



CENTRAL

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 27, 2021

“May God  
Grant You Your  
Heart’s Desire  
and Fulfill All  
Your Plans”

Psalm 20

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. †

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

June 27 2021

10:00 a.m.

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick

### HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear, When this sweet chant they hear,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this eternal song, through all the ages long,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

### WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

### INVOCATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God we come before You this day knowing our own emptiness. We come before You with images of the world around us that grieve our hearts. Forgive us for the times when we have turned from You and our neighbors in need, when we have seen injustice and have been reluctant to speak out. Help us to see others with Your eyes, O God. May Your vision of a life of peace be our vision. May we live in Your ways of grace in all our interactions and may we serve You in all the ways in which You call us to serve. In Jesus' name we ask this and all things. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Barry Bayon

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20

SERMON “Chosen”

The Rev. Claudia P. Demick

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

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN “The Summer Days are Come Again”

The Summer days are come again; Once more the glad earth yields  
Her golden wealth of ripening grain, And breath of clover fields  
And deepening shade of summer woods, And glow of summer air,  
And winging thoughts, and happy moods Of love and joy and prayer.

The summer days are come again; The birds are on the wing;  
God’s praises, in their loving strain, Unconsciously they sing.  
We know Who giveth all the good On earth and in the sky;  
For summer joy in field and wood We lift our song on high.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The flowers on the communion table are given  
to the glory of God and in memory of

ILSE E. KRAMER

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.*

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