SCAN TO CHECK IN

CENTRAL
CHURCH IN THE PARK

SCAN TO GIVE

September 6, 2026

Prelude "O God Beyond All Praising" by Gustav Holst
*Barbara Slagel, piano*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

*Call to Worship Eldon Horner
One: Come, sing a new song of worship.
**ALL: Come, sing a new song of praise.**
One: We're a church on the move –
**ALL: The Spirit in our midst.**
One: With joy, let's celebrate!
**ALL: Sing praises! Alleluia!**

Hymn for All "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
***Refrain*** *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*
***Verse*** *Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.* ***Refrain***
***Verse*** *The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.* ***Refrain***
***Verse*** *The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.* ***Refrain***
***Verse*** *God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.* ***Refrain***

Prayer of the People Eldon Horner

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.**

Special Music "How Great Thou Art" arr. Rebecca Belliston
*Mary Ann Niesen and Susan Steele, soloists*

Scripture Exodus 13:17-22 Eldon Horner
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*A Church on the Move Sermon Series*
Message "Just One Step Forward" Rev.Linda Stephan

Celebration of Holy Communion Rev. Linda Stephan and Sarah Drews
One: The Lord be with you.
**ALL: And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Pastor continues…
One: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest**.
Pastor continues…
One: …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**.
Pastor continues…
One: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Giving and Receiving of Gifts *(All elements are gluten-, nut-, and alcohol-free.)*

Hymn for All "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"
***Verse*** *This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*
***Verse*** *For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.*
***Verse*** *Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.*
***Verse*** *Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginning; our God is making all things new.*

"Gather Us In
***Verse*** *Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.*
*Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*
***Verse*** *We are the young our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.*
*Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart to meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*
***Verse*** *Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.*
*Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

***Verse*** *Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.*
*Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Parting Blessing Rev. Linda Stephan

Postlude "Glory and Praise to our God" by Dan Schutte
*Barbara Slagel, piano*

*All families are invited to join our nursery staff for a children's story time on the blue blanket immediately following worship.*

*Please stand as you are able.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel
Liturgist: Eldon Horner
Music: Barbara Slagel, piano; Mary Ann Niesen and Susan Steele, soloists
Host Team: United Women in Faith
Trailer Team: Bob Blackmer

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

## Announcements & Opportunities

### ADULTS

**Knit One, Crochet Too: 10:30 am - 12 noon Tuesdays in the Lounge** If you enjoy yarn crafting, please join others for knitting, crocheting and fellowship. New members and interested learners are welcome. We'll help you start or decipher a pattern. Contact Linda Wolgast: linda65ac@gmail.com

**Caregivers Support Group: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm third Mondays in the Library** In person or via Zoom. Come be in community and find support in being a caregiver for your loved ones. Contact Sharon Hill, sharondiamondhill@gmail.com

**Donuts and Devotions: 9:00 am - 10:30 am first and third Wednesdays in the Lounge.** You are welcome to join this drop-in circle of men who are seeking God in their lives. Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation. Contact the office at officeassistant@tccentralumc.org for more information.

**Golf on Friday mornings**: you are welcome to join fellow golfers at Bay Meadows Family Golf Course at 9:00 am every Friday. Contact Dick Morrison: adosuper@aol.com.

**"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project**

*September Spotlight: Soaring Unlimited*

Got currency? Bring it to church and drop it in the "Currency for Change" bucket anytime this month. All funds collected will be designated to this month's mission.

**Find out more: tccentralumc.org/events**

# Thank you for joining us today!

**Things you might find helpful while you're here:**

**Join us for kids story-time**
**in Sunset Park**
**after 9 am worship.**
**All ages welcome.**
**Look for the blue blanket.**

**Our greeters, ushers and welcome center hosts are happy to help you with directions or questions you may have today.**

**If you'd like more information about Central Church, please**
follow our Facebook Page: facebook.com/tccumc or
our Instagram: www.instagram.com/tccumc or
visit our website: tccentralumc.org or
phone us at 231-946-5191

For your convenience, our 11 AM worship services is livestreamed weekly during the summer months. In addition, our 11AM worship service is broadcast live on WCCW-AM 1310 (Traverse City), sponsored by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Flowers provided by The Flower Station

**Other information you might want to know:**

Prayer requests are welcome. Cards are available in the pews, and may be placed in the boxes in the back of the Sanctuary. You can request to be part of the prayer chain by contacting our Wellness Advocate, Sarah Drews: sarah@tccentralumc.org.

Along with the pastors, Central Church has a volunteer caring team that is available for support in many ways including home visitation, Stephen Ministry care, medical transportation assistance, and hospital visitation. If you would like support during a difficult time, please contact one of the pastors or our Wellness Advocate, Sarah Drews: sarah@tccentralumc.org.

# All are Welcome.

***Welcome to all who seek true community, or who have no church home, who have been here awhile, or have just arrived, who need strength, who want to follow Christ, who have doubts, firm convictions, or who aren't sure what they believe. Welcome to new guests and to old friends. Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations and gender identities, to old and young, to believers and questioners and welcome to questioning believers.***

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## Sunday Morning Worship

**9 AM Upbeat, Casual Worship**
Sunset Park
**11 AM Traditional Worship**
in the Sanctuary