

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



May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter
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 “For All the Saints”

#418

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Listen to the voice that shouts:

God’s dwelling is with us now.

In work and in play,

God makes a home with us.

In sorrow and celebration,

God makes a home with us.

Lift your voices in praise for this good news:

God’s dwelling is with us now!

***CHOIR INTROIT**

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Come, Holy Spirit, our constant Companion. Remind us of all that Jesus taught. Refresh us with water from your life-giving stream, and renew us with your heavenly peace. Grant us visions of your new creation, and draw us together as sisters and brothers. Come, Holy Spirit; come and stay. Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN**

“God of Might, We Praise Thy Name” #20 (vs. 1 & 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

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:1-10, 22 – 22:5

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” - Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light.
I have been to the mount,
I have seen the Promised Land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring Thy child home at last,
Where the strife and the pain all are past:
I have dreamed a great dream
That Thy love shall rule our land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Take Thy child unto Thee,
With my dream of a world that is free.
For that day when all flesh
joins the glory Thou hast planned,
Precious Lord, Precious Lord, take my hand.
Take my hand.

(In loving memory of Cynthia Collins, Shirley Klein's niece.)

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

“Largo e spiccato – Concerto in D Minor” - Vivaldi

*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** “Holy Spirit Truth Divine” #188

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE** “Prelude and Fugue in C Major” - Bach

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

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A LIVELY church has parking problems;
a dead church doesn't.

A LIVELY church has lots of 'noisy' children and young people;
a dead church is fairly quiet.

A LIVELY church often changes the way things are done;
a dead church doesn't have to.

A LIVELY church often asks for more program and mission money;
a dead church has plenty of money for what it does.

A LIVELY church asks people to open up and risk involvement;
a dead church plays it safe and never risks.

A LIVELY church sees challenges and opportunities;
a dead church sees problems and dangers.

A LIVELY church apologizes, forgives and seeks forgiveness;
a dead church never makes mistakes.

A LIVELY church uses its tradition and facilities to serve people;
a dead church uses people to preserve facilities and traditions.

A LIVELY church believes in God's future and "lets go" with faith;
a dead church believes in the past and "holds on."

A LIVELY church is filled with committed givers;
a dead church is filled with tippers.

A LIVELY church dares to dream great dreams for God's Kingdom;
a dead church has nightmares.

Now then, what about our church?

- First Congregational Church
Winchester, MA

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

May 26 – June 2

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
MON:	Office Closed for Memorial Day	
TUES:	Prime Time Club	11:30am
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Choir	7:00pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	W.I.G.S. 50 th Celebration	11:00am

Attendance last Sunday: 82

Altar flowers are in memory of Fischer and Sundermeyer families from Susan Poettgen.

Bulletins are in honor of friends from Laverne Baker.

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, Lee Thompson, Dennis Kuebler

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:

Armin Klemme (5/21)
724 South Oak
Union, MO 63084

Blanket Month – The Mission and Outreach Ministry sponsors a blanket drive during the month of May. The cost of one blanket is \$10; however, memorial/honorarium cards will be available for \$5. Members of the Mission and Outreach Team will be stationed at the blanket each Sunday in May to take your donations and help with your memorial/honorarium cards. With a donation to the blanket drive, you can honor special people while making life a little better for someone in need. Blankets provide warmth and shelter to someone who has been victimized by natural disaster, war or some other situation that leaves a person in need. In many situations, a blanket can really make a difference! Please help us become an honor roll church again this year.

The Prime Time Club will gather on Tuesday, May 28 around 11:30 a.m. for their carry-in luncheon. Our speaker will be Betty Berendzen who will speak on the subject of Alzheimer's. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

WIGS 50th Anniversary – On June 2, the Women In God's Service Circle (WIGS) will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. All women who have ever been members of WIGS are invited to sit together for the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Central United Church of Christ. There will be a reception in the Parlor following the service. Please RSVP to: Jeanne Kujath, Kujathsweb@aol.com or Cindy Sullivan, CASullivan4@Gmail.com.

Celebration of Men Dinner – On Tuesday, June 11, the Elenor Circle will be hosting a dinner in honor of all the men of Central Church. Cost will be \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children age 5-12 and under 5 are free. Please make your reservations by calling the church office at 635-1041 by June 7. The dinner will be served at 5:30.

