



**September 2, 2018**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## The Mission of

Central United Church of Christ is...

to be  
a Christ-centered community  
of faithful disciples,  
who are called  
to GROW IN FAITH, and  
to SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
as we REACH OUT  
to each other,  
to our community  
and to our world.

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\* indicates please stand, as you are able

**PRELUDE** “If You But Suffer God to Guide You” - Cherwien

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Open Now the Gates of Beauty” #23

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Look to the mountains; look to the hills! The world is filled with beauty.

**Flowers appear on the earth, birdsong brightens the day.**

Crops yield their produce in abundance, the air is filled with sweetness.

**The summer of God’s love is with us.**

Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

**Arise and sing for joy!**

**\*CHORAL INTROIT**

**\*GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

God, Creator, you are the source of summer’s splendor – the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

**\*PRAISE HYMN** “We Praise Thee, O God” #19

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI (sung in unison)**  
**Glory be to the Father**  
**and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and ever shall be,**  
**world without end. Amen, amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

(Communion: John 6:56-69)

### CHORAL RESPONSE

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "For the Beauty of the Earth" - Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.

## **SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

## **THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; from thence he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

#### OFFERING

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**      "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord"      - Mason

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY (sung in unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us  
to be your friends,  
and to know your will in the world.  
Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name  
that these tithes and offerings  
spread your love near and far. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Today we are observing pew communion. All who find themselves in communion with God or in need of communion with God are invited to share in the bread and cup of the Lord's Table. We observe open communion in the United Church of Christ, which means that **all** are welcome to share in this sacrament. When the bread is served, please take a piece and hold it until all are served. We will eat the bread together. The glasses of wine will then be served. The innermost circle of glasses contains grape juice for those who would prefer it. Please take a glass, hold it until all are served. We will drink together. If you choose not to partake of the elements of bread and wine, you may celebrate communion with God and others through silent prayer and meditation.*

### INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

### SHARING COMMUNION

**COMMUNION MUSIC** "He Shall Feed His Flock" -Handel

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

## AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" #65

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "How Firm A Foundation" - Rodriguez

***Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.***

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**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**September 2 – 9**

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Boys' Basketball/Open Gym	6:00pm
MON:	Office Closed for Labor Day	
TUES:	Women's Fellowship Reassembly Mtg.	1:00pm
	Brotherhood	5:30pm
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Young Youth Afterschool Activities	3:45pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Senior Choir	7:00pm
FRI:	Brotherhood Annual Golf Tournament followed by Pork Steak Dinner and Auction.	
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am
	Mid-High and Sr. High Youth	6:00pm

**Attendance Last Sunday: 81**

**Altar flowers** are in memory of my husband Bob Scrivner from Gladys Scrivner.

**Bulletins** are in honor of Central Church friends and family from Bev Kimsey.

**Please pray for our members, family and friends:** Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Kathryn Waite, Audrey Hoelscher Bruemmer, Jacquie Howser, Gordon Green, Tonya Berhorst

**Pastoral Care** – Rev. Stoneburner has agreed to fill-in for emergency pastoral care. If you have a need for pastoral care, please call the church office at 635-1041, and they will be in contact with Rev. Stoneburner.

**Our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Judith Scott** for leading us in worship and presenting the message this morning.

**Rev. Bob Atkinson will be joining us for worship** on Sunday, September 16. He will be bringing greetings from the Western Association.

**Consider joining the CUCC Choir!** We have just begun again for Fall. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the choir room. Our fellowship is a wonderful way to strengthen the CUCC community!

**The “Parent Chapel” is available during worship** and at all times for parents/grandparents with babies and young toddlers. The chapel is located at the right front side of the sanctuary into the hallway. It’s the first door on the right side of the hallway.

**Helpers are needed for Children’s Sunday School!** September is open – two helpers are needed for each Sunday. We can also

help you with preparation. If you would like to help with Sunday School or have questions about Faith Formation, please reach out to Amber Gonzales or Patti Schmutzler. There is also an email address: [cuccfaith@gmail.com](mailto:cuccfaith@gmail.com)

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament is coming this Friday, September 7!** We need auction items. Please drop them off at the office this week. Have you purchased your pork steak dinner tickets? What about the Ball Drop – do you have your number? At this point, we have 56 players, so it's going great! Please help us by purchasing your dinner tickets and ball drop numbers from Walt Rottmann, Russell Rottmann, or Larry Long.

**Middle High and Senior High Youth** – Our next get-together is **Sept. 9 from 6:00-7:30** in the gym. We have started a new group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and those at the first meeting helped set our direction. We plan to have a mix of fun activities and service activities where we can put our faith into action, and we'll add in some faith-based discussion to get you thinking. What is your favorite hat? Bring it with you and we'll use it for our discussion. Are you wondering how Jesus and hats tie together? Well, then I guess we'll see you there! Also, thank you to those who helped with our first service project – serving the Salvation Army meal for the homeless and less fortunate in our community. What great words of encouragement I heard from you as you served dinner!

**Attention ladies – the women of Grace Evangelical Free Church have invited Central Church women** to their one-day retreat, “Cozy Mountain Lodge Retreat.” It will be held **September 15**, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. They will serve breakfast and lunch and are asking for only a \$5 donation to cover costs. Please contact Ruth Long by *September 9* if you

would like to attend or have any questions. The retreat takes place at Cedar City Lion's Club, 710 Sandstone, Jefferson City. The ladies of Second Christian Church are also coming – make plans now to attend!

