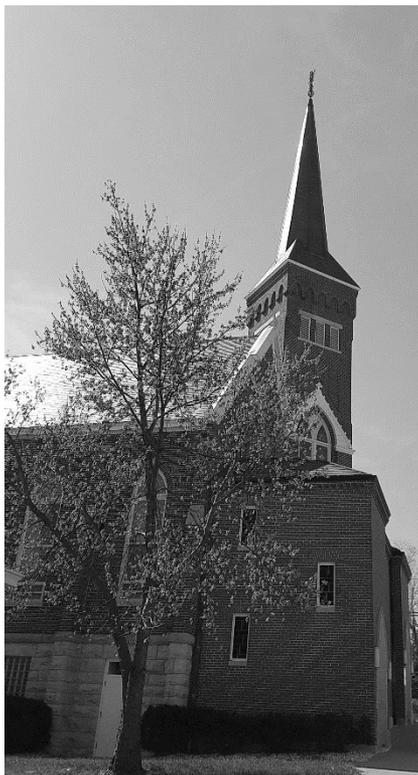


CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent
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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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" #23

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

God knows your thirst. God senses your hunger. Come, eat and drink. A rich feast awaits you. Welcome to the fabulous feast that God has prepared!

We come hungry, thirsty, and searching for God.

God is near, full of power and glory.

We are here to be fed by God's word.

Lift up your hands in praise!

We will sing with joy on our lips.

Bless God, who upholds us with His strength.

We will bless God as long as we live!

***CHOIR INTROIT**

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Faithful God, our parched spirits thirst for you. Gathered here in your sanctuary, may we witness again your power and glory. Feed our hungry souls with the food that truly satisfies. Quench our dry mouths and fill them with your praise. Be known to us here, as we seek you with our whole being. Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun" #371 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

PASSING THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE GLORIA PATRI (sung in unison)**

**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.**

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

Luke 13:1-9

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM "All Thy Works Praise Thee" - Webber

All thy works praise thee, praise thee, O Lord:
And thy saints give thanks, thanks unto thee.
They show the glory of thy kingdom and talk of thy pow'r;
That thy pow'r, thy pow'r, thy glory, and mightiness of
Thy kingdom might be known unto man.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:
And thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living
with plenteousness. My mouth shall speak the praise,
The praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks
Unto his holy Name forever and ever, ever and ever.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on 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;
One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen. (Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662)

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES
March 24 – March 31

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Children's Sunday School	9:30am
	Worship	10:00am
MON:	Scouts	7:00pm
TUES:	Prime Time Club	11:30am
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Young Youth	3:45pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Choir	7:00pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Children's Sunday School	9:30am
	Worship	10:00am

Attendance last Sunday: 89

Altar flowers are in memory of departed members of the Martha Circle.

Bulletins are in loving memory of Carl E. Burkel from the family of Donald L. and Dorothy L. Burkel.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Jacquie Howser, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild, Norman Buescher, Melissa Parscal, Jenny Alpers, Larry Rizner

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.

Our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Judith Scott for leading us in worship this morning and delivering the sermon message.

90+ Birthdays this month:

Carrie Davis (3/07)
211 Indian Meadow Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101

The Prime Time Club will meet Tuesday, March 26 at 11:30 a.m. for their monthly carry-in luncheon. Greg and Marian Eskijian will show slides of their honeymoon trip. Please come as we fellowship together.

Volunteers needed for Young Youth – Wednesdays, at 5:00-5:35 p.m. Alan Bagnall is in the kitchen preparing dinner while we are doing our Bible lessons and activities, so we need another adult to join us for our lessons (per the Safe Church Policy approved last week). See Rene to sign up to join us for a week.

Young Youth – Kids ages K-5th grades get together on Wednesdays after school for food and fun, faith and fellowship. Supervision begins at 3:45 (or whenever your school gets out) and we end at 6:00. Our lessons are still focusing on Scriptures that are parables (there are a lot). These are stories that Jesus told to help teach a lesson. Bring a friend and join us!

Camp Aurora work days – April 13, April 27, May 18, June 1. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 6:00 a.m. and car pool to the camp. Work days start at 9:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and drink. We'll try to finish and be on the road by 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. All ages are welcome as we have plenty of things to do! If you would like to help, please call Matt Kujath at 573-619-5724.

During the month of March, the Mission and Outreach Ministry will once again be collecting items for the CWS Hygiene Kit. Please place your items in our box in the narthex. Donated items must be exactly as shown below:

1 nail clippers (remove packaging)

1 toothbrush in original package

1 hand towel

1 bath size bar of soap in package

1 washcloth

1 wide tooth comb (remove packaging)

10 standard size Band-Aids

Volunteers are needed to prepare/serve monthly Salvation Army Meals, June through December. Contact Susan Poettgen at susan.poettgen@gmail.com or call 573-298-4515.

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion on June 9 (Pentecost – possibly Confirmation Sunday); and July 7. Contact Mary Ann Wippermann at mlwipper@embarqmail.com or call 573-636-3685.

First Saturday Feast

All-You-Can-Eat

March 2 & April 6
7:00 – 11:30 A.M.

All-You-Can-Eat

BREAKFAST BONANZA



\$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5 to 9; children under 5 eat free.

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs

Bacon

Biscuits & Gravy

Coffee/Juice

Sausage

Central United Church of Christ (gymnasium)

118 W. Ashley, Jefferson City, MO

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A Lenten Reflection shared from Alan Bagnall:

"When Jesus seemed to lack the strength to continue on, it was Simon who stepped forward to help carry the cross. Perhaps he was compelled by the Roman soldiers to come forward, but nonetheless it was he who stood next to Jesus to help lighten the load. It was his actions that helped Jesus carry on and fulfill God's will.

Stewardship sometimes dictates that we step forward to offer help. Stewardship also calls us to accept the help of others. Meaningful and important goals cannot always be reached by using our gifts alone. Jesus did not object to Simon's help. He needed Simon to help complete the journey.

How many times have we dismissed a Simon because of our pride or arrogance? How many times have we chosen our own interests over the best interests of the body of Christ? We must never forget that we are called into a community that together represents Jesus Christ to the world. It is only by using all our gifts together that God's will can be done."

- by Tracy Earl Welliver

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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