

CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
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Mother's Day

May 10, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome home, people of God.

We have come to find refuge in the shelter of God's care.

Come.

There is room for everyone in God's house.

We have come to be nourished by God's word.

We are God's own people and are precious in God's sight.

We have come to give thanks for God's faithful love.

HYMN "O Happy Home"

O happy home, where Thou art loved the dearest,

Thou loving Friend and Savior of our race,

And where among the guests there never cometh

One who can hold such high and honored place!

O happy home, where each one serves Thee, lowly,

Whatever his appointed work may be,

Till every common task seems great and holy,

When it is done, O Lord, as unto Thee!

O happy home, where Thou art not forgotten

When joy is overflowing, full and free,

O happy home, where every wounded spirit

Is brought, Physician, Comforter, to Thee

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. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

We gather today O God, our guide and guardian, remembering those who have nurtured us, protected us, and helped us grow. We give You thanks for homes that accept us and affirm us as Your precious children. In the shelter of Your healing love, fortify us as living stones, and build us into a spiritual home where all are welcome. In the name of Christ, our foundation and cornerstone, we pray, Amen.

REFLECTION MUSIC**"Hallelujah"****arr. Joel Raney**

Central UCC Handbell Choir

HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 7:55-60

John 14:1-14

CHOIR RESPONSE

SERMON

“And Where Is Home?”

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

SERMON RESPONSE - Dr. Patrick Clark

Just as I am—without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee—
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1662*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen

RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN “All Creatures of Our God and King” (vs. 1 & 5)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with silver gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! 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.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Good Shepherd"

- Benoit

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

GO FORTH IN LOVE

HYMN "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear Thy children when they pray.
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Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still. Amen.

BENEDICTION

WE HOLD EACH OTHER IN SPIRIT

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds,
Is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

“Maestoso – Sonata in C Minor”

- Guilmant

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

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Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.

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