

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



May 17, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit of truth dwells among us. Be at peace.

In the Lord, we live and breathe and have our being. Rest in His presence.

HYMN "Blessed Jesus At Thy Word"

Blessèd Jesus, at Thy Word
We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
By Thy teachings sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Til Thy Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
Thou must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, Thyself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open Thou our ears and heart;
Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry Thy people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

Bailey Higgins
Olivia Scrivner

GATHERING PRAYER

Hear our prayers, O God, as we come to sing your praises. Bless us with your steadfast love, in times of peace and in times of trial. Make your presence known to us this day, for we seek to know you better. Enliven us with your Spirit of truth, and increase our faith, even as we place our hope and trust in you. Amen.

REFLECTION MUSIC "Grace" - Mark Hayes

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound;
That saved a wretch, a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found.
I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And that same grace my tears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
This grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And surely, surely grace will lead me home,
I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than since the day we first begun,
Than since the day we first begun.

HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66:8-20

John 14:15-21

CHOIR RESPONSE

SERMON

"Peace"

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 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Glorious things of Thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He, whose Word cannot be broken,
Formed Thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake Thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
Thou may’st smile at all Thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply Thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age

Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near;
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which He gives them when they pray. 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

“Air – Overture in D”

- Bach

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.

GO FORTH IN LOVE

HYMN "In Christ There Is No East Or West"

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Join hands, then brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son,
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
In Him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth. 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

"Fanfare Fugue"

- Bach

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

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

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