



Central's mission:
Love God, love others, and serve the world

July 12, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Gift

To God Be the Glory

Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Jeremy Nails

Opening Prayer

Rev. Miriam Smith

Hymn #419 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Crosby

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Jeremy Nails

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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Time of Prayer

Rev. Miriam Smith

**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 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. Amen.**

Central Reflection

Beth Green

Bible Reading — Romans 8:31-39

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—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "Central to Our Mission: Love God"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Praise

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1. In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Benediction and Blessing

Rev. Miriam Smith

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Church leadership has learned that an attendee at Thursday night's council meeting may have been exposed to COVID-19 prior to the meeting. Therefore, those in attendance are encouraged to seek testing if they begin to feel ill and to share their results with the church.

All in attendance did adhere to physical distancing and wore face coverings to reduce the risk of harm. It is out of an abundance of caution and concern for the health of all present that we are sharing this information.

The church building remains closed at this time, the fellowship hall and other areas used Thursday night have been sanitized. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Miriam Smith.

Bible Reading for July 12

Romans 12:9-18 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. .

Discussion Questions

This week as you get ready to worship God with us, you are invited to reflect on the following questions:

- *Who in your life has shown you what Christian love looks like?*
- *Are there people you struggle to love?*
- *When you pray about this, what have you heard from God?*

If you have thoughts you would like to share, send them to Pastor Miriam at miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com



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