



July 1, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 a.m.

The Mission of
Central United Church of Christ is...
to be

a Christ-centered community
of faithful disciples,
who are called
to GROW IN FAITH, and
to SHARE GOD'S LOVE
as we REACH OUT
to each other,
to our community
and to our world.

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* indicates please stand, as you are able

PRELUDE “The Rejoicing” from Firework Music -
Handel

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “God of Our Fathers” #440

***GREETINGS**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you

***PROCLAMATION OF ADORATION**

Leader: As we enter into this sacred place, we honor Your presence and the gift of Your love that has been poured into our hearts through Your Holy Spirit.

People: Praise you Lord, for all that you have done!

***SONG OF ADORATION** “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”
#472

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

Leader: As we approach you, O Lord, we come with hearts and minds that are completely humble. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: As one church family, as one Body of Christ, let us confess our sins together before God.

People: Most Holy and merciful Father; Have mercy upon us, O God. We come before you this day acknowledging and

confessing our sinful nature. You alone know how often we have sinned. We have wandered from your ways and fought against your will. O LORD, we pray for your mercy and your grace.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive us our sins. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and follow Your ways. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION FOLLOWED BY THE PRAYER FOR MERCY

Silent reflection of our unworthiness compared to the immeasurable grace of God.

Leader: *Lord, have mercy on Your people.*

People: Christ, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: *The Lord says, with everlasting love I will have compassion on you.*

People: The Lord says, I will blot out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Leader: *God hears the confessions of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all of our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise God! We are forgiven.

CHORAL INTROIT

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF GOD**

God be with you.....and, also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWED BY CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

After announcements, children may come forward to participate in a short, age appropriate message.

AN ACT OF PRAISE THROUGH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Leader: *Let us sing praises to God Almighty.*

People: We will continually praise God’s Holy name.

***OUR HYMN OF PRAISE** “My Country, ‘tis of Thee” #441

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: *Now let us, as one church family, proclaim that we hold to be true and self-evident.*

People: 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.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

(Please stand, if able, for the “Gospel Lesson”)

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 8:1-2

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-4, 11-16

*Gospel Lesson

John 6:44-51

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Prayer for America”

-Butler

God of our fathers, we pray today
for the nation which our fathers founded.

We thank you God for the heritage
which has come down to us, bought by
other toil and other tears than our own.

We thank you for great character
that has been woven into the fabric
of this nation. Blessed be your name!
For great leaders whom in crucial times
you have lifted up to direct our paths.
Blessed be your name!

Steady today our hands,
steady today our hands
to grasp the torch of righteousness,
the torch of this nation's righteousness,
that the light of this people may not fail,
may not fail! May not fail!

SERMON MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY FOLLOWED BY THE DOXOLOGY

Leader: *As the leaders of the church come forward to receive the offering plates, let us prepare our hearts and minds to present our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.*

People: Let us prepare Christ's table with our offerings of our life and labor.

OFFERATORY

"Sarabande"

-Corelli

***THE DOXOLOGY**

**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. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*Today we are observing pew communion. All who find themselves in communion with God or in need of communion with God are invited to share in the bread and cup of the Lord's Table. We observe open communion in the United Church of Christ, which means that **all** are welcome to share in this sacrament. When the bread is served, please take a piece and hold it until all are served. We will eat the bread together. The glasses of wine will then be served. The innermost circle of glasses contains grape juice for those who would prefer it. Please take a glass, hold it until all are served. We will drink together. If you choose not to partake of the elements of bread and wine, you may celebrate communion with God and others through silent prayer and meditation.*

Leader: *Beloved of Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day with two*

disciples, and was made known to them through the breaking of bread.

People: This celebration of Communion is a joyful feast of the people of God.

Leader: This table is open to all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's chosen people. (All who are able please stand now.)

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

Leader: As they gathered in the upper room during Passover, and on the very night of Christ's betrayal, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said; "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

People: Christ's death we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to You, O God.

Leader: *Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory.*

We spread Your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to Your service and Your witness to the world.

People: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know You as the Holy One, who with Christ, and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: *Let us say that which Our Lord and Savior has taught us to pray:*

People: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAD AND THE WINE

Leader: *The bread that we break is the communion of the body of Christ.*

Leader: *The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.*

People: Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world; give us your peace.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Leader: *The gifts of God's table are now ready for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" -

Cassler/Helman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: *Dear Lord, we give You thanks for these gifts we have shared with Your people of faith. Let all those who know the Lord's grace and mercy say, Amen. (AMEN)*

*HYMN OF PARTING

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

#443

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Leader: *Go with God, sharing The Creator's message of salvation through Christ Jesus.*

People: We will go. We will share. We will proclaim the power and presence of God.

