

**CENTRAL**  
United Church of Christ  
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



**September 22, 2019**  
**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.

*All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI.*

\* indicates please stand, as you are able

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”  
#323

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

Cry out to the Lord, for God hears our pleas.

**May our heads be springs of water and  
our eyes fountains of tears, for God  
answers the cries of the suffering.**

Put your faith in God, our great physician.

**We will reach out for the balm of Gilead,  
for God soothes the sorrows of the faithful.**

Call upon the Lord, for God hears our pleas.

**We will enter God’s gates with hope and  
Gladness.**

Come, worship the one who hears our pleas.

**CHOIR INTROIT**

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

**God, you are the stronghold of our lives.**

**When life takes us to places we never  
imagined, you provide hope and bring us  
back to you. Forgive the times when we  
abandon your ways. Forgive our failure to  
see your presence in our lives. Forgive us  
when we hurt ourselves and one another.  
Forgive our fear of those who are different.  
Forgive our failure to care for one another.  
Gracious God, forgive us and heal us.  
Help us return to your open and loving**

arms, trusting you as the Lord of our lives.  
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**PRAISE HYMN** "Come, Thou Almighty King" #4 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*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.

## **TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 8:15, 21-22  
Luke 16:1-12

### **CHOIR RESPONSE**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Grace" - Mark Hayes  
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound;  
That saved a wretch, a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found.  
I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And that same grace my tears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
This grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And surely, surely grace will lead me home,  
I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than since the day we first begun,  
Than since the day we first begun.

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

**\*THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on 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;  
One holy and universal Christian Church;

The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting.  
Amen.

(Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1662*)

## 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.**

### CHOIR RESPONSE

### OFFERING

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Leonora Hardy

#### \*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.

**AND GO FORTH IN LOVE**

**CLOSING HYMN** "In Heavenly Love Abiding" #301 (vs. 1, 3)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHOIR RESPONSE**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" - Bach

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

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**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**  
**September 22 – September 29**

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Children's Sunday School	9:30am
	Worship	10:00am
	Congregational Meeting	11:00am
	Fundraiser Brunch (Mission and Outreach)	11:15am
MON:	W.I.G.S. Circle	1:00pm
	Scouts	7:00pm
TUES:	Prime Time Club	11:30am

WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
	Sr. Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
FRI:	Oktoberfest Meal	4:30-7:00pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Children's Sunday School	9:30am
	Worship	10:00am

**Attendance last Sunday: 68**

**Altar flowers** are in memory of my parents August and Betty Sundermeyer from Susan Poettgen.

**Bulletins** are in honor of Walt Rottmann's birthday from JoAnn and Ron Benne.

**Please pray for our members, family and friends:** Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Jacquie Howser, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild, Melissa Parscal, Jenny Alpers, Larry Rizner, Harry Kujath, Lee Thompson, Finn Price, August Begemann, Pat Brauner, Hank Gozia, Michelle Heymeyer, Norma Maier, Janet Miller, Abel Green, Jerry Watson, Lonnie Schneider, Clifton Ebersold

**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 this morning and delivering the sermon message.

**90+ Birthdays this month:**

Juanita Muck (9/14)  
Primrose Retirement Community  
1214 Freedom Blvd., Apt. 214  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

**The Adult Bible Study with Rev. Scott** meets in the library for about an hour each Sunday following the morning worship service. We began with Genesis and will continue our journey through the Bible, emphasizing major events and writings in order to understand what the Bible says about God and how we are to live in obedience to God under the umbrella of His love and care. The class is open to any and all. Come join us as you are able!

**The Human Resources Ministry** has been diligently working on updating the Personnel Policy Manual. As part of that update, they found a change is needed to the Bylaws first. **Today, September 22, we will have a short congregational meeting after the worship service** to review a change to the Pastor's position description in the Bylaws. Once it is approved in the Bylaws, the HR Ministry and Council can finalize the revision to the Personnel Policy Manual.

**The Mission and Outreach Ministry will be serving a fundraising brunch today, September 22**, immediately following worship and the congregational meeting. Please join us for some delicious food and help raise funds for projects like our Special Adult Spaghetti Dinner held in November. We've been providing the Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night for years for clients of

group homes in this area, and typically serve around 75 folks. Your donations will also help