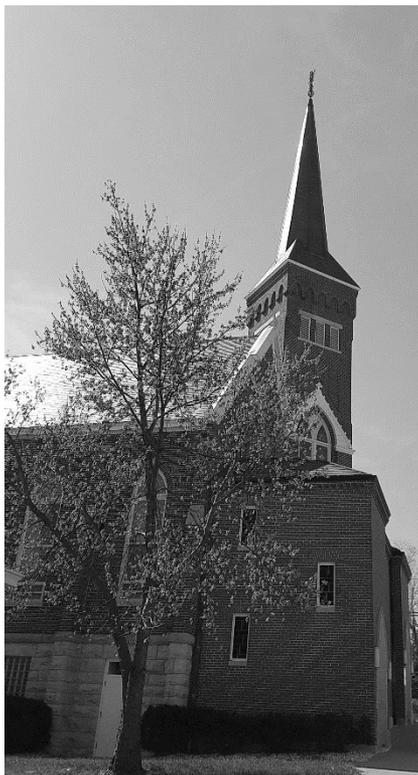


CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



March 31, 2019
Fourth 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**

"I Sing The Praise of Love Unbounded"

#17

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

You are welcome here. No matter where you have been, no matter what you have done, you are welcomed in love and grace. May you find rest and renewal; may you find hope and peace. This is what God offers to us all, to those who eagerly come to worship God,

you are welcome here.

To those who grumbled about coming,

you are welcome here.

To those who are not sure why they are here,

you are welcome here.

In the name of the One who loves and forgives us, you are welcome in this place.

Thanks be to God!

CHOIR INTROIT**GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Almighty, creating God, you have called us to this place. You breathe life into us each day. You welcome us just as we are, with all of our hopes and fears, all of our faults and talents. As we worship, may we rest in your Spirit, and may we remember that you alone renew our lives. Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

#4

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

Joshua 5:9-12

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Roll Jordan Roll”

- R. H. Gillum

Roll Jordan, Roll Jordan Roll, Jordan Roll,
Jordan; Roll, Jordan, Roll! In the mornin'
Roll, Jordan Roll, Roll Jordan Roll,
I want to go to heaven when I die
To hear old Jordan Roll.

Roll, Jordan Roll, Roll Jordan Roll,
I want to go to heaven when I die
To hear old Jordan Roll.

O sister you ought to been there;
Oh yes, my Lord: A sittin' in the kingdom
To hear old Jordan roll.

O preacher you ought to been there;
Hallelu, Oh yes my Lord! To the Lamb!
You ought to been sittin' in the kingdom
To hear old Jordan roll.

Roll Jordan roll, Roll Jordan Roll;
I want to go to heaven when I die
To hear old Jordan roll.
(Rene Miserez, soprano; Bill Stine, baritone)

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “My Song Is Love Unknown” - Burkhardt

*THE DOXOLOGY (sung in unison)

**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. Amen.**

*DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends, and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” #226 (vs. 1, 4, 5)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE** “Prelude in F Minor” - Handel

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

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:	WIGS Circle Meeting	1:00pm
	Scouts	7:00pm
TUES:	Brotherhood	5:30pm
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Young Youth	3:45pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Choir	7:00pm
SAT:	Breakfast Bonanza	7:00am
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Children's Sunday School	9:30am
	Worship	10:00am

Attendance last Sunday: 81

Altar flowers are in loving memory of all Central Church members that developed and lived our mission to serve God, from the Parlor Class.

Bulletins are in loving honor to all members of Central Church that continue to love and serve Jesus Christ, from the Parlor Class.

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

Annual Rummage Sale – Saturday, May 4, 7:00 a.m. Set-up for the sale will take place on Thursday, May 2, from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and on Friday, May 3, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. You may drop off items for the sale in the church gym beginning Sunday, April 28. We need clothing (all genders and sizes), household items, books, DVD's, CD's, hobby and craft items, small electronics (no TV's, computers or printers), linens, toys, collectibles, outdoor items, and furniture. We need volunteers to help with set-up and also on the day of the sale beginning at 6:45 a.m. After the sale, help is needed to clean-up and take items to Goodwill. The sale ends at 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your help and support. If you have questions, please contact Carole Spencer at 635-6580, or Sondra Spencer at 573-694-5588.

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.

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!

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

Diapers for Nebraska: Hebrews 13:16 “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Dr. Laura Voss (daughter of Linda Heller) and the New

Springs Community Clinic recently had almost 150 community-donated first-aid kits transported to flood-ravaged areas of Nebraska. They are now asking for donations of diapers and wipes to do the same. She has set up an Amazon wish list with the requested items on it.

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1YOCAYQ0ZE8XG...>

If you feel called to help, at checkout you can have the items shipped directly to:

New Springs Community Church
1800 NE Independence Ave
Lee's Summit MO 64086

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Bagnall.

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve monthly Salvation Army Meals for these dates:

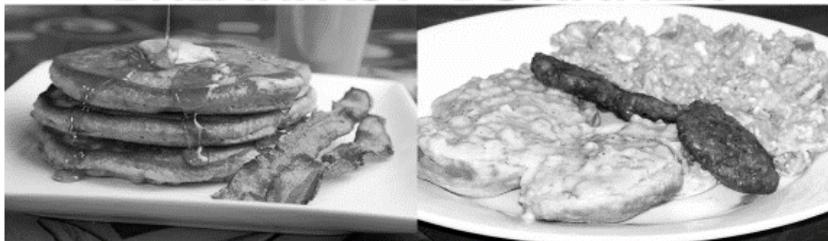
July 11
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

If you can volunteer for any of these Thursdays, please contact Susan Poettgen, Mission and Outreach Ministry Chair, by calling 573-298-4515 or email Susan at susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

First Saturday Feast

All-You-Can-Eat **March 2 & April 6** All-You-Can-Eat
7:00 – 11:30 A.M.

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:

Luke 23:39-43 (NIV)

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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"The story of Dismas has been called a 'gospel within a gospel' because it condenses the ministry of Jesus into just a few hours. Dismas the good thief represents the converted rebel in all of us as he changes from reviling to revering Jesus. His example encourages us to abandon our own misery and slavery to sin for the mercy and freedom of Christ, no matter what we have done or failed to do.

Jesus the eternal judge nailed to the cross presides over all of humanity. By his death he sees to it that '...this world's prince is driven out' (John 12:31). He silences the hellish argument that our sins are unforgivable, that there is no hope, no turning back for the likes of us. The voice of Satan the prosecutor is silenced by the verdict of Jesus as he admits a scoundrel into the kingdom at the very last minute.

The account of Dismas also reminds us of the parable in which the laborer came at the end of the day and still earned the same wage

as those who entered the field early in the morning. This story of God's freedom to act as He wills gives all of us hope."

– Ron Zeilinger

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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