Leader: *The blessing of God Almighty: the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, be with you all.*

People: Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** "Psalm 117 – Praise the Lord All Ye Nations" -Selby

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

July 1 – July 8

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship Service	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am
	Sr. High Youth Open Gym	11:30am
WED:	Office Closed for Independence Day	
FRI:	Sr. High Youth Open Gym	4:00pm
SAT:	Set-Up for VBS	9:30am
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship Service	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am

Attendance Last Sunday: 87

Altar flowers are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Burkel from the family of Donald L. and Dorothy L. Burkel.

Bulletins are in memory of the Hager and Scrivner families from Gladys Scrivner.

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Linda Dyball who passed away June 25, 2018. Services were held June 28.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Kathryn Waite, Amber Gonzales, Audrey Hoelscher Bruemmer, Family of Linda Dyball

Pastoral Care – Rev. Stoneburner has agreed to fill-in for emergency pastoral care. If you have a need for pastoral care, please call the church office at 635-1041, and they will be in contact with Rev. Stoneburner.

90+ Birthdays: To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in July. If you know someone who should be added to the list, please contact the office.

Often thought, “I can help usher”... Well, now is your chance. Several teams could use a few more ushers. If interested, contact Mary Ann Wippermann, head usher, at 636-3685, or email mlwipper@embarqmail.com.

Second Christian Church is providing sack lunches for children ages 17 and under through August 15. Donations are needed to help with lunches. Place donations in a basket in the Narthex which will be delivered each week (NO nuts please). Suggestions: pudding cups, Jell-O cups, fruit cups, fruit snacks, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, potato chips/other chips, juices, Kool-Aid packets, bottled waters. Second Christian Church sends out a big thank you for the support of their summer lunch program.

Save the date: Red Cross Blood Drive, July 25, held at Central Church. Volunteers are needed to staff the canteen and the registration table. Cookies are also needed. Watch for sign-up sheets as the date gets closer. Please consider helping and donating blood if possible. Contact Susan Poettgen at 573-298-4515 or susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

Festival of Sharing featured kit: Missouri Family Food Boxes.

During July and August, please place items listed below in our box in the narthex. Donated items must be exactly as shown below.

3 different cans of vegetables 14.5 oz.

3 cans tuna 5 oz.

3 pkgs. macaroni & cheese

3 different cans of fruit 14.5 oz.

1 can pasta sauce

1 jar peanut butter

3 cans chicken 2.5 oz.

1 lb. pasta

Altar Flower openings: Sept. 30; Oct. 7

Bulletin openings: July 29; Sept. 9; Dec. 16

Please contact the office if you are interested in these dates by emailing office@centralucc.com or calling 635-1041.

VBS Volunteer Form
All Hands on Deck!
HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 9 – 13; 9:30am – 12:00pm



It's time to set sail and line up our volunteers for VBS. Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we need you. Call Rene with questions, 694-6022.

Crew Guides – Travel with a small group of kids through the day's activities (no preparation). Small groups allow one-on-one interaction.

Station Leaders – We need leaders for Bible stories, Chadder (Bible application), crafts, games, and snacks. We have scripted manuals for you!

General Help – Daily floaters are always needed. We also need a female on Monday, behind-the-scenes on Wednesday, fill-ins for missing crew guides during the week, and someone to be a goofy Gilligan-type character the first 15 minutes each day.

Decorations and Program/Craft Prep – No skills needed, but it's usually a fun time. There may be some things that can be done at home, and there is a work party tentatively planned for Friday, June 29, at 9:30 a.m. at Rene's house. Please call to be sure.

Decorations set-up – Saturday, July 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Possible closing program – Sunday, July 15. If we have enough kids that can participate in a program, we will need people to help serve and several for kitchen clean-up.

How can you help?

What days are you available?

Name/Phone #:

Email:

VBS Registration

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 9 – 13; 9:30am – 12:00pm



**Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins,
and grandkids!**

Are you ready for the voyage of a lifetime? We'll be going overboard exploring God's love for you and it will be boatloads of fun! Kids age 4 through those just completed 5th grade are invited to join us on our VBS sailing adventure. You'll get to experience and be part of the Bible stories and everything goes along with the theme ... crafts, games, music, and even snacks. And we'll rediscover how to see God sightings in everyday life.

We've got some great Bible adventures planned as we learn about God's word ... things like poisonous snakes and shipwrecks and even a storm at sea. Just like a compass, God will be there guiding us as we learn. And just like an anchor in a storm, we'll learn to hold tight to God.

Contact Rene with questions ... 694-6022.

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Name:

Age/last grade completed:

Parent name(s):

Phone:

E-mail address:

Emergency name/number:

Allergies or other special considerations:

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Your presence and participation are an important part of shaping this experience of worship for all of us. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here!

If you are a guest here today, we would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community. If you have any questions about joining us in ministry, please contact the Pastor.

Large Print Bulletins: Large print editions of the worship bulletin are available in the Narthex and by the elevator.

Friendship Register: Please sign the Friendship Register (the blue book at the end of the pew) when it is passed around so that we have a record of your visit.

Ministers.....	Every Member
Director of Music.....	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director	Rene Miserez
Organist	Shirley Klein



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