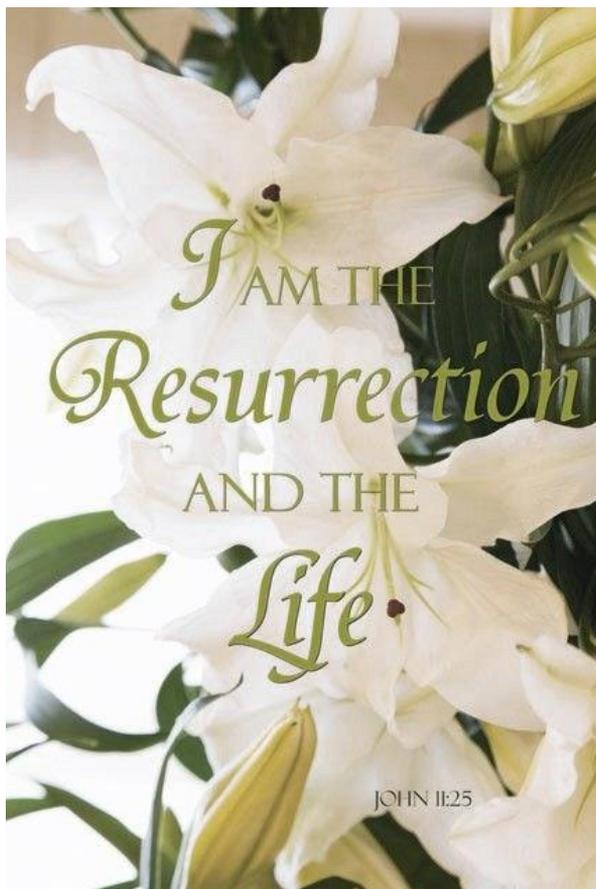


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United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



April 21, 2019
EASTER SUNDAY
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 “Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” #167

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Look, life is here, even when the tomb is empty.

Listen, love is calling, even when death is all around.

Believe, for hope reigns victorious; this is the gift of resurrection.

This is the miracle of Easter.

(ALL) Hallelujah! Amen.

***CHOIR INTROIT**

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Risen Christ, rise in our hearts with faith. Raise our voices in praise, and lift our eyes to the hills of hope. Reveal to us your presence. Raise us up to new life, even as you were risen, that we may proclaim to the world: “Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!” Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN** “The Day of Resurrection”

#165

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" - Wolff

Christ the Lord is ris'n again,
Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.
Hark! The angels shout for joy,
Singing ever more on high:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He who gave for us His life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today!
We, too, sing for joy and say:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He who bore all pain and loss,
Comfortless upon the cross;
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us and hears our cry.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ today Thy people feed.
Take our sins and guilt away;
That we all may sing for ay:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen
(Bill Stine, baritone)

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

OFFERTORY “Partita on O filii et filiae” - Held
(O Sons and Daughters)

*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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*

INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC "Lento – Christ Is Risen" - Purvis

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN** "Sing With All the Sons of Glory" #177

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE** "O Hail This Brightest Day of Days" - Bach

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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

April 21 – April 28

TODAY:	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Church Breakfast	8:30am
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Children's Sunday School	9:30am
	Worship	10:00am
MON:	Office Closed	
	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
THURS:	Celebrating Women Banquet	5:30pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Children's Sunday School	9:30am
	Worship	10:00am
	Mission JC	11:00am

Attendance last Sunday: 85

Altar flowers are for all the members past and present of Women's Fellowship from Linda Heller.

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

Last week's altar flowers were In memory of Mrs. And Mrs. Cole Shafer by the family.

Last week's bulletins were given in memory of loved ones from Walt Rottmann.

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, Harry Kujath

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:

Florence Guhleman (4/14)
5815 American Parkway, #311
Madison, WI 53718

Wilbur Rowden (4/24)
238 Eastland Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Copies of the Easter Memorial and Honorarium Listing are available in the narthex for those who participated.

Prime Time Club will meet Tuesday, April 23, around 11:30 a.m. for their monthly carry-in luncheon. The speaker will be Stephanie Johnson, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Mission JC – Join with nine churches and over 600 volunteers as we give back to our city through Mission JC next Sunday morning, **April 28**. All ages are welcome and families are encouraged to serve together! To see projects, go to www.missionjc.org or you can stay after worship at Central Church to help with trash pickup in the neighborhood, visit home bound members, or help pack Festival of Sharing kits. Let a member of the Mission and Outreach Ministry know if you are interested in helping after church on April 28. We'll still have our regular Worship Service at 10:00am at Central Church.

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.

Bake Sale at the Rummage Sale – If you would like to donate baked goods, please bring them to the gym on Friday, May 3 by 4:00 p.m. Good choices would include cookies, brownies,

banana bread-type goodies, trail mix, etc. We'll need a recipe or a listing of ingredients so we can label items for allergy-conscious friends – things like nuts, etc. You don't need to package them; we'll take care of that so pricing is more even. Call Rene Miserez with questions at 573-694-6022.

Camp Aurora work days – 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.

One opening remains (December 12) for you to volunteer to prepare and serve the monthly Salvation Army Meal. If you or your group can volunteer, please contact Susan Poettgen by emailing susan.poettgen@gmail.com or calling Susan at 573-298-4515.

