

CENTRAL

United Church of Christ
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February 28, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Our Father Who Art in Heaven” - Mendelssohn*

OPENING HYMN *“All Creatures of our God and King”*

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with silver gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.

From our earliest steps, the Spirit guides our steps and sets before us the ways of life and death.

Let the faithful rejoice in the mysteries of our God.

From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

GATHERING PRAYER

Spirit of the ages, name us and claim us according to your purposes, as you once called Abram and Sarai long ago. Train our ears to hear your call, and tune our hearts to open at the sound of your voice. As we pick up our cross to follow you, raise us to newness of life. Amen.

GREETING “We Are One in the Spirit”

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rene Miserez

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

SPECIAL MUSIC “Sweet Hour of Prayer” - Roger Hager,
soloist; Gary Sanders. pianist

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

The early 1600's were times of great religious interest and strife. The “Larger” Catechism was for priests and other educated officials of the Presbyterian Church. When the Church tried to write a catechism intended to bridge the differences between the Churches of England and Scotland in 1642 – a little less than a quarter of a century after the landing at Plymouth and the subsequent first Thanksgiving – it found the attempted merger of documents intended both to teach laity in the home and to provide theological guidance for ministers and Church officials impossible, so issued two documents instead of one.

The “Larger” Catechism was intended to be both more thorough and more exact. You may remember how the Shorter Catechism begins: “What is the chief end of man? Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.” The Larger Catechism also begins with God, very similarly to the Shorter, then develops, with scriptures, the discussion of God more fully, so fully that if you ever have a question, the Westminster Larger Catechism probably holds the answer, with multiple citations from Scripture. A sample:

Question 7

What is God?

God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Question 8

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

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.

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:21 “...Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

CLOSING HYMN “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “*Prelude and Fugue in E Minor*” - Bach

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR
February 28 – March 7

TODAY: Worship 10:00am
NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 10:00am

Worship attendance last Sunday: n/a

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of my father, Wm. H. Tellman from Jane Stumpe.

Bulletins are given in memory of Alma and Victory Heinrich, O.W. Muck, Jr. and Juanita Muck, and Ralph Gladden, Jr. from Gladys Gladden.

Rev. Scott's contact information:

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Please pray for our members, family and friends:

Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Beckett Karr, Jimmy Fairchild, Melissa Parscal, Lee Thompson, August Begemann, Michelle Heymeyer, Abel Green, George Seifert, Allen & Barb Schmutzler, Janet Miller, Lonnie Schneider, Ruth Long, Jo Ann Roberts, Gladys Gladden, Gwen Vieth, Karen Houser & family, Doug Blaha, Paul LePage, Mary Ann Pearre

MARCH 85+ BIRTHDAYS:

Carrie Davis (3/07)
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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.
- 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 up front by the doors next to the chancel platform for you to place your offering envelopes.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2021, for the purpose of the election of Church Council officers, and to approve the 2021 budget. The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, March 21. Both meetings will take place following worship.

Your 2020 giving statement is in the gym for you to pick-up, along with your 2021 offering envelopes/boxes.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here! We would love to have you become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community.

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director	Rene Miserez
Organist	Shirley Klein

*The Mission of Central United Church of Christ is...
to be a Christ-centered community of faithful disciples,
called to SHARE GOD'S LOVE with each other,
our community, and our world.*

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