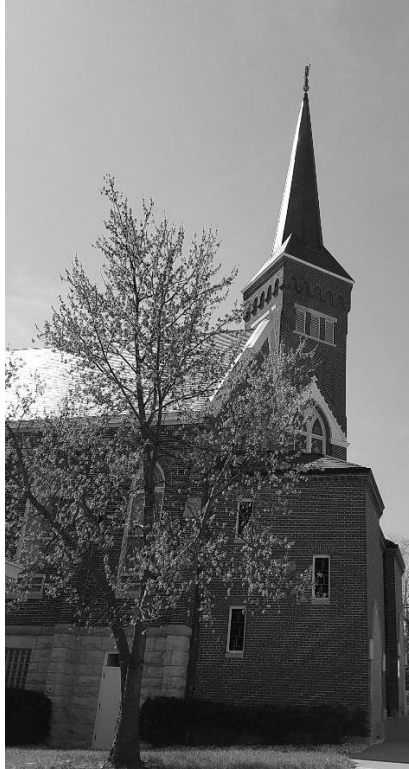


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United Church of Christ
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April 18, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Abide With Us: For it is Toward Evening, and the Day is Far Spent” - Weinberger*

OPENING HYMN *“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”*

“Come unto me, ye weary, and I will give you rest.”

O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,

Of joy that hath no ending, of love which cannot cease.

“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”

O welcome voice of Jesus, which drives away our doubt!

Which calls us, very sinners, unworthy though we be

Of love so free and boundless, to come, dear Lord, to Thee!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Answer us when we call, O God.

Be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

When we are in distress, you make space for us.

You put gladness in our hearts, as with a fine feast.

When we are disturbed, may we not sin, but ponder things on our beds, and be silent.

We will both lie down and sleep in peace.

For you alone, O Lord, make us lie down in safety.

GATHERING PRAYER

Light of the world, shine upon us with your Holy Spirit. Gather in our midst, that we might know you are truly here. Guide us in unity and love, that we might be a blessing of unity and love for the world. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36b-48

SPECIAL MUSIC “Make My Life a Song” - Burrows
 (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

Malachi 3:10a "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts."

CLOSING HYMN "Lead Us, Heavenly Father"

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing,
If our God our Father be.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Prelude in D" - 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 18 – April 25

TODAY:	Worship	10:00am
TUES:	Rev. Scott in the Office	
	Elenor Circle	1:00pm
WED:	Meals On Wheels	10:00am
	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
SAT:	Camp Aurora Workday	9:00am
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Worship	10:00am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 45

Altar flowers are given for all the members past and present of the Women's Fellowship from Linda Heller.

Bulletins are given in memory of Carl E. Burkel from the family of Donald L. and Dorothy L. Burkel.

Rev. Scott's contact information:

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Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Carol Roark who passed away April 13, 2021.

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Richard Clardy (husband of the late Dorothy Clardy, church secretary of Central) who passed away April 10, 2021.

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:

- 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.

The Celebrating Women Banquet, typically held in April, has been cancelled.

Brotherhood is planning a workday on May 1st at Camp Aurora. Please contact Carl Ernst if you would like to go. Pack a lunch. We'll meet at the church parking lot at 6:30 a.m.

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

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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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