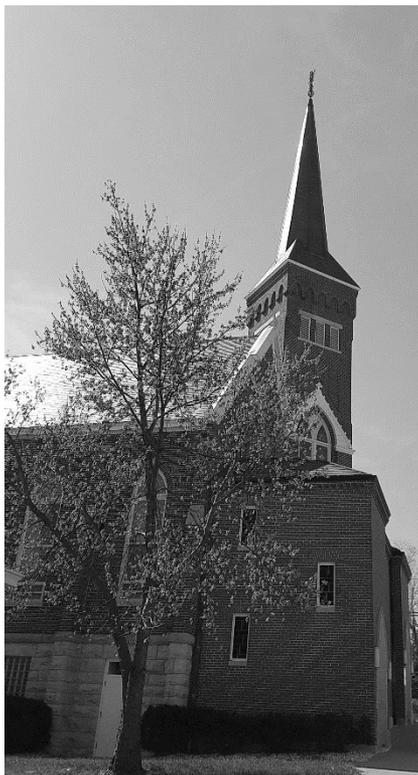


CENTRAL

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



April 7, 2019
Fifth 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)**

Knowing Jesus changes everything. Meeting love incarnate changes everything. The one who parted the waters to save Israel will set our feet on dry land.

We will walk forward in faith.

The one who restored the fortunes of Zion will fill our mouths with laughter.

We will dream of life renewed.

The one who raised Jesus from the dead will do a new thing in our lives.

We will rest in the peace of Christ.

Come, let us worship the God of our salvation.

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

Lead us, Lord, into the mystery of your presence. As we gather in this time of worship, free us from the fears that bind us, that our hearts may be filled with joy and our tongues may sing your praises. Teach us the glory of knowing your son, and help us know the joy that comes from loving freely. Guide us in your ways and renew our hope, that we may perceive signs of your Spirit springing forth from your abundant love. With joy-filled trust, we pray. Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” #21 (vs. 1, 2, 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

John 12:1-8

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Let Us With A Gladsome Mind” - Alan Ridout

Let us with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord for he is kind:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad,
For of gods he is the God:

For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He the golden tressed sun
Caused all day his course to run:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

The horned moon to shine by night,
Mid her spangled sisters bright:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

***THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was

incarnate by the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; from thence he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #158

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE** “Our Father Who Art In Heaven” - Bach

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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

April 7 – April 14

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Children's Sunday School	9:30am
	Worship	10:00am
MON:	Scouts	7:00pm
TUES:	Mission & Outreach Ministry	4:00pm
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Central UCC Family Time (Perkins)	9:00am
	Young Youth	3:45pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Choir	7:00pm
THURS:	Salvation Army Meal	5:00pm
SAT:	Western Association Annual Meeting (at Central UCC)	10:00am – 3:00pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	PALM SUNDAY	
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Children's Sunday School	9:30am
	Worship	10:00am

Attendance last Sunday: 87

Altar flowers are in loving memory of Cooper Phillips from Roger and Diana Phillips.

Bulletins are in loving memory of Benjamin Joseph Feather by Jean and Tony Feather.

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

Easter Sunday – The Sunday School Class and the Confirmation Class will be working together on a craft on Easter morning at 9:30 a.m., and will present it at the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service during the Children’s Message.

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.

Only two openings are left to fill for the 2019 Salvation Army Meal schedule. If you or your group can volunteer, please contact Susan Poettgen by calling 573-298-4515, or you can email susan.poettgen@gmail.com. Remaining dates are November 14, and December 12.

During the months of April, May and June, the Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the **CWS Cleanup Bucket**. We have scouring pads, clothespins and dust masks so they are not included in the collection. Please place your items in our box in the narthex, where there's also a list available with shopping hints. Donated items must be exactly as shown below:

1 bottle of liquid household cleaner 12-16 oz. (must be water mixable to spray bottles)

1 non-aerosol insect repellent, 6-9 oz.

Clothesline, 1- 100 ft. or 2- 50 ft.

1 pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather

2 pairs non-surgical latex gloves, should be durable for multiple uses

1- 50 oz., or 2- 24 oz. liquid laundry detergent (bottles only)

1 liquid disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz.

18 reusable cleaning wipes (i.e. easy wipes)

*7 sponges, including 1 large (=jumbo) sponge
24-48 heavy-duty or contractor type trash bags, size 30-45 gallon
in a roll
1 bucket with lid., 5 gallon only*

Volunteers needed for Young Youth – Wednesdays, at 5:00-5:35 p.m. Alan Bagnull 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!

Diapers for Nebraska: Dr. Laura Voss (daughter of Linda Heller) and the New Springs Community Clinic are asking for donations of diapers and wipes for flood-ravaged areas of Nebraska. Laura 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 Bagnull.



CHRIST IS RISEN!

**EASTER SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**

April 21, 2019

8:30am Breakfast
8:30am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Children's Sunday School
10:00am Worship

EASTER MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM LISTING

For Easter Sunday, you may provide a lily &/or make a monetary donation in memory of or in honor of loved ones for the Easter Memorial/Honorarium Listing. Please note dates below:

Monday, April 15: *form & check due in office*

Friday, April 19: *bring lilies to the church*

(please do not bring earlier than April 19)

NAME/PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CHECK BOX(ES): Lily (you provide) General Fund

Other Fund _____

WORDING FOR LISTING: In memory of In honor of

(Please Print) _____

From: _____

A Lenten Reflection shared from Alan Bagnull:

Luke 23:27-28

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.

"On the road to Golgotha, Jesus stopped to console the grieving women on the side of the road. Jesus could not ignore their tears of despair. Even in one of his darkest hours, Jesus took time to stop and be present to those in need.

Jesus not only gave the women his time and his presence, he quoted the prophets for them, teaching them about the meaning of what was occurring before their eyes. He never stopped teaching and proclaiming the word of God. He never stopped shepherding his people, even when he was like a lamb being led to the slaughter.

Even when we do not feel like it, we are called to bear witness to the Gospel. Even when we feel spent and battered by the world, we are called to preach the Good News to the world. This is not only because of God's call on our life, but because even when it seems all hope is lost, with Jesus, love will always prevail."

– 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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