise

*Gospel Lesson John 13: 34-36 Barb Shaiko, Lay Leader

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Response

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson Philippians 2:1-5 Rev. Phil Mohr

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Sermon "Finding Joy: Imitating Christ" Rev. Matthew Smith

Service of Word and Table

Invitation Hymnal Pg. 12

Confession and Pardon Passing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Pg. 17

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Meditation Dove of Peace arr. Miller
Communion Hymns One Bread, One Body Hymnal Pg. 620
Bread of the World Hymnal Pg. 624

Prayer After Receiving Communion

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements Rev. Phil Mohr

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Hymn I Come With Joy Hymnal No. 617

*Benediction Rev. Matthew Smith

*Benediction Response Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace Hymnal No. 668

Postlude Fugato on 'Winchester New' Clegg

Laura Hesse, organ

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October 1, 2023 11:00AM Relaxed Traditional Worship Service





"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus"

-Philippians 2:5

The Service of Worship

Prelude Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee arr. Albrecht

Welcome Rev. Matthew Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn O Church of God, United Hymnal No. 547

*Passing the Peace of Christ

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Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Matthew Smith

Leader: Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

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Gospel Lesson: John 13: 34-36 Amelia Mickelson

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Amen.

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Anthem The New 23rd Carmichael

Jim Brice, solo

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A Service of Word and Table

The 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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

The pastor invokes the work of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity and concludes:

All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Meditation One Bread, One Body Hymnal Pg. 620

Announcements and Giving Rev. Matthew Smith

Closing Song I Come with Joy Hymnal No. 617

Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Matthew Smith

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