



Central Congregational United Church of Christ

GOOD MORNING!

Sunday, September 26, 2021

An * signifies to rise in body or spirit.

Bold type signifies to speak or sing together.

PRELUDE ("HERE I AM, LORD")

Linda Smith

STATEMENT OF WHO WE ARE

We are a people who believe in a God who is still speaking, loving and inclusive.

We are a congregation that accepts each person as they are.

**We are a church where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary,
and where we seek a just and peaceful world.**

**We are a community committed to being an Open and Affirming congregation
of the United Church of Christ. And that means...**

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome and affirmed here.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Racheal DeLany

GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of many colors, who created us from your own image
and who declared us to be "very good," we recognize and confess
that we take you for granted,
that we turn away from you,
that we ignore our neighbor in need.
Forgive us and open our hearts. Amen.**

A few moments for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether;
anyone in Christ is part of the beloved community;
anyone in Christ is forgiven and redeemed. Hallelujah!**

"LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS"

Congregation, led by Corbin Eakes

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

En - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
An ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
And jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The image shows a musical score for a congregational song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody with three more lines of lyrics. The music is in 4/4 time and B-flat major.

SPECIAL TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART ("WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A CHANCE?")

"THIS IS THE DAY"

Corbin Eakes

MATTHEW 5:3-10

Racheal DeLany

- ³ "Blessed are those who are poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who are mourning: they will be consoled.
- ⁵ Blessed are those who are gentle: they will inherit the land.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they will have their fill.
- ⁷ Blessed are those who show mercy to others: they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are those whose hearts are clean: they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice: the kingdom of heaven is theirs. (The Inclusive Bible)

*** "LIKE A MOTHER WHO HAS BORNE US"**

Congregation, led by Corbin Eakes

1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our

close in her de - light, Fed us free - ly from her
 hand and been our guide, Lift - ed us and healed our
 trust in power and might, Left be - hind our broth - ers,
 neigh - bor's hand in love, Tread the path of peace and

bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother, 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS ("GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS")

Linda Smith

A note to visitors: Your presence today is a gift to us.

We are "centralchurchtopeka" on Venmo.

* DOXOLOGY (HYMN OF PRAISE)

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

God of Resurrection, we spread our abundance before you
and pledge to use it to reflect your grace everywhere. Amen.

* "SALAMUN KULLAHEEN"

Congregation, led by Corbin Eakes



Sa - la - mun, Sa - la - mun, Sa - la - mun Kul - la - heen!

May peace be with you, may God's peace be now with you!
May hope be with you, may God's hope be now with you!
May joy be with you, may God's joy be now with you!
May love be with you, may God's love be now with you!

SENDING PRAYER

POSTLUDE ("I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS")

Linda Smith

JUSTICE MINISTRY HOUSE MEETING

"WHAT KEEPS YOU AWAKE AT NIGHT?"

COME-HECK-OR-HIGH-WATER RETREAT

Save the date! On Sunday, October 10, we will gather at Shelter House 2 at Lake Shawnee to worship, have lunch, do a service project and brainstorm the coming year. What will Central Church be and do regardless of Covid and all the other restrictions and distractions we will face. In other words, how will we BE church ... come heck or high water! Please plan to attend.