**Festival of Sharing will be holding Sharefests** in 7 different locations this year instead of one big event at the Missouri State Fair Grounds as in the past. *Our region will be held at Tipton United Methodist Church on **September 22**.* At the Tipton Sharefest, people will have the opportunity to pack rice, pack hygiene kits, organize CSW kits, be part of a prayer team, or serve lunch. After packing projects are completed, we'll gather for lunch and worship. All activities start at 9:30 a.m. If anyone is interested in going, please contact one of the Mission and Outreach Ministry members (Susan Poettgen – chair). We can carpool to Tipton for the workday.

**Festival of Sharing featured kit up through mid-September: Missouri Family Food Boxes.** Please place items in our box in the narthex. *Donated items must be exactly as listed below:*

3 different cans of vegetables 14.5 oz.

3 cans tuna 5 oz.

3 pkgs. macaroni & cheese

3 different cans of fruit 14.5 oz.

1 can pasta sauce

1 jar peanut butter

3 cans chicken 12.5 oz.

1 lb. pasta

**Many, many thanks to those folks who contributed school supplies or money** to purchase the school supplies for the Elenor Circle annual gathering for Festival of Sharing. And some children thank you also!! With your help we now have 280

school kits ready to take to the Festival Event this year!! You did it again – this along with all the other items gathered/donated for the many kits Central Church sends, along with financial contributions! The Elenor Circle members do enjoy this mission work and appreciate your help!

**All items in the church kitchen refrigerator and freezer need to be removed by Sunday, September 23.** We need to make room in them for our Oktoberfest German dinner preparations. Any items that are left will be thrown away or donated to the Salvation Army. **Also, any items on the counters in the kitchen should be removed by Sunday, September 23.** Any items left on the counters will either be thrown away or put in the storage closet behind the kitchen. Thank you for your assistance, Mary Ann and Faye.

**Oktoberfest German Dinner takes place Friday, September 28,** prepared and served by Central UCC. Faye Rinaldi and Mary Ann Wippermann are in charge along with help from Freda Maness, our dessert lady; the Elenor Circle; and many other volunteers. The menu consists of roast beef, German potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, applesauce, bread, pie, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee, along with a children's menu of hot dogs, chips, and other sides. Serving time is from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church gym. Cost is \$12 per adult (all you can eat), and \$5 per child under age 10. We need volunteers (men and women) to help with all aspects of the meal. A detailed volunteer sign-up sheet is included in the bulletin and should be turned in by *September 9*. You can place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or turn it in to the church office. Contact Faye Rinaldi at 619-3339 and [fayerinaldif@yahoo.com](mailto:fayerinaldif@yahoo.com), or Mary Ann Wippermann at 636-3685 and [mlwipper@embarqmail.com](mailto:mlwipper@embarqmail.com) for more information.



**OKTOBERFEST GERMAN DINNER  
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET**

***PLEASE TURN IN COMPLETED SIGN-UP SHEET BY SEPTEMBER 9***

\_\_\_ I can help with making the German potato salad on Thursday.

\_\_\_ 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon     \_\_\_ 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

\_\_\_ I can help decorate tables on Thursday starting at 9 a.m. until completed.

\_\_\_ I can help with preparing the other food on Friday.

\_\_\_ 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.     \_\_\_ 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
\_\_\_ 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_ I can help with cutting/packaging/replenishing the pies on Friday.

\_\_\_ 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.     \_\_\_ 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
\_\_\_ 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_ I can work outside helping with valet parking and related things.

\_\_\_ 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.     \_\_\_ 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_ I can help at the ticket sales table.

\_\_\_ 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.     \_\_\_ 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_ I can help with serving the meal.

\_\_\_ 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.     \_\_\_ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

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**OKTOBERFEST GERMAN DINNER  
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET  
(cont.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help with busing tables and trash removal.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help with clean-up starting at 6:30 p.m. until completed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can bring pies.

\_\_\_\_\_ number of pies bringing

**No cream pies. Pumpkin and pecan pies must be purchased from a store bakery, not home made or baked from frozen** (*pursuant to the city's Regulations for Temporary Food Services*).

Bring your pies to the church gym on Friday between 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Cash donations for purchasing pies will be accepted and can be given to Freda Maness, Mary Ann Wippermann, or Faye Rinaldi.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE TURN IN COMPLETED SIGN-UP SHEET BY SEPTEMBER 9**

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**It has been the practice that altar flowers** are taken by the sponsor after the worship service. If they are not taken by Wednesday, Frances Byrd or Ruth Long pick them up and take them to Central's homebound. Recently there has been a concern that the altar flowers are not staying fresh very long. After consulting with the florist, we are going to make a change to this practice. The sponsor will still be able to take them but if they are not taken after the worship service, they will be placed in the refrigerator in the choir room. The sponsor can come get them up on Monday or Tuesday, but will need to pick up a choir room key from the office. If they are not picked up by Wednesday, Frances or Ruth will take them to our homebound. Thanks, Mary Ann Wippermann, Worship and Music Ministry chair.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Your presence and participation are an important part of shaping this experience of worship for all of us. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here!

If you are a guest here today, we would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community. If you have any questions about joining us in ministry, please contact the Pastor.

**Large Print Bulletins:** Large print editions of the worship bulletin are available in the Narthex and by the elevator.

**Friendship Register:** Please sign the Friendship Register (the blue book at the end of the pew) when it is passed around so that we have a record of your visit.

Ministers.....	Every Member
Director of Music.....	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director .....	Rene Miserez
Organist .....	Shirley Klein



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