

April 30, 2017

God is at home; it is we who have gone for a walk. Meister Eckart

PRELUDE

Hursley P.W. Hofreiter
King's Weston J.H. Schaffner, R.J. Powell

*Before the candles are lit, please greet your neighbors with God's hospitality.
Once they are glowing, please celebrate your prayers with God.
When they are extinguished, carry God's light into the world.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

David Morrell

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

Love Lifted Me Howard Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come Ye faithful.

People: We come in triumph and gladness.

Leader: Tis the spring of souls today.

People: Jesus has burst his prison.

***HYMN** *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* red # 185

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*At the conclusion of Joys and Concerns the children will leave to go to "The Promised Land"
" as the congregation sings the first verse of On River Jordan's Banks I Stand,*

*On River Jordan's banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
Upon the fair and happy land where my possessions lie
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land
Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land*

MORNING PRAYERS

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Tender One, too many times we have been so confused with
our own needs, we failed to see the needs of others or of you. Open our
hearts to receive the truth of your presence in the world. Forgive us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

Congregational Response

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*Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Calvin Hampton

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24: 13-36 The Message

SERMON

HEARTS BURNING

***HYMN** *Jesus, Sovereign Savior* black # 255

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Showalter/Raney

***Doxology (unison)**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,
One God triune whom we adore. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN** *Listen to Your Savior Call* black # 250

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* # 812

POSTLUDE

Victory M. Helman
We invite you to remain quietly and celebrate the conclusion of worship in the postlude.

*Please stand if you are comfortable.

We hope that you find your worship experience meaningful.
If you are new to the community, we invite you to make this your church home.

*Please stay after worship for refreshments and fellowship
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.*

In our Service Today

Preacher: Rev. Lori J. Souder
Organist Larry Schipull
Violinist: Linda Laderach
Choir Director: Cheryl Cobb
Greeters: Samantha and Sue Beyer
Reader: Anita Sarro
Head Deacon: Karen Anderson
Head Usher: Bill Giles

The **Usher Team** will host Coffee Hour during April.

Make Center Church Your Sacred Home

THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

Ministers: All Church Members
Senior Minister: Rev. Lori J. Souder
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Charles P. Blakney

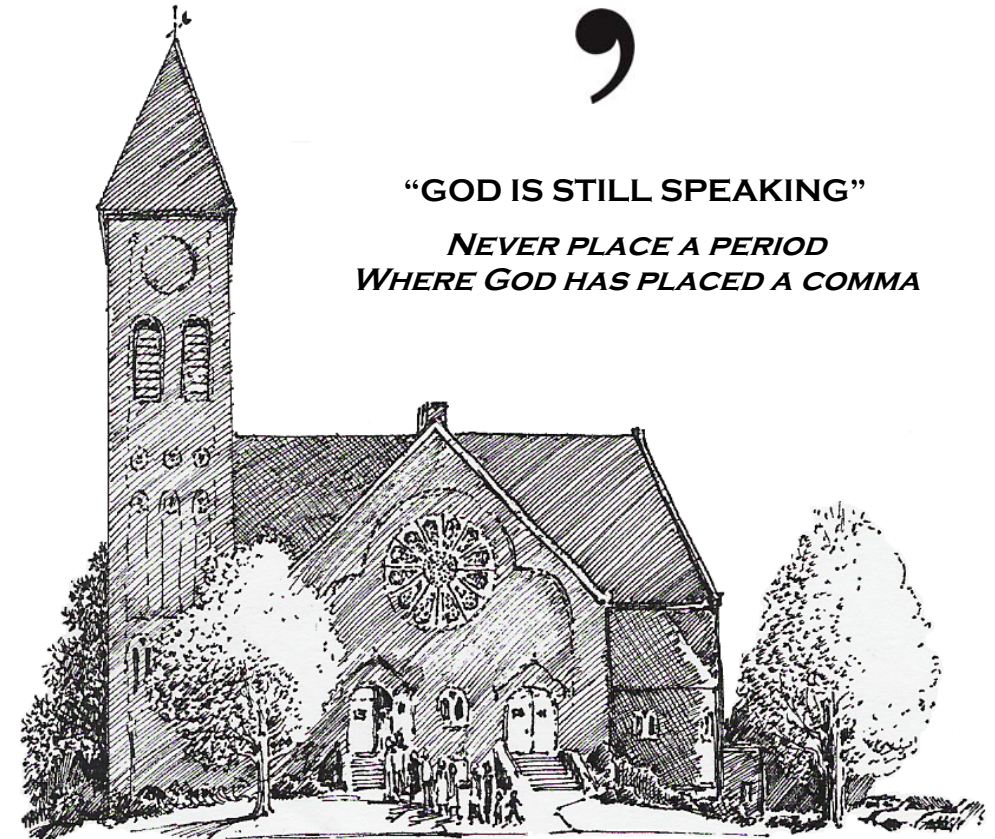
Christian Education Program

Children: Martha Guild
Youth: Claire Houston
Adult: Randy Purinton and
Betsy Bergen, Team Chairs

Music Program

Organist: Larry Schipull
Choir Director: Cheryl Cobb
Associate in Music: Cynthia Morrell

Office Administrator: Cynthia Jubinville
Sexton: Robert Farman



“GOD IS STILL SPEAKING”

*NEVER PLACE A PERIOD
WHERE GOD HAS PLACED A COMMA*

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