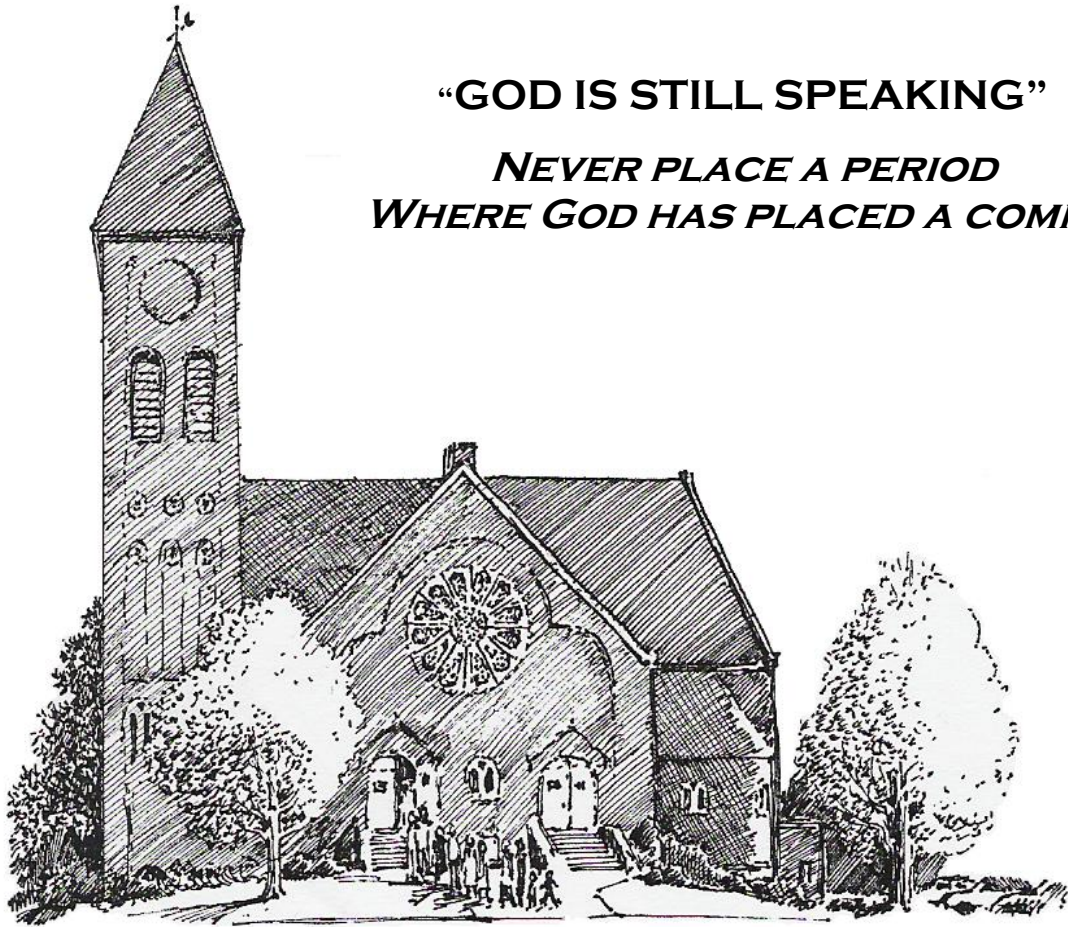


We are asking that in the church space, all keep a safe 3-foot space, when seated among “non-pod” folks. Masks are required.



“GOD IS STILL SPEAKING”

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

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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**** The two center sections of the sanctuary are equipped with a hearing loop.
Turn on the T-coil in your hearing aid and sit in one of these sections
for better hearing**

June 26, 2022

The Deacons will light a candle of **PEACE** AND **RESILIENCY** FOR UKRAINE at the beginning of each worship service.

