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## Central United Methodist Church Worship Service

July 11, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

Our Mission Statement  
Central Church:  
Connecting with God  
Connecting with Others  
Changing our world with Christ's Love

Welcome to Central Church!  
We are glad to have you as our guest.

**PRELUDE** Aran Kim  
Prelude on a Chorale by Thomas Tallis - W.T. Best (1826-1897)

**OPENING HYMN** (standing) UMH No. 277  
Tell Me The Stories of Jesus (Vs. 1 & 2)

### WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Sue Shipley  
Ever-present God, forever seeking us and always teaching us;  
**Open our minds to the truth of your care.**  
Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.  
**Open our lips to share stories of faith.**  
Open our hands to create beauty,  
to do justice and to show kindness.  
**Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit;**  
**Open our mouths to proclaim boldly your praises.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Cora

### SEASON OF PRAYER

#### PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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**

**READING OF THE PSALMS** Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Joyce Merle & Kathy Scafuri (11-26-17)  
Simple Gifts

**MESSAGE** Pastor Jack  
Life-Changing Decisions – What's your Story?

**OFFERTORY** Aran Kim  
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God  
- Karen Lafferty (b.1948), arr Aran Kim

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CLOSING HYMN** (standing) UMH No. 127  
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Vs. 1 & 3)

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Aran Kim  
Prelude in Fugue in D minor, BWV 554 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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(In quiet reflection, you may either remain to listen, or you may exit.)