

# **CENTRAL**

United Church of Christ  
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**March 7, 2021**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” - Bach*

**OPENING HYMN** *“God of Might, We Praise Thy Name”*

God of might, we praise Thy name  
For Thy deeds of strength and glory,  
Heaven and earth extol Thy fame,  
And proclaim the blessed story:  
As Thou art, Thou e’er wilt be  
Unto all eternity.

All Thy Church in every land  
Lifts its voice in adoration  
Unto Thee, O God of love,  
For Thy work of man’s salvation;  
Thou art King of Life and Love  
In Thy heavenly realms above.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Called by Christ, we gather as one.

**Blessed by God’s wisdom, we gather to learn.**

Amazed by God’s love, we gather to worship.

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

**God of glory and might, speak to us with your wisdom, that we might truly hear you. Display your majesty, that we might truly see you. Transform the chaos of our lives with the clarity of your call, that we might worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Rene Miserez

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “There Is Power In The Blood” - Roger Hager, soloist; Gary Sanders, pianist

## **SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

## **THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; from thence he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**

## **OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE**

**2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Today we are observing pew communion with portable elements. All who find themselves in communion with God or in need of communion with God are invited to share in the bread and cup of the Lord's Table. We observe open communion in the United Church of Christ, which means that **all** are welcome to share in this sacrament. To begin, please take your piece of bread and hold it until all are ready. We will eat the bread together. Likewise, containers of grape juice are provided. After partaking of the bread, please open the container of juice and hold it until all are ready. We will drink together. If you choose not to partake of the elements of bread and juice, you may celebrate communion with God and others through silent prayer and meditation.*

## **INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS**

## **SHARING COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC** “*Ah, Holy Jesus*” - Brahms

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,  
Dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God, and inward Light,  
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine,  
Glow within this heart of mine;  
Kindle every high desire;  
Perish self in Thy pure fire.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “*Finale – Concerto in G Minor*” - Camidge

*(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)*

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

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**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**  
**March 7 – March 14**

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| TODAY:       | Worship                | 10:00am |
| THURS:       | Salvation Army Meal    | 4:30pm  |
| NEXT SUNDAY: |                        |         |
|              | Worship                | 10:00am |
|              | Congregational Meeting | 11:00am |

**Worship attendance last Sunday: 59**

**Altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Larry and Judy Rizner from the family.

**Bulletins** are given in memory of Elmer and Dorothy Mutert from Gary, Joyce, and family.

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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, Doug Blaha, Paul LePage, Shirley Ernst, Susan Poettgen

## **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.

## 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.

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| 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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