

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



November 8, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.

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.

PRELUDE *“Let All Together Praise Our God” - Buxtehude*

OPENING HYMN *“Because I Have Been Given Much”*

Because I have been given much, I, too, must give:
Because of Thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live,
I shall divide my gifts from Thee with every brother
that I see who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed, by Thy good care,
I cannot see another’s lack and I not share
my glowing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof’s safe shelter
overhead, that he, too, may be comforted.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our ancestors have led us here.

We are witnesses of their faith.

The wisdom of the ages has called us here.

We are children of its call.

The choice to follow God lies before us.

We are heirs of its promise.

The Lord of life has called us here.

We are here to worship the Lord.

GATHERING PRAYER

Lord of Life, we come this day to follow the ways you set before us. Show us the signs of your coming kingdom, that we may be worthy of our invitation. May we have the wisdom to teach our children your ways and pass on a better world to the generations to come. Amen.

GREETING *“We Are One in the Spirit”*

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rene Miserez

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-13
Luke 7:36-8:3

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

THE APOSTLES' 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)

The earliest form of the Apostles' Creed probably was based on Matthew 28:19, part of the Great Commission, and it has been argued that this earlier text was already in written form by the late 2nd Century, around 180 A.D.

The Apostles' Creed probably is derived from the Old Roman Creed known also as the Old Roman Symbol. As we know it, the Apostles' Creed is trinitarian in structure with sections affirming belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, based on Christian theological understanding of the canonical gospels, the letters of the New Testament and to a lesser extent the Old Testament.

Because of the early origin of its original form, it does not address some Christological issues defined in the Nicene and other Christian creeds. Thus, it says nothing explicitly about the divinity of either Jesus or the Holy Spirit. Nor does it address many other theological questions which became objects of dispute centuries later. However, many Protestant denominations, especially those with a more formal worship structure, continue to include the Apostles' Creed in services.

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 Thessalonians 5:15b “...Always seek to do good to one another and to all.”

CLOSING HYMN “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

We give Thee but Thine own,
What-e’er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first fruits give.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune” - Stanley

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR
November 8 – November 15

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| TODAY: | Worship | 10:00am |
| | Children's Sunday School | 10:15am |
| WED: | Young Youth | 3:00pm |
| | Bell Choir Rehearsal | 6:15pm |
| THURS: | Salvation Army Meal | 4:30pm |
| | Mission & Outreach Ministry | 5:00pm |
| NEXT SUNDAY: | Harvest Home Sunday | |
| | Worship | 10:00am |
| | Children's Sunday School | 10:15am |

Worship attendance last Sunday: 55

Altar flowers are given in honor and in memory of all veterans from Mary Ann Wippermann.

Bulletins are given in memory of Allen Kassebaum's birthday, November 3rd, from Marilyn Bradford.

Rev. Scott's contact information:

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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, George Seifert, Tommy Thompson,

Allen Schmutzler, Janet Miller, Lonnie Schneider, Ruth Long, Jo Ann Roberts, Gladys Gladden

NOVEMBER 85+ BIRTHDAYS:

Howard Schneider (11/05)
2932 Mohawk Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Lee Thompson (11/07)
5827 Cantor Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Mabel Thompson (11/22)
StoneBridge Oak Tree
3108 West Truman Blvd., Room 511
Jefferson City, MO 65109-0596

James Rau (11/28)
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Jefferson City, MO 65109

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 up front by the doors next to the chancel platform for you to place your offering envelopes.

An informal request to ALL: Make a call to your Central friends and family to ask how everything is going. In these Covid-19 times, many are lonely and/or depressed from being housebound so often. Just pick up a phone to ask how everyone one is doing these days.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry is looking for a chairperson for the 2021 term. It is a two-year term. This ministry is a lot of fun. There is a good group of people in this ministry which makes the work a lot lighter. Everyone can take a project and see it through. Council meetings are on the third Thursday of each month. You can set meetings for the ministry any day or time that works for the group. For more information, contact Susan Poettgen at 573-298-4515 or susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

****REMINDER** – Please email all “TOWER” articles to the office by next Sunday, November 15.** This will be a combined issue for December 2020 and January 2021.

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.

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| Ministers | Every Member |
| Pastor | Rev. Dr. Judith Scott |
| Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director | Rene Miserez |
| Organist | Shirley Klein |

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