

Welcome to Central Congregational Church!

Children are always welcome in our services of worship.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Loving Arms Nursery located on the second floor.

There is no church school today. Normally, Church School takes place during the service. Preschoolers to grade 12 participate in the first part of the service and then are dismissed to their classes. All classes conclude at 11:00 am.

Many Thanks to those who enrich our morning together.

Today's Greeters are Gwen and Scott Bottomley.

We light our Steeple this week for Julie Carney in loving memory of her mother, Doris Carney.

Announcements

New Member Class: We are planning on holding New Member Classes on Sundays, **June 4 and 11** at 11:30 am in Room 202. Please speak with Pastor Rich or Lynn Horton for more information and to sign up.

Sign-up for St. Paul's Kitchen! The Social Action and Missions (SAM) Committee will have sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for donations of fruit and brownies for our meal at St. Paul's Kitchen on May 29, (Memorial Day).

All-Church Campfire! On Sun. June 4 at 6:00 pm we'll hold our "All-Church Campfire" in Carson Park. We'll roast marshmallows over the new fire pit and make s'mores for all to enjoy! We'll also do some campfire singing! Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Contact Pastor Rich or Jennifer Hart for more information.

Youth Sunday & All Church Picnic: Youth Sunday is the day when kids run the service. Our theme this year is Through God's grace comes Hope. In lieu of coffee hour we will be having our annual picnic immediately following the service on **Sunday, June 11th**. Please sign-up today at Coffee Hour. The cost is \$2 per person or \$8 per family. The CE committee will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers, and we are ask others to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Please remember to bring your camping chairs and picnic blankets. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please email Samantha Shields at Dakster33@gmail.com.

Honoring Our Graduates – Sunday, June 4 at 10 am

Youth Sunday and church Picnic – Sunday, June 11

Central Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Richard B. Knight

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John A. Zachry

Director of Music/Organist: Tudor Bota

May 28, 2023

10:00 o'clock a.m.

Preludes "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"
"I Exalt Thee" arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Liturgist Catherine Loew
Leader: The day of Pentecost has come, and we have gathered together in this place.
People: Creator God, rain down your Spirit that we, too, may speak the Good News!
Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, rain down your Spirit that we, too, may see visions!
People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come, that we, too, may dream dreams!
All: With heart, soul, mind and strength, let us worship God!

* **Opening Hymn** "On Pentecost They Gathered" #237

Opening Prayer (*seated*)

Loving God, we meet together to celebrate the gift of your Spirit to the church. Move among us, Holy Spirit, and gather us together with you. Take our many selves—our lives, our loves, our ideas, our questions, our speech, our silence—and unite us as your people. Fill us with your Spirit as you did long ago, that we might better be your voices and your hands in the world. In the name of him who taught us to pray . . .

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.

* **Hymn of Praise** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #254

* Passing of the Peace of Christ

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

A Time for Children of All Ages

Introduction to the Offering

Catherine

Offertory

"To God Be The Glory"

Doane arr. Hayes

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! *Repeat 2x*

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice, rejoice!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our victory when Jesus we shall see! *Refrain*

O praise the Lord, lift up your praise to God!

* **Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #46

Traditional Words:

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.

Alternative Words:

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

* **Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Rich

* **Hymn** "Spirit of the Living God" #259

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Rich

The Holy Scriptures Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible page 885
John 14:15-17, 25-26 Pew Bible page 877

Sermon "The Work of the Spirit" Pastor Rich

* **Closing Hymn** "Spirit of God, Descent upon My Hart" #265

* **Benediction and Threefold Amen** #312

Postlude "Allemande" Bach

You may stay and enjoy the postlude, or you may feel free to leave quietly.

* Please rise in body and/or spirit.