



*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of The United Church of Christ*



**Order of Worship for
May 19, 2024, 10:30am**

**Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are with us today.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Prelude No. 4*

F. Chopin

St. Luke's Sacred Steel Ensemble - Deborah F. Teason, Director

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together. Will the works of God be known among us today?

All: We live in the valley of dry bones. Around and within us is emptiness.

One: God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind. Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

All: There are stirrings deep within that give us hope. There is a Spirit linking us to one another.

One: The fires of love dispel life's shadows. God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

All: Surely God is in this place! May the glory of God be known among us today!

INVOCATION

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 277 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

tune: NICEA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

We encourage you to greet each other verbally or by a friendly wave of peace

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation sings:

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja (3X) Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja!

Caribbean Melody

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Jerusalema*

Master KG and Nomcebo Zikode

SCRIPTURES: *Acts 2:1-13*

Galatians 5:22-26

SERMON: *The Fire and the Fruit - Indicators of a Diverse and Impactful Church*

Dr. Eric Hearst

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 283 *Spirit of the Living God*

Iverson

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Holy Spirit, Rain Down*

S.McPherson/arr. D.F.Teason
Steel Band and Center Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heav-en-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love 7
 P. S. Peter Scholtes

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, We are
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, We will
 4. All— praise to the Fa-ther, from— whom all things come, And all

one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all
 walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to- geth- er we'll
 work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each man's
 praise to Christ Je-sus, His— on - ly— Son, And all praise to the

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians
 dig- ni - ty and save— each man's pride: Spir- it who— makes— us— one:

by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. —

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From the recording, **THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MOMENT

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

One: God's Spirit is being poured out on this church. We carry it with us into our everyday world.

All: With joy and amazement we scatter to serve. God's love is changing us and granting new life.

One: Our children will share new insights. People of all ages will dream and see visions.

All: God is inspiring us in fresh ways. We are filled with hope for each new day.

One: The Spirit will help us in our weakness. We will be guided in all truth.

All: Each day we will practice what we are learning. Throughout our days we will continue in prayer.

One: Amen.

All: Amen

POSTLUDE: *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*

W. A. Mozart

Thank you to
St. Lukes Sacred Steel Drum Ensemble



for blessing us with this morning's music!

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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING Congregation. "We include into full participation in the life of this church persons of any age, race, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and physical, emotional and mental capacity" (from the statement adopted October 23, 1994.) In recognition of the richness of backgrounds of our congregation, a **DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES** will find expression in our worship services. Center Church offers an **OPEN COMMUNION**. Adults and children from all religious backgrounds are invited to partake.

TEXT ALERTS To receive text alerts regarding church activities and cancellations, please text the word CENTER to (860) 300-3697. (Message and data rates may apply according to your data plan.)

FACEBOOK LIVE We livestream our worship services on Facebook each week, and your presence here constitutes your permission for your image to be shown. If you prefer not to be seen, speak with the minister or whoever is operating the phone up front to determine where a good seat might be to avoid the camera. Our viewership is growing and we are excited to welcome a congregation in cyberspace!

Church Information

ON STREET PARKING is available during Sunday Worship Services on Gold Street and on the west side of Lewis Street, and is FREE on Sundays. The church is maintaining our relationship with the Traveler's Garage which is temporarily closed due to Covid-19. Stay tuned as we partner with other garages in the area.

REST ROOMS are located in the basement of the Meeting House. Please use the stairs in the southeast corner of the building. For safety, please have an adult accompany your child to the restroom.

CHURCH SCHOOL is held at the Church House (60 Gold Street) for preschool to 12th Grade. Children are to remain with their families in the Meeting House during worship until they depart for Church School following the Children's Moment. Please pick your child up promptly at 12:00pm. For their safety, children will remain with their Church School instructor until an adult picks them up. Church School is not held during the Summer.

CHILDCARE and NURSERY care are provided by trained, capable, and nurturing staff and volunteers, and is available in the Meeting House basement for infants and toddlers (up to two years of age.) A nursery without staff is also located on the second floor of the Church House.

CURRENT SUNDAY ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES Announcements regarding Adult Education classes are announced in our publications.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS to the sanctuary is via the lift outside at the south end of the portico. If possible, please call the church office in advance for assistance in using the lift.

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