

CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
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April 26, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is here, ready to be revealed.
Watch and wait for the new growth that is coming.

HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise;
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed with precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it from Thy courts above.

GATHERING PRAYER

Eternal God, we are here, yearning to know you more fully. Stay with us as we worship this day. Reveal yourself in the words that are spoken, and the songs that are sung. Help us understand your truth, and embrace your life-giving power, revealed within your enduring word. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

REFLECTION MUSIC*"In the Garden"* -

arr. Alan Jackson

(Roger Hager, bass; Gary Sanders, piano)

HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Luke 24:13-35

CHOIR RESPONSE

SERMON

“Stay With Us”

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

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.

RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
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And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

- Willan

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast. Amen.

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

"Our Father Who Art In Heaven"

- Bach

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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