**Central Baptist Church  
Sunday, September 3, 2023**

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***There are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places.”***

***― Wendell Berry***

**Welcome/Announcements**

**\*Hymn** *The God of Abraham Praise*No. 34

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 96)**

One: Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,

***All: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.***

One: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

***All: bring an offering and come into his courts.***

One: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his a holiness;

***All: Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.”***

**Unison Prayer of Invocation**

**God of creation, open our eyes to the vastness and intricacy of the universe you make new each day—teach us to respect it all as holy ground.**

**God of justice, open our ears to the cry of the oppressed—teach us to work tirelessly for fairness and equity, in this nation and the world.**

**God of mercy, open our hearts to compassion for those who suffer—teach us to care for them as our brothers and sisters, your children.**

**God of grace, open our mouths this morning to sing our praise and thanks to you, the author of all. In Jesus’ name we pray.**

**Amen.**

**Gloria Patri** No. 623

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end Amen, Amen***

**Holy Communion**

**Sharing of Bread & Cup**

**Communion Offering for Deacon Missions** *(not for the regular Sunday offering)*

The September Communion collection is going to relief for Maui, HI.

**Anthem**

**Children’s Message**

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

*~Silent Meditation~*

**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.*

**Offering & Friendship Forms**

*Please pass the black friendship pad along your pew so that each person may sign. If you would like to set up a visit or pastoral care meeting or know of another who may want a visit, please make a notation on the forms. They are collected by our Deacons each week.*

**\*Doxology** No. 625

***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.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SCRIPTURE**



**Exodus 3:1-15**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible* No. 25

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

***The Worship is ended...Our Service Now Begins***

\*Please stand if you are able