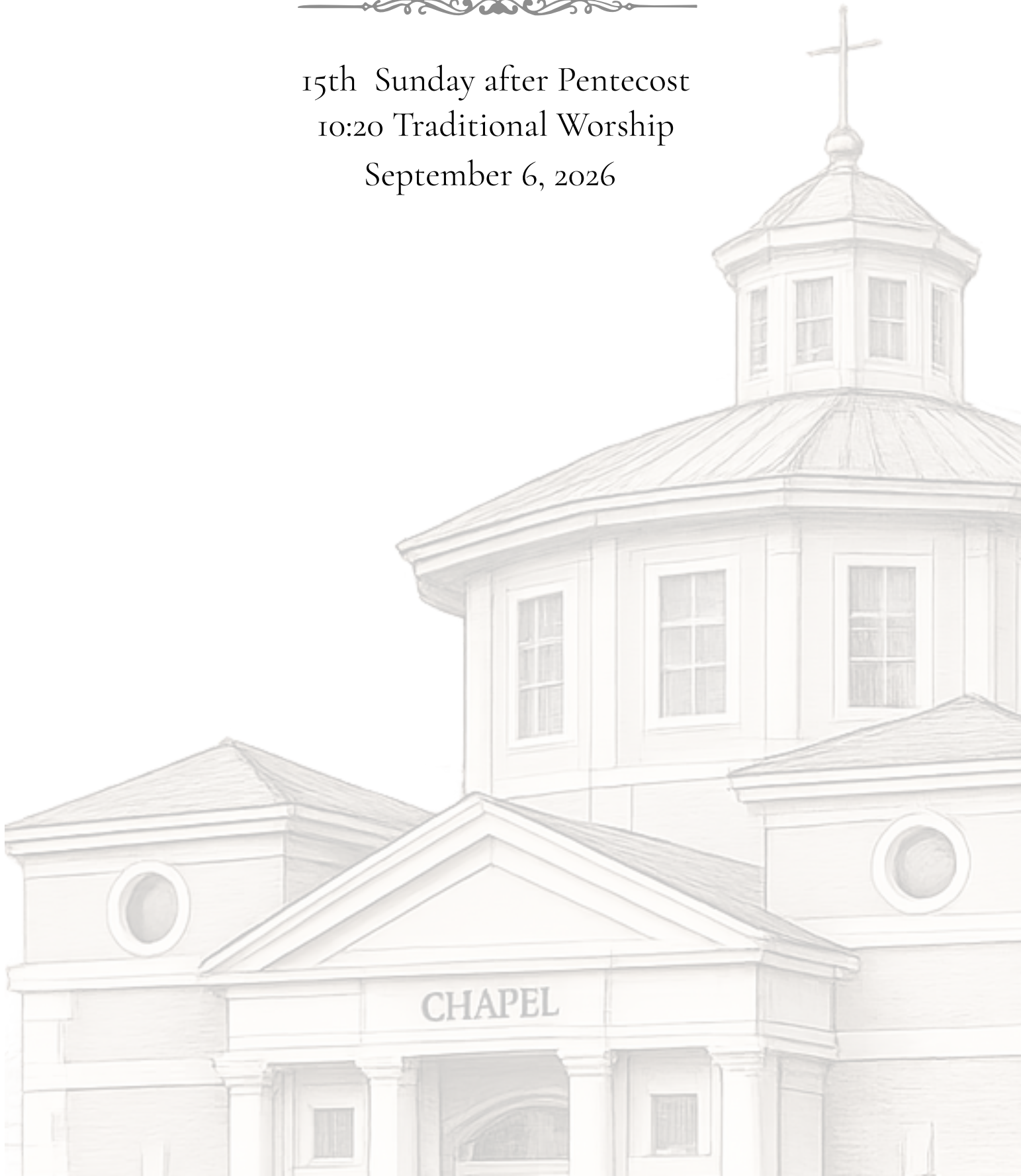


CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



15th Sunday after Pentecost
10:20 Traditional Worship
September 6, 2026





Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Mit Freuden zart (Sing Praise to God)

arr. Charles Callahan

THE GREETING

Liturgist: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: Christ is here among us!

Congregation: **Praise the Lord!**

* HYMN NO. 365

Greater Than Our Sin

MOODY

* THE COLLECT

LESSONS

Exodus 12:5-11 NRSV

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. 11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord.

Psalm 149 NRSV

*¹ Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
² Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
⁸ to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!*

*** Gloria Patri**

Titus 2:10-14 NIV

*¹⁰ and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.
¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM

He Whom Angels Worship

arr. Alan Bullard

THE MESSAGE

Tag: You’re It!

Rev. Rob Holifield & Brian Carroll

*** APOSTLES’ CREED**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONFESSION & PARDON

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Liturgist: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

OFFERTORY A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Larry Shackley

DOXOLOGY Hymnal No. 95

OLD ONE HUNDRETH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

(The Sanctus is sometimes spoken or sung, by all.)

**All: 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!**

Liturgist: ...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.

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

Liturgist: Pour out your Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

All: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with end other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Liturgist: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Liturgist: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**All: 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**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 121

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Andante

W. Wedemann

The altar will remain open for prayer following the service.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

May the peace of Christ go with you.

SERMON NOTES



What does IHS mean?

The letters "**IHS**" are the first 3 letters of the Greek name of Jesus- ΙΗΣΟΥΣ. It is commonly used in churches on liturgical art, architecture, vestments, and various holy implements used for worship. The earliest known usage was on the coins of Justinian II, during the turn of the 7th & 8th centuries.

LITURGICAL
QUESTIONS



Similarly, the "XP" comes from the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ- χριστος (meaning Messiah).

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