

Central United Church

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Sunday November 19th 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We gather....

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

PSALM 90:1-6, 12 (Responsive)

*Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.*

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

*You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'*

**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

*You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.*

**So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"

Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering and Offertory

We hear....

Baptism Testimony

Scripture Lesson: *(Page 120 NT)*

Acts 2:36-42

Hymn: "I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say"

Gospel Lesson: *(Page 18 NT)*

Matthew 16:13-20

Message: **I will build my church**

We respond.....

Pastoral Prayers

Hymn: "O Christ The Same, Through All Our Story's Pages"

Sacrament of Baptism

Commissioning and Blessing

Next Week's Bible Readings

*We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation
for next Sunday, Reign of Christ:*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Take Note

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