



May 6, 2018
The 6th Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m.

The Mission of
Central United Church of Christ is...
to be

a Christ-centered community
of faithful disciples,
who are called
to GROW IN FAITH, and
to SHARE GOD'S LOVE
as we REACH OUT
to each other,
to our community
and to our world.

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PRELUDE

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” -arr. Bish

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#476

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy.

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Loving God, help us to love others

as Christ has loved us.

Bring us into the spiritual joy

of living our lives as your friend,

and teach us to abide in your love,

that we may show that love to the world. Amen

***SONG OF PRAISE**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#63

***PASSING THE PEACE**

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *"Amazed"*
Rev. Allen Ladage

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

SPECIAL MUSIC *"El Shaddai"* -arr. Geschke

SERMON *"Love, What is It?"*
Rev. Allen Ladage

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" Willan

***THE DOXOLOGY** (sung in unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us
to be your friends
and to know your will in the world.
Therefore we pray in Jesus' name
that these tithes and offerings
spread your love near and far. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Today we are observing pew communion. 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. When the bread is served, please take a piece and hold it until all are served. We will eat the bread together. The glasses of wine will then be served. The innermost circle of glasses contains grape juice for those who would prefer it. Please take a glass, hold it until all are served. We will drink together. If you choose not to partake of the elements of bread and wine, 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**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Bradbury

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

Source of life, and breath, and being, breathe into the dry dust of our existence. Nourished in body by bread and juice, may we strive for the nourishment of all bodies: may we work to end hunger in this creation that provides amply for all. Nourished in spirit by the Body which is within our own, may we strive for the incorporation of all: may we work to break the barriers that divide us from one another and from you. In the love that sustains us, and the Spirit that animates us, may we give all thanks and praise to you, O God of all. Amen.

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN**
#467

“I Love to Tell the Story”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Chaconne”

Couperin

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

**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES
May 6 – May 13**

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Combined Worship Service	10:00am
MON:	Scouts	7:00pm
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Young Youth	3:45pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Choir	7:00pm
THURS:	Salvation Army Meal	5:00pm
Next Sunday:	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Combined Worship Service	10:00am

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

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

Our sympathy is expressed to Mary Herrmann Goff in the loss of her husband, Mitch Goff, who passed away May 1. Services were held May 5.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Kathryn Waite, Mary Petry, Family of Mitch Goff

Our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Allen Ladage for filling in and bringing the message this morning.

90+ Birthdays:

To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in May. If you know someone who should be added to the list, please contact the office.

Young Youth ages K-5th grades get together on Wednesdays after school for food and fun, faith and fellowship. Supervision starts at 3:45 and we end at 6:00. Let us know if you need help with transportation.

WIGS are selling raffle tickets to raise money for their American Cancer Society Relay for Life team, Central UCC Women. Raffle tickets are for the St. Louis Cardinals “American Cancer Society Day at the Ballpark” on September 23, 2018 – Cardinals vs. San Francisco Giants. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. WIGS members have tickets to sell. We will also accept personal donations. Our goal is to raise \$5,000.00. All checks should be made payable to American Cancer Society. Thank you for supporting Central UCC Women.

The Festival of Sharing featured kit is the CWS Cleanup Bucket. The Mission and Outreach Committee has decided to feature the Cleanup Bucket for the three months of spring (April, May and June). Please place items in our box in the narthex. Donated items must be exactly as listed below.

CWS Cleanup Bucket

- 1 bottle of liquid household cleaner, 12-16 oz. (must be water mixable; no spray bottles)
- 1 non-aerosol insect repellent, 6-9 oz.
- clothesline, 1- 100 ft. OR 2- 50 ft. lines
- 1 pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 2 pairs non-surgical latex gloves, should be durable for multiple

uses

- 1 scrub brush (plastic or wooden)
- 48-50 clothespins
- 5 dust masks
- 1- 50 oz. or 2- 25 oz. liquid laundry detergent (bottle[s] only)
- 1 liquid disinfectant dish soap, 16 – 28 oz.
- 18 reusable cleaning wipes (i.e. easy wipes)
- 4 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, including 1 large (= jumbo) sponge
- 24 – 48 heavy-duty or contractor type trash bags sized 30-45 gallon in a roll
- 1 bucket with resealable lid, 5-gallon only (if bucket has been used, clean out well, but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind at any time)

Camp Aurora workdays take place May 12, May 19, and June 2 beginning from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch and be sure to wear work clothes and gloves. There will be various tools there, but you might want to bring along your own tools. There are lots of leaves to take care of and general clean-up to do. Campers still receive a discount on camp registration if they volunteer on a workday. Check out the website for information on camp registrations (campaaurora.org). Come help out and enjoy some good fellowship.

Belair Garden Boxes – We're hoping to help our partner Belair School with a gardening project in the final weeks of school. They have three 6'x 3" boxes they want to fill with good soil to watch plants grow. If you have any soil you can bring them or if you want to make a monetary contribution for

them to buy soil, contact Principal Elizabeth Milhollin at 659-3155.

Altar Flower openings: June 10, June 24, September 30, November 25. **Bulletin openings:** September 9, December 16. Please contact the office if you are interested in securing one or more of these dates.



modernism:

Rhyming Shapes

Southside Philharmonic Orchestra

5.18.18 7pm

Debussy: Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun
Copland: Appalachian Spring

also featuring works by

STRAVINSKY, CLARK, TAKEMITSU, & WEBERN

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Your presence and participation are an important part of shaping this experience of

worship for all of us. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here!

If you are a guest here today, we would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community. If you have any questions about joining us in ministry, please contact the Pastor.

Large Print Bulletins: Large print editions of the worship bulletin are available in the Narthex and by the elevator.

Friendship Register: Please sign the Friendship Register (the blue book at the end of the pew) when it is passed around so that we have a record of your visit.

Ministers.....	Every Member
Director of Music.....	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director	Rene Miserez
Organist	Shirley Klein

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