



CENTRAL ST MATTHEW
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Celebration Sunday | Grandparents Day
September 13th | 10 am



**The Legacy Line: What We
Carry, What We Leave**
Rev. Peter Scie

September 13, 2026

Anthem *“Be Still, God Will Fight Your Battles”* by Rev. Timothy
 (Rev. Peter Scie, bass) Flemming Sr

Scripture Reading

The Psalter

Psalm 92:14

The Epistle

Titus 2:2

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Presentation to the Grandparents

Children's Ministry

Call to Reconciliation

Every legacy contains both blessing and brokenness. We have inherited love, wisdom, courage, and faith, but we have also inherited wounds, prejudices, fears, and patterns that should not continue into another generation. God does not call us to pretend that every tradition is sacred. God invites us to discern what gives life, to release what causes harm, and to become part of the healing of our families, our communities, and our world. Trusting in a grace that meets us with truth and love, let us confess together.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, forgive us for the times we have passed judgment when we could have offered understanding. Forgive us for words that wounded, silences that harmed, traditions we defended simply because “that is the way it has always been,” and relationships we neglected because pride mattered more than reconciliation. Forgive us when we have failed to listen across generations. Forgive us when elders have dismissed the voices of the young, and when the young have forgotten the wisdom carried by those who came before them. Heal what has been broken within us. Give us courage to stop cycles of harm, humility to apologize when we are wrong, wisdom to learn new ways of loving, and grace to leave behind something better than what we received. May our legacy be one of compassion, justice, welcome, courage, and love. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: God’s grace is greater than the mistakes of our past. We are not condemned to repeat every pattern we inherited. In Christ, healing is possible, reconciliation is possible, transformation is possible, and new legacies can begin. God forgives us, restores us, and empowers us to walk differently. So, receive this grace, beloved of God. What was wounded can be healed. What was broken can be restored. What was harmful can end with us. And what is loving can continue through us. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Passing of Peace

Please turn to your neighbor and say “The Peace of Christ be with you,” and respond, “And also with you.”

*Pulpit Hymn

“Lord, for the Years”

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Sermon

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The Prayer of The People and the Lord's Prayer

The Offering

Offertory Sentence

Matthew 5:16

"Your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your Abba God in heaven."

Offertory

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

by J. Rosamond Johnson

*Doxology

(Nancy Healen, piano)

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.**

*The Closing Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

AAHH #549

Carrying of the Light into the World

Acolyte

*Parting Hymn

"Bind Us Together"

TFWS #2226

(Please join the Circle of Friendship)

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one king. There is only one body.

That is why we sing. Bind us together...

*Benediction

Organ Postlude

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Traditional

*Altar flowers are given in honor of
Sophia Malcolm by Dale Bonds*

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