

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



July 26, 2020
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**OPENING HYMN** “The God of Abraham Praise”

The God of Abraham praise, all praised be His Name,
Who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same!
The one eternal God, ere aught that now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all thought His timeless years!

He hath eternal life implanted in the soul;
His love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be His Name,
Who was and is, and is to be, and still the same!

CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter what happened yesterday, now is the time to call upon God, to lay our lives before our creator, and to proclaim God’s wonderful deeds to one another.
Now is the time to worship.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy One, we come with hearts overwhelmed – by the world, by personal relationships, and by inward struggles. We come to praise your name and to be reassured of your unending grace. May our lives reflect Christ, who walks with us and gives us life. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

GREETING “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 29:15-28

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Prizeman

Handbells: Rene Miserez

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

(Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662)

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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.

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

CLOSING HYMN "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee – time, talents, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in G Minor”

– *Bach*

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

July 26 – August 2

TODAY:	Worship	10:00am
TUES:	Red Cross Blood Drive	11:00am
NEXT SUNDAY:	Worship	10:00am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 48

Altar flowers are in memory of parents and Nancy from Walter Rottmann.

Bulletins are in loving memory of Henry and Emmy Schwinke by Jean and Tony Feather.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild, Melissa Parscal, Larry Rizner, Lee Thompson, August Begemann, Michelle Heymeyer, Abel Green, Jerry Watson, Lonnie Schneider, George Seifert, Doug Blaha, Tommy Thompson, Allen Schmutzler, Janet Miller, Stanley Eikermann

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90+ Birthdays – To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in July. If you know someone who should be added to the list for July, please email the office at office@centralucc.com.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE RE: WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY:

As we resume worshipping in the sanctuary, things will be done differently for the safety of all. We ask for your patience as we adjust to the new way of doing things. Things to remember are:

- 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.
- No lingering in aisles or building before and after the service.
- 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 also up front by the doors next to the chancel platform for you to place your offering envelopes.

Usher Announcement: During this unusual time, ushering requires more than the four ushers at a typical service. We've been using at least eight for each service which is more than any team has. If you would be willing to lend a helping hand, please contact Mary Ann Wippermann at mlwipper@embarqmail.com or call 636-3685.

July Festival of Sharing Kit:

Missouri Student Dental Pack

- 4 child sized soft toothbrushes in original packaging
- 2 adult soft toothbrushes in original packaging
- 1 dental floss or 1 package of floss picks (any size)
- 1 fluoride toothpaste (6oz. or larger)

Summer Lunch Program: The Second Christian Church will continue providing lunches for children ages 17 and under again this year. The dates are May 28 through August 23. Donations may be placed in a basket in the narthex (NO nuts please). Items needed:

Pudding cups

Fruit cups

Brownies

Fruit Snacks

Snack Cakes

Bottled Water

Kool-Aid Packets for water

Monetary donations (*payable to Second Christian Church*)

Jello-O cups

Cupcakes

Cookies

Potato Chips/other chips

Condiment Packets

Juices

Blood Drive: If you are planning to donate blood at the church blood drive on July 28, you will need to make an appointment. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: CARDS to schedule an appointment. All donors will receive a St. Louis Cardinals Blood Drive T-shirt. To volunteer with the blood drive, please see sign-up sheet in this bulletin.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET
FOR RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Location: Central UCC Gym**

Workers are needed for the Canteen and to take the temperature of all donors as they come in. If you can work, please sign up below. No homemade treats this year due to COVID-19 and Red Cross rules. Accepting donations for Red Cross approved snacks. The Mission and Outreach Ministry will purchase fruit popsicles and other packaged items like peanut butter crackers or cheese crackers. Since the Red Cross began testing for antibodies in the blood, the number of people has dramatically increased at drives. We need to be prepared for a full day of donors. A mask will be required for all workers and donors.

Sign-up sheets are *due Sunday, July 26*. You can drop it in the offering plate or give to Susan Poettgen.

NAME: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please ✓ which shift(s) you can work.

Canteen:

10:30 – 12:30 _____

12:30 – 2:30 _____

2:30 – 4:30 _____

4:30 – 6:30 _____

(NOTES)

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.

Ministers.....	Every Member
Pastor.....	Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music.....	Dr. Patrick Clark
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, 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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