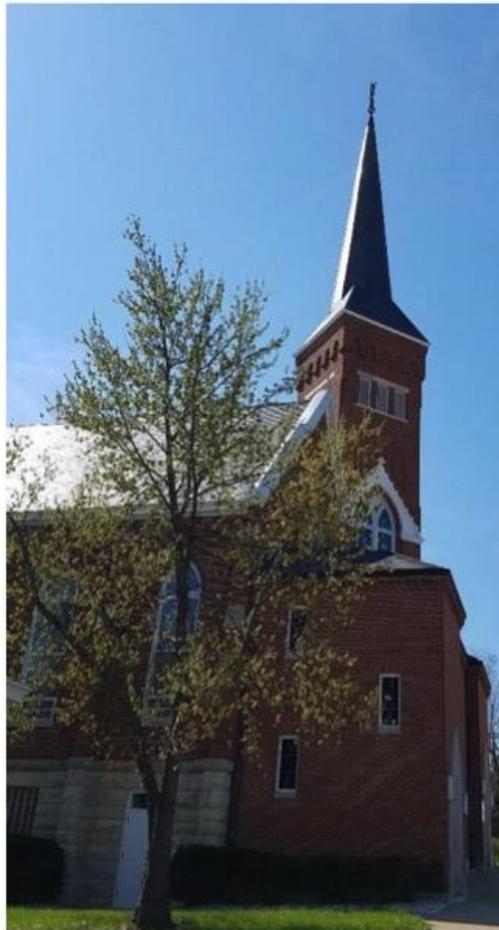


**CENTRAL**  
United Church of Christ  
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



**April 19, 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into God's presence with joy.  
In God, we have an inheritance that is imperishable.  
Come into God's presence with hope.  
In Christ, we have an inheritance that cannot be defiled.  
Come into God's presence with longing.  
In the Spirit, we have an inheritance that never fades.  
Come into God's presence with love.  
In God, we have an inheritance that brings new life.

**HYMN "Jesus Lives and So Shall I"**

Jesus lives, and so shall I.  
Death! thy sting is gone forever:  
He, who deigned for me to die,  
Lives, the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me with the just;  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and God extends  
Grace to each returning sinner;  
Rebels He receives as friends,  
And exalts to highest honor.  
God is True as He is Just;  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and by His grace,  
Victory o'er my passions giving,  
I will cleanse my heart and ways,  
Ever to His glory living.  
Th' weak He raises from the dust;  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and death is now  
But my entry into glory  
Courage! then, my soul, for thou  
Hast a crown of life before Thee;  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just--  
Jesus is my hope and trust. Amen.

**GATHERING PRAYER**

O God, our refuge and our strength, we rejoice that you are our chosen portion, you are our cup that overflows to eternal life. As we celebrate your Easter miracle of bringing life out of

death, we express our gratitude and joy for the new life budding within us, and all around us. Amen.

**REFLECTION MUSIC “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”** arr. John Walters  
(Dr. Patrick Clark, tenor; Bill Stine, baritone; Kip Neblett, bass)

## HEAR GOD’S WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
John 20:19-31

### CHOIR RESPONSE

**SERMON**            “We inherit! (How?)”                            Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

## RESPOND IN FAITH

### HYMN ““O Jesus, I Have Promised” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end:  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee,  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend. Amen.



Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to Thee till death.

**BENEDICTION**

**WE HOLD EACH OTHER IN SPIRIT**

Blest be the tie that binds,  
Our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds,  
Is like to that above.

**POSTLUDE**                    *“Rigaudon”*                    - *Campra*

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

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Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.

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