



ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 13, 2021

“From that day on  
the Spirit of the  
Lord came  
powerfully”

1 Samuel 16:13

W elcome in the name of the Lord.

Behold how good and pleasant it is to share this time together.

May you feel cleansed and renewed by God's presence,  
equipped to face the challenges of the new week with courage, faith, and  
calm.

The Lord be with you.

A t Central, we are committed to living the words of Jesus, "Love one  
another."

This church is open to all and welcomes everyone who chooses  
to worship here.

We affirm that all of us are created in God's image, regardless of age,  
gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental facility, economic  
circumstance, or physical condition.

Because we celebrate diversity, we are committed to using language in  
our worship that is inclusive. To preserve the integrity of the poetry, we  
may also use prayers, readings, hymns, or anthems in traditional versions.

Children are welcome to participate in our worship service.

If you or your children become restless,  
please be mindful that the service is broadcast  
into Chapel Hall so you can share in worship there  
without disturbing others.

HEAD USHER: Frances Munro  
SOUND & LIGHTING: Jim Silverthorn

We covenant with the Lord and with one another  
and do bind ourselves in the presence of God,  
to walk together in all the ways which are revealed to us by God,  
as the Word is made known to us. †

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Welcome to worship. May you find hope, comfort and the love of God here.*

June 13, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE “Prière”

LEON BOELLMANN

CALL TO WORSHIP

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HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,  
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the joy of human love, Brother sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild...

For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love...

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

The Rev. Rebecca L. Spencer

INVOCATION

Vivian Punchak

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Camellia Jost

Almighty God, we confess that we have not lived into our potential. We have shied away from the gifts You have given us. We have thought ourselves too small or too weak. We have thought our resources too meager and the risk too great. Forgive us for not seeing ourselves the way You see us, as fully embodied vessels of Your love in this world, full of the Spirit. Renew in us Your Spirit of encouragement, wonder, and joy, and send us forth into this world that desperately needs Your love, peace, and justice. Amen..

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Tess McLaughlin

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

The Rev. Judy Martowska

SCRIPTURE READING

Alden Wohlgemuth

I Samuel 16:1-13

SERMON

Naming Our Gifts and Strengths  
Time of Reflection

The Church School  
Simone Punchak

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with Thy Spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us;

**People: And grant us Thy salvation.**

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

**People: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Which 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 trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Ellie Hopkins

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show!

BENEDICTION

Patrick Gorham

POSTLUDE “Toccata”

LEON BOELLMANN

WORSHIP ENDS – Witness and Service Begin

### RE-IMAGINING CHAPEL HALL

With every COVID safety protocol in place, you are invited to stroll through a one-way display in Chapel Hall to see the creative and inspired new vision for this 180-year-old Central community gathering space.

Central Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, believes in God who calls the world into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death. It acknowledges the risen Christ as the ultimate example of God's grace, a gift freely given to all. It looks to the Word of God in the scriptures and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to prosper its redemptive work in the world.

We strive to be a community of God's people in a way that calls each of us to active discipleship. Our purpose is to work for the increase in the love of God and neighbor through worship, caring, sharing, and outreach.

*Christianity is the name of a journey,  
a journey not solely of personal contemplation,  
but one of communal venture that is the Church.*

*It is a journey open to everyone,  
regardless of their condition, regardless of their past;  
all that is required is a decision to follow Him.*

#### STAFF

Rebecca L. Spencer, Senior Minister  
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Judy Martowska, Director of Christian Education  
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