PRELUDE

Andante Gruzioso
Sunday Morning
My Lord and God

arr. E. Lorenz
E. Broughton
J. Southbridge

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Loving and gracious God, in the name of Christ we gather before you.

P: **We ask that your Spirit fill us and make this a holy time that pleases you.**

L: Bless and strengthen our faith as we walk the paths to which you have called us.

P: **Breathe on us today, that we may be filled with your Spirit, and led by your living Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***HYMN**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

Silence

Lord's Prayer (debts)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come; your 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 yours 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.

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

1 Samuel 25:24b-33,35

Abigail to David:

“Pardon your servant, my lord, and let me speak to you; hear what your servant has to say. ²⁵ Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him. And as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my lord sent. ²⁶ And now, my lord, as surely as the LORD your God lives and as you live, since the LORD has kept you from bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hands, may your enemies and all who are intent on harming my lord be like Nabal. ²⁷ And let this gift, which your servant has brought to my lord, be given to the men who follow you.

²⁸ “Please forgive your servant’s presumption. The LORD your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the LORD’s battles, and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live. ²⁹ Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my lord will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God, but the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling. ³⁰ When the LORD has fulfilled for my lord every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him ruler over Israel, ³¹ my lord will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself. And when the LORD your God has brought my lord success, remember your servant.”

David to Abigail:

“Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. ³³ May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands. ³⁴ Otherwise, as surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak. Go home in peace. I have heard your words and granted your request.”

SERMON

A MEETING OF THE MINDS

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

For the Healing of the Nations

F. Kaan

***Doxology**

*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 (Unison)

O God, with this offering we affirm your vision of a new earth, where peace is practiced and enemies are reconciled. We affirm the voice you have given each of us and with it, the power to speak up and act. We affirm our belief that your love can change us and change the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen*

POSTLUDE

Praise Him with Trumpets

R. Blake

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.*

In our Service Today

Preacher:	Rev. Susan Grant Rosen
Scripture Readers:	Anita Sarro and Randy Purinton
Organist/Music Director:	Cynthia J. Morrell
Soloist:	Randy Purinton

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Continual:

Emily Bangs-Orsini Mission Care Holyoke
Luke Bradley (lifelong battle with cancer)
Loxley Coffin, granddaughter of
Karol and Art

Joan Duffy

Muriel Graham

Tom Hazen

Audrey Heinrichs

Grace Hooton

Eunice Howes, for stabilization of vision

Phyllis and Jean Lacoste

Fay Paquette

Anna Sibley

Art Stanley

Those struggling with addiction

*We keep our Member-in-Discernment,
Emily Carle, in our prayers, in her seminary
studies at Louisville Seminary*

**If you have submitted one of these
requests for prayer, please let us know
when it is time to remove
someone's name from the list.**



Situational:

Peg Dumbaugh, after a fall

Audrey Heaphy's brother-in-law,
Bob Brandt

Cathy Irish, following successful surgery

Jim K, with stomach cancer

Kay Pryor, with cancer, family friend of
Karen and Estelle Anderson

Don Sibley

Alina Sokop

Nikki Wolf, Linda's granddaughter

Lisa Wray's husband, Kevin

*The victims and their families,
of the mass shootings in Texas and Buffalo*

*All those in Ukraine,
and those who have fled for safety.*

All those affected by the Coronavirus

*Those serving in the military,
including JB Pontes*

DATES FOR TAG SALE DONATIONS DROP-OFF

After church each Sunday during June and August

PLUS

Wednesdays 9am - noon

June 1, 15 and 29

Wednesdays 9am - noon

July 13, and 27

Wednesdays 9am - noon

August 10, 17 and 31

Saturday June 4 1 - 4pm

Saturday July 9 1 - 4pm

Saturday Aug. 13 1-4pm



More dates will
be announced
as we get closer
to the event.