Camp Aurora Workday – 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.

Save the Date: Red Cross Blood Drive, July 23 – A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the church gym on Wednesday, July 23. If you plan on donating blood that day, your last day to give at other locations is May 28 so that you'll be eligible to donate for the blood drive at Central Church. A request for volunteers and cookies will go out when the date gets closer.

A volunteer is needed for the December 12, Salvation Army Meal opening. If you or your group can volunteer, please contact Susan Poettgen by emailing susan.poettgen@gmail.com or calling Susan at 573-298-4515.

Bulletin Openings – Sunday, February 2, 2020 is open and available for next year. Cost is \$15 per Sunday. If you are interested in one or both of these Sundays, please contact the office at 635-1041 or office@centralucc.com.

During the months of May and June, the Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the **CWS Cleanup Bucket**. We have 6 buckets that are not complete. Donated items must

be exactly as shown below. We need the following items to finish the buckets:

Non-aerosol insect repellent, 6-9 oz.

Reusable cleaning wipes (i.e. easy wipes)

*Heavy-duty or contractor type trash bags, size 30-45 gallon
in a roll*

*Liquid household cleaner 12-16 oz. (must be water
mixable to spray bottles)*

Liquid disinfectant dish soap

The Second Christian Church is hosting the Summer Lunch Program again this year. We have been asked to help provide food for children ages 17 and under. A basket will be in the narthex for donations. Please **DO NOT** bring nuts. Donations needed: pudding cups, Jell-O cups, fruit cups, fruit snacks, brownies, cupcakes, cookies, bread, fresh fruit/veggies, juices, bottled water, Kool-Aid boxes, bread, money for sandwich meat and cheese.

Monticello Singers will perform their 11th Annual Memorial Day Concert, on Monday, **May 27**, 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 201 Monroe Street.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 5-7 PM



**Homemade
Ice Cream
Desserts**

**Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Side Dishes**

VBS REGISTRATION FORM:

All are welcome ... kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends

Vacation Bible School

July 8 – 12

9:30am – 12:00pm

CROCIDILE DOCK

“Where Fearless Kids Shine God’s Light”

Are you ready to sink your teeth into big fun? That’s what we’re going to do at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God’s light! Kids age 4 through those just completed 5th grade are invited to join us on our VBS bayou adventure. You’ll get to be part of Bible stories and everything goes along with the theme... crafts, games, music, snacks. Plus, God sightings will help you discover how to see God. At Crocodile Dock, we’re going to explore MIRACLES... the big stuff God did to make himself known. A burning bush. An assault of plagues. Jesus’ resurrection. We’re also going to discover God’s little miracles... things that show God’s love in everyday life. Contact Rene with questions, 694-6022 or bellsic@aol.com. It’s gonna be a romp in the swamp... bring a friend to sit BAYOU and we’ll see you there!

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Name:

Age/Grade finished:

Address:

Phone #:

Emergency name/number:

Email address:

Allergies or other special considerations:

VBS VOLUNTEER FORM:

It's time to get our **volunteers** HOOKED up for Vacation Bible School. Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we've got a spot for you.

Crew Guides... Travel with a group of 5-6 kids through the day's activities ... and there's no preparation! The small groups allow one-on-one interaction and help the kids connect with God.

Station Leaders... Scripted manuals help you prepare. Bible Adventure (puts the kids *in* the Bible story), Chadder (applies the Bible story), Crafts, Games, and Snacks are all pre-planned and theme-related.

General Help... Daily floaters are always needed. We especially need someone to be our Pharaoh on Tuesday, July 9 (the plagues are coming!).

Decorations... Most of it is done already, but there will be a few things to work on.

Decorations Set-up... FRIDAY, July 5. Plan to meet at 9:30 a.m.

Closing program lunch... Sunday, July 14. We need people to help serve and several for kitchen clean-up.

Not sure how to help? Let me know what your interests are.

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VBS will run July 8-12 from 9:30-12:00. If you can help during VBS, which days are you available?

How CANOE help?

Name/phone #:

Comments:

(Contact Rene at 694-6022 or bellsic@aol.com to sign up)

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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