

CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
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Happy Mother's Day

May 9, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Children of the Heavenly Father” - Schmutz*

OPENING HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o’er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise with all of creation.

Sing praise with all of humanity.

Sing praise together, for all of our songs come from one God,
creator of all.

Sing a new song, a song of love for all.

GATHERING PRAYER

Spirit of love, abide in us and in our worship. Whisper your song of love in our hearts, that love may flow through every word we hear, every thought we think, every word we speak and every song we sing. Spirit of power and grace, abide in us, that we may abide in your love and proclaim your song of love for all. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Patti Schmutzler

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

SPECIAL MUSIC "If You Search with All Your Heart"

(Central UCC Choir)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH IN THE FORM OF A DOXOLOGY, edited by J.I. Scott

The original (traditional) version of the UCC Statement of Faith was adopted in 1959 by General Synod and is widely regarded as one of the most significant Christian faith testimonies of the 20th century. The Statement of Faith in the Form of a Doxology was authorized by Executive Council in 1981.

***UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH: A DOXOLOGY –** We believe in you, O God, Eternal Triune Spirit, and to your deeds we testify; You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship to be your servants in the service of others to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in passion and victory. You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. 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.”

CLOSING HYMN “O Happy Home”

O happy home, where thou art loved the dearest,
Thou loving Friend and Saviour of our race,
And where among the guests there never cometh
One who can hold such high and honored place.

Until at last, when earth’s day’s work is ended,
All meet Thee in the blessed home above,
From whence Thou camest, where Thou hast ascended,
Thy everlasting home of peace and love!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Maestoso – Sonata in C Minor” - Guilmant*

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

May 9 – May 16

TODAY:	Coffee Hour (in gym)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
WED:	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
THURS:	Rev. Scott in Office	
	Salvation Army Meal	4:30pm
SAT:	Breakfast Bonanza	7:30am
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 46

Altar flowers are given in memory and honor of our mothers, Barbara Mueller and Doris Bauer, from Kurt and Deidre Mueller.

Bulletins are given in loving memory of Alma Heinrich from Gladys Gladden.

Please pray for our members, family and friends:

Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Beckett Karr, Jimmy Fairchild, Lee Thompson, August Begemann,, George Seifert, Allen & Barb Schmutzler, Janet Miller, Lonnie Schneider, Jo Ann Roberts, Gladys Gladden, Gwen Vieth, Paul LePage, Shirley Ernst, Susan Poettgen, Tamara Martin, Jeanne Kujath, Corrine Beakley

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85+ BIRTHDAYS – MAY:

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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.

UPDATES FROM THE SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE:

#1 – Two items will be discussed by the Church Council at its next meeting on May 20th: the wearing of masks, and singing by the congregation during the worship service.

#2 – If you're wanting some fellowship time before the start of worship, Coffee Hour is resuming on May 9, at 9:00am. It has been moved back to the gym. There will be Schulte's donuts and coffee (and maybe cookies and a punch-type drink). Help with Coffee Hour is requested. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Karen Howser at 573-680-5011, or Faye Rinaldi at 573-619-3339.

Blanket Drive – The Mission and Outreach Ministry will host Central's Annual Blanket Drive throughout May. All donations will go to Church World Service (CWS) 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 temporarily lowered to \$28 per Sunday (no delivery fee), and bulletins to \$10 per Sunday (printing fewer copies). Please check with Michelle in the church office 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.

Congregational Life Ministry is planning on restarting bi-monthly “Game Days” for church members, and it’s possible this idea will continue to expand. Since dominoes was popular in the past, we hope to start this activity again in June while following Safe Church guidelines. Other ideas to be considered are card games and bingo. We welcome your suggestions and hope you will join us for fellowship and fun. Many other church activities are also being planned. Watch for more information in the bulletin, “Tower”, and church website. Please let us know your interests by calling or texting Karen Howser at 573-680-5011 or Faye Rinaldi at 573-619-3339.

Salvation Army in Jefferson City is hosting an Open Forum event to answer questions about being an “Emergency Disaster Services Volunteer.” Come and learn more regarding what is involved, how to sign-up, and about local/national/international disasters. The forum will be held at Salvation Army, 927 Jefferson Street, on Wednesday, May 12 from 9:00am – 11:00am. Please RSVP to Lori Benson at 573-442-3229, ext. 222.

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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