SOME DATES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED FROM EARLIER PUBLICATIONS

Center Church Announcements

Vigils for Racial Justice: All who support racial justice are invited to stand with us along College Street on the first Saturday morning of the month (July 2nd and August 6th) from 10 - 10:30am. Please bring your own sign, flag, etc., masks optional, and be prepared to stand at least six feet from anyone not in your group.



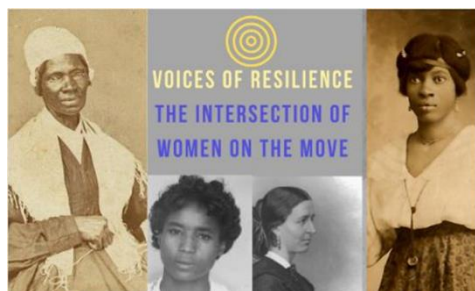
This Week at Center Church



Sunday	Worship 10am
Thursday	AA 1:30pm
Friday	Church Office Closed
Sunday	Worship 10am

Do you shop at Marshalls, The Christmas Tree Shop - or order from Amazon? Well the next time you have something wrapped up so it won't break, **save that wrapping for the Activities Team** to use when wrapping items from the Tag Sale. Newspaper can make for dirty items and dirty hands - so clean wrapping paper is much better. Please tuck it away and when you have a small pile drop it off at the church - or include it with your donating items. Thanks so Much!!

COMING SOON TO CENTER CHURCH CHAPEL *VOICES OF RESILIENCE, THE INTERSECTION OF WOMEN ON THE MOVE*



SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 16, 2022

OPENING EVENT:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2 PM

Learn more about the exhibit and how you can help make this unique event a memorable one for our church and for the community at <https://centerchurchsouthhadley.org/voices>



Summer Worship Schedule

July

Joint Worship at the
Church of Christ Granby
10:30am

August

Joint Worship at Center Church 10am



Summer Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9am - 4pm

Thia Vacation time

July 5 - 7 July 14, 19 - 21 August 9 - 11

When the Church Office is closed, Rev. Grant-Rosen may be reached by
email: susangr3@gmail.com or on her cell: 603-203-5306



If you wish to attend any team meeting as a non-voting participant, please contact Thia in the Church Office or speak to the Team Chair prior to the meeting, and we can send you the Zoom link to attend. Meetings have always been open to all, but with the arrival of COVID we have gone to meeting on Zoom which requires an invitation.

Our CE Director Martha Guild will be leaving her position in June to have more family time. So...we are beginning our search for a new Director. Below is the advertisement for the position.

Center Church of South Hadley is a progressive, vibrant, multigenerational Christian community where we welcome all to join in following the teachings of Jesus. We are currently looking for a warm, welcoming person with a nurturing spirit and curiosity about young Children's faith formation to serve as the Director of Children's Christian Education beginning in August, 2022. Ideally, the successful candidate will have at least one year of experience working with young children. Additionally, the candidate will need strong organizational, planning, and communication skills, and the technical ability to conduct lessons remotely. The Director's job entails planning and implementing Sunday morning lessons for children in Pre-K through 5th grade, which are guided by an in-depth multi-age curriculum that focuses on stories, people and places in the Bible. The Director is supervised by the Senior Minister who helps set goals and objectives for the program, and is supported by an assistant teacher and Faith Formation Team of volunteers. This is a part-time position of five hours per week for approximately 40 weeks from late August through mid-June. For a complete job description, please go to www.centerchurchsouthhadley.org. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to centerchurch@verizon.net

THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

Ministers:	All Church Members
Senior Minister:	Rev. Lori J. Souder
Sabbatical Minister:	Rev. Susan Grant-Rosen
Member in Discernment:	Emily Carle

Christian Education Program

Children:	Martha Guild and Chelsea Korzeniowski
Youth:	Kayla Scott-McDowell

Music

Organist:	Larry Schipull
Associate in Music:	Cynthia Morrell
Office Administrator:	Cynthia Jubinville
Sexton:	Robert Farman