

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



**June 28, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**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.

*All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI.*

\* Indicates please stand, as you are able

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**OPENING 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.

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.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

How long, O Lord?  
How long must we hold onto this pain?  
How long will the aches of our souls have power over our hearts?  
How long must we bear the weights of worry, of guilt, of sorrow?  
May God’s steadfast love heal our spirits.  
May God’s steadfast love help us discover the road to salvation.  
Let us sing with renewed voices.  
Let us sing of divine generosity.

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

Holy One, to whom we bare our souls, we take comfort and courage in your presence. Through your love and light, we are able to explore what it takes to place our trust entirely in you. Help us lovingly put you before all else, as we journey the corridors of uncertainty, knowing that your steadfast love shepherds us on paths unknown. Amen.

## **PRAISE HYMN “O Worship the King”**

O worship the King, All glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love:  
Our Shield and Defender, the ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned In splendor, and girded with praise.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail’  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## **GREETING “They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

We are one In the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE GLORIA PATRI**

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

Genesis 22:1-14

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### 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

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.

## AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

#### CLOSING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the word:  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee

#### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                    *"How Firm A Foundation"*                    – Rodriguez

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

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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

June 28 – July 5

TODAY:	Worship	10:00am
	Congregational Meeting	11:00am
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Worship	10:00am

**Worship attendance last Sunday: 52**

**Altar flowers** are in honor of the continued dedicated service and tireless devotion of our pastor, Rev. Dr. Judith Scott from Alan Bagnull.

**Bulletins** are in honor of my Central Church family from Mary Ann Wippermann.

**The baby rose** announces the birth of Hattie Lucille Sundermeyer, born June 13, 2020. Parents are Mark Sundermeyer and Rachelle Ocheskey, brothers – Nash and Kady, paternal grandmother – Mary Sundermeyer, paternal grandfather – Donald Sundermeyer, and maternal grandmother – Nancy Wieberg.

**Our sympathy** is extended to the family of Doris Wittenberger who passed away June 22. A graveside service will be held July 3, 2020.

**Please pray for our members, family and friends:** Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild, Melissa Parscal, Larry Rizner, Lee Thompson, August Begemann, Michelle Heymeyer, Abel Green, Jerry Watson, Lonnie Schneider, George Seifert, Doug Blaha, Tommy Thompson, Eleanor Diersing, Allen

Schmutzler, Janet Miller, Stanley Eikermann, Family of Doris Wittenberger

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE RE: WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY:**

*As we resume worshipping in the sanctuary, things will be done differently for the safety of all. We ask for your patience as we adjust to the new way of doing things. Things to remember are:*

- Everyone's temperature will be taken before entering the building.
- Everyone must wear a mask. If you need a mask, we will have one available.
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet.
- No hand shaking or hugging.
- No lingering in aisles or building before and after the service.
- Ushers will assist with seating.
- **Ushers will dismiss worshippers following the postlude. Worshippers should exit the sanctuary and building through the same door they entered the building and sanctuary. Remember to social distance when exiting.**
- Unrelated or persons not living in the same household should not ride together in the elevator.

**Offering Baskets** are located at the back of the sanctuary, and also up front by the doors next to the chancel platform for you to place your offering envelopes.

**The Search and Call Committee** set-up a special church service this past Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 PM where the Rev. Jim Allen presented as a candidate for the Senior Pastor position. Rev. Allen has been the pastor at Shabbona UCC in Shabbona, IL for the past 15 years. A special Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY, June 28, following the worship service to discuss and vote on calling Rev. Allen.

**Please remember** to support the Blanket Drive which is extended through June 30. Total given to-date: \$1,122.62.

**Summer Lunch Program** – The Second Christian Church will continue providing lunches for children ages 17 and under again this year. The dates are May 28 through August 23. Donations may be placed in a basket in the narthex (NO nuts please).

Items needed:

Pudding cups

Fruit cups

Brownies

Fruit Snacks

Snack Cakes

Bottled Water

Kool-Aid Packets for water

Money to help buy meats and cheese (***payable to Second Christian Church***)

Jello-O cups

Cupcakes

Cookies

Potato Chips/other chips

Condiment Packets

Juices





## 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.

Ministers.....	Every Member
Pastor.....	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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