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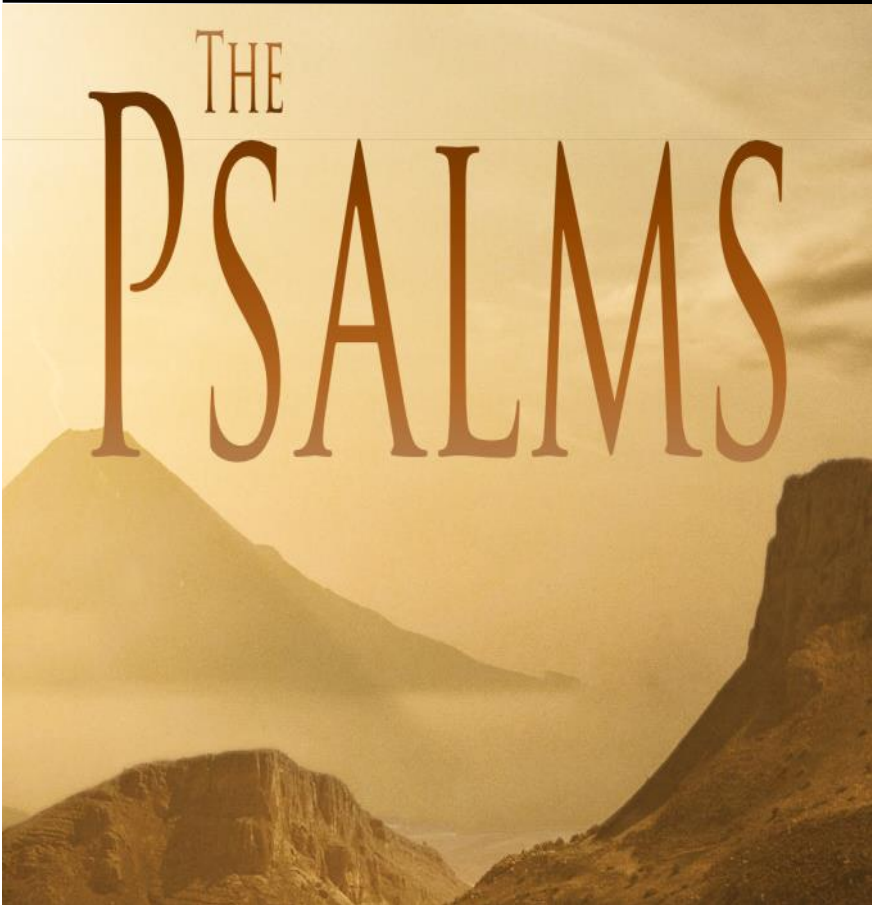


MISSION STATEMENT
Making disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.

VISION STATEMENT
We are a Christ-centered,
scripturally grounded
community, growing in
loving relationship with God,
our local children and
community, and our world.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 18, 2024



GROWING.

LOVING.

RELATING.

WELCOME

Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

February 18, 2024
“A Tree by the Waters”
Psalm 1

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connection Card to place in the offering plate.

CENTERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Central Church Breakthrough Prayer 2024

All: Lord God, we pray that you would lead us into the future
that you have for us; Expand our vision to
see what you see,
Increase our compassion to love who you love,
Open our ears so that we may hear you
speaking to us.
Make us open to your work,
Your leading,
Your open doors,
Your new opportunities.
May we be bold enough to obey your word
and follow you always. Amen.

*HYMN

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Gracie Schmidt

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ANTHEM

MESSAGE

“A Tree by the Waters”
Psalm 1

Pastor Dewey Miller

*HYMN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Stand as you are able

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY		
SUNDAY, February 18		
8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
10:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Study with Pastor Dewey	
1:00 p.m.	Birthday Event	Tunnels
4:00 p.m.	Youth Group	FLC
MONDAY, February 19		
Presidents' Day		
	Office Closed	
TUESDAY, February 20		
5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
WEDNESDAY, February 21		
5:30 p.m.	Leadership Council	Church Office
6:30 p.m.	Discernment Team Meeting	
THURSDAY, February 22		
5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
SATURDAY, February 24		
8:00 p.m.	N.A. Meeting	Garden Room/FLC
SUNDAY, February 25		
8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
10:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Study with Pastor Dewey	
4:00 p.m.	Birthday Event	Tunnels
4:00 p.m.	Youth Group	FLC

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR DEWEY

Pastor Dewey will be leading a Bible study at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday during Lent. We will start this week (the First Sunday of Lent) with a look at Heaven and Hell. Are they real places or is God using scare tactics to get us to behave? Other topics will include "The Fall of Satan," "Evolution vs. Creation," and "Predestination." These Taboo Topics will all be discussed using the Bible as our reference point. You won't want to miss any of these sessions beginning February 18 and ending on March 24. Bring your Bible and be ready to think!

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR 2024

March 28, 2024 ***Maundy Thursday*** - Service at ***Methodist Temple UMC*** - 7:00 p.m.
March 29, 2024 ***Good Friday*** - Service at ***Aldersgate UMC*** - 7:00 p.m.

A Tree by the Waters

Psalm 1

18 February 2024

*He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper. **Psalm 1.3***

*For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from
yielding fruit. **Jeremiah 17.8***

Psalm 1.3 is a promise to the righteous, those who follow God.
They will be:

- Planted, not growing wild.
- Nourished, there is more than enough water.
- Prosperous, in the sense of abundant life.

1. **Avoid** _____.

Don't take the advice of the ungodly.
Don't go where sinners go.
Don't become one of those who is scornful, or contemptuous.

2. **Focus on** _____.

Delight in the law of God.
Meditate on it alone.

Take Away Passage-

*And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that
from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord
Christ. **Colossians 3.23-24.***