

CENTRAL

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



May 2, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising” - Willan*

OPENING HYMN “O Worship the King”

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is the vine.

We are the branches.

Abide in the vine, and you will abide in love.

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, show us once more how to love, for only love can cast out our fear. Show us how to love one another well, for only then can we truly know you. Show us how to abide in your vine, for only then can we bear the fruit that glorifies your name. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:25-31

John 15:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO “Hallelujah” (Central UCC Bell Choir)

- music: Leonard Cohen, arr: Joel Raney

- Easter version of lyrics (partial): Kelley Mooney

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

1 Corinthians 10:24 “Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other.”

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 *“Adagio” - Frescobaldi*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *“O Love of God Most Full”*

O love of God most full,
O love of God most free,
Come warm my heart, come fill my soul,
Come lead me unto Thee!

O love of God most full
O love of God most free,
Thou warmest my heart, Thou fillest my soul,
With might Thou strengthenest me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” - Gesangbuch*

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

May 2 – May 9

TODAY:	Worship	10:00am
TUES:	Rev. Scott in the Office	
	Brotherhood	5:30pm
WED:	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
SAT:	Camp Aurora Workday	9:00am
NEXT SUNDAY:	Worship	10:00am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 57

Altar flowers are given in memory of our parents, Monroe & Lorraine Schmutzler, Bruce & Marian Nichols, and Anna Lee York, from the Schmutzler families.

Bulletins are given in memory of Hager and Scrivner families from Gladys Scrivner.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Lou Emmel who passed away April 25, 2021.

Please pray for our members, family and friends:

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85+ BIRTHDAYS – MAY:

Lucia Vest (5/28)

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Jefferson City, MO 65109

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.

Blanket Drive – The Mission and Outreach Ministry will host Central's Annual Blanket Drive throughout May. All donations will go to Church World Service (CSW) to purchase blankets for those in need of warmth and shelter. A single blanket costs \$10. A CWS blanket will be on display in the sanctuary where members of the Mission and Outreach Team will be stationed to

take your donations and help with memorial/honorarium cards which can be placed on the blanket for \$5 per card. With your donation, you can honor special people in your life while making a difference to someone in need.

Bulletins/Altar Flowers – The cost of altar flowers has been lowered to \$28 per Sunday (delivery fee discounted), and bulletins to \$10 per Sunday (printing fewer copies). Please check with the church office (Michelle) before making a payment so that your cost(s) can be calculated. Thank you to Patti Schmutzler for taking time to pick up the altar flowers each week.

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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