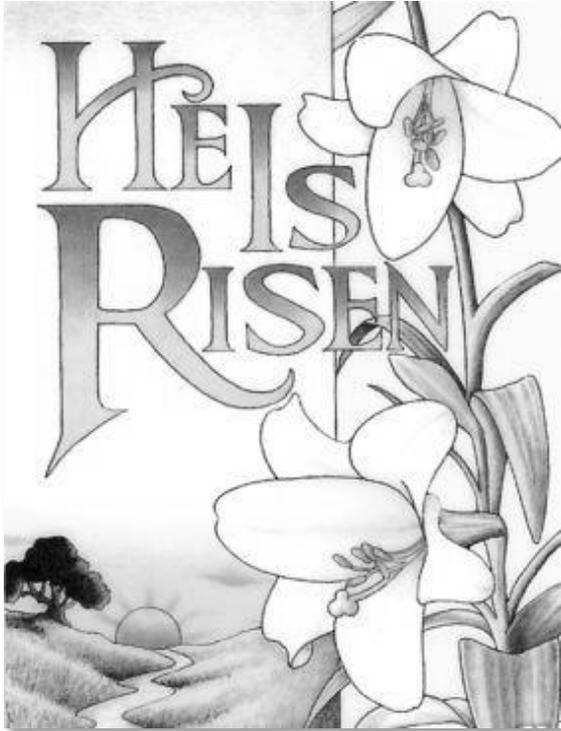


# **CENTRAL**

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



**April 4, 2021**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *“Toccata – O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High”*  
- Burkhardt

### **OPENING HYMN** *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise! Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we turn away from the tomb, we encounter the risen Jesus.  
**As we look in wonder, Jesus calls us by name.**  
Life, not death, is the deepest truth – God’s word for all creation.  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia! The tomb is empty!**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

**God of hope, in the midst of death, you call forth life. We come before you today, longing for your life-giving presence. God of new life, raise us up with all your people. Lift us from the tombs of our despair and doubt, that we may rejoice in your power over death. God of joy, fill our hearts with alleluias as we sing your praises. Glory to God. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Rene Miserez

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18

Mark 16:1-8

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *“Jesus Messiah” - Central UCC Choir*

## **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**

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

## **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 “Lento, Christ Is Risen” - Purvis**

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

### **CLOSING HYMN** “Jesus Lives and So Shall I”

Jesus lives and so shall I;  
Death, thy sting is gone forever.  
He who deigned for me to die  
Lives the bonds of death to sever.  
He shall raise me with the just:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and death is now  
But my entry into glory.  
Courage, then, my soul, for thou  
Hast a crown of life before thee;  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE** “O Hail This Brightest Day of Days” - Bach

*(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)*

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

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

April 4 – April 11

TODAY:	Easter Sunday	
	Worship	10:00am
MON:	Office Closed	
TUES:	Rev. Scott in Office	
	Brotherhood	5:30pm
WED:	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
THURS:	Salvation Army Meal	4:30pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Worship	10:00am
	Organizational Meeting	11:00am

**Worship attendance last Sunday: 56**

**Altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Cooper Phillips from Roger and Diana Phillips.

**Bulletins** are given in loving memory of Benjamin Joseph Feather by Jean and Tony Feather.

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### **Please pray for our members, family and friends:**

Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Beckett Karr, Jimmy Fairchild, Lee Thompson, August Begemann, Michelle Heymeyer, George Seifert, Allen & Barb Schmutzler, Janet Miller,

Lonnie Schneider, Jo Ann Roberts, Gladys Gladden, Gwen Vieth, Doug Blaha, Paul LePage, Shirley Ernst, Susan Poettgen, Tamara Martin

**85+ BIRTHDAYS – APRIL:**

Florence Guhleman (4/14)  
836 Willowbrook Trail  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Wilburn Rowden (4/24)  
c/o Valley Park Residential, Room #304  
355 Karen Drive  
Holts Summit, MO 65043

**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.
- 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.

**Copies of the Easter Memorial/Honorarium Garden Listing** are in the narthex for those who participated.

**A group is forming to develop a mid-week worship experience** for our children and youth. A few ideas we've briefly brainstormed about are the utilization of technology to engage this demographic or other age-relevant resources. Please join us after worship on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, for an organizational meeting. If you have ideas to suggest, but are not interested in formally joining a group, we'd enjoy hearing from you. You can reach out anytime to Rev. Scott, Larry Long, Barb Schmutzler, Rene Miserez, or Josh Mullins.

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## 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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