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 for Young Youth – Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help. All of our spots are filled through the end of the school year!

Diapers for Nebraska: Dr. Laura Voss (Linda Heller’s daughter) and New Springs Community Clinic are asking for diapers and wipes for flood-ravaged areas of Nebraska. Laura set up a wish list on Amazon – you can view her list at:

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

Then at checkout, you can have 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.

Reflections from Alan Bagnall:

Palm Sunday:

Matthew 21:6-11

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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"The story of the triumphal entry is one of contrasts, and those contrasts contain applications to believers. It is the story of the King who came as a lowly servant on a donkey, not a prancing steed, not in royal robes, but on the clothes of the poor and humble. Jesus Christ comes not to conquer by force as earthly kings but by love, grace, mercy, and His own sacrifice for His people. His is not a kingdom of armies and splendor but of

lowliness and servanthood. He conquers not nations but hearts and minds. His message is one of peace with God, not of temporal peace. If Jesus has made a triumphal entry into our hearts, He reigns there in peace and love. As His followers, we exhibit those same qualities, and the world sees the true King living and reigning in triumph in us." - S. Michael Houdmann

Maundy Thursday:

Luke 13:3-6,12-17

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

† † †

"Jesus washing the feet of the disciples occurred in the upper room, during the Last Supper and has significance in three ways. For Jesus, it was the display of His humility and His servanthood. For the disciples, the washing of their feet was in direct contrast to their heart attitudes at that time. For us, washing feet is symbolic of our role in the body of Christ.

When Jesus came to earth the first time, He came not as King and Conqueror, but as the suffering Servant of Isaiah 53. He came "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." The humility expressed by His act with towel and basin foreshadowed His ultimate act of humility and love on the cross.

Jesus' attitude of servanthood was in direct contrast to that of the disciples, who had recently been arguing among themselves as to which of them was the greatest. Since there was no servant present to wash their feet, it would never have occurred to them to wash one another's feet. When the Lord Himself stooped to this lowly task, they were stunned into silence.

When Jesus washed the disciples' feet, He told them (and us), "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you". As His followers, we are to emulate Him, serving one another in lowliness of heart and mind, seeking to build one another up in humility and love. When we seek the preeminence, we displease the Lord who promised that true greatness in His kingdom is attained by those with a servant's heart. When we have that servant's heart, the Lord promised, we will be greatly blessed."

- S. Michael Houdmann

Good Friday:

Matthew 16:21-25

From that time on, Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God but the things of men.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

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Good Friday is the day we remember the crucifixion of Jesus, but there’s more to it than remembering. We want to embrace the resurrection, but Jesus calls us to the Cross, too. There’s no Easter Sunday without Good Friday. There is no resurrection without the Cross. Our job as Christians is to tell the truth to His people: There’s a Good Friday for all of us.

The very idea of Good Friday caused those around him concern. The problem is that both his power and wisdom led him to the Cross, a brutal denial of everything he had done before. Those who had seen his power wondered why he seemed powerless at his greatest need. Those who saw his intelligence wondered how someone so smart could miscalculate so badly. Both sides missed what Jesus and his Father had been saying. Not just his words, his very life had been a parable.

What God offers us all is first the Cross. The earliest believers called the Cross “the wisdom of God and power of God”. This is a stumbling block for us to consider: that both his power and wisdom led him to the Cross. Things are always darkest just before they go pitch black. And then, in the blackness of the truth—the truth that our own power or smarts are never enough—we discover that we need to rely solely on the promise of the Father.

Good Friday provides the opportunity to proclaim, “Once you’ve been to the Cross, everything changes.” Stumbling blocks and foolishness turn into power and wisdom. The Cross changes everything. If something’s pursuing you, then perhaps the event that will change everything for you is the Cross. If nothing is changing, maybe you haven’t been to the Cross.

Easter is indeed about the empty tomb. But first, it’s about the Cross.

- Ray

Hollenbach

Easter Sunday:

The promise of the Resurrection is a promise of redemption. As Jesus set aside his past life and rose above its trials and tribulations, we too can set aside our past lives and be redeemed. When we recognize those inequities and failings within ourselves, when we accept the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, when we acknowledge the salvation of our Risen Christ, we are made whole again. We become reborn. We are set free. We are redeemed.

This is the miracle and the promise of Easter. Christ was crucified, died, and was buried. Yet Christ rose again, conquering death to save mankind from our sins. For if Christ

can conquer death and be reborn, mankind can conquer sin
and be reborn in Him. Christ has shown us the way; we have
simply to rise up and follow Him.
– Alan Bagnull

Rise Up O Church Of God

(Tune: St. Thomas by Aaron Williams;
words by Alan Bagnull)

Rise up, O Church of God!
The world awaits our voice.
Bring forth our Savior's Word to all,
And let our souls rejoice!

Rise up, O Church of God!
Let mercy be our guide;
Let faith and fellowship abound,
And heav'nly grace abide

Rise up, O Church of God!
Our lives we dedicate,
To serving Christ with steadfast love,
And e'radicating hate.

Rise up, O Church of God!
We lift our voice in song.,
Follow behind our Risen Christ,
A joyous, faithful throng! Amen

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
Pulpit Supply Minister.....	Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director.....	Rene Miserez
Organist.....	Shirley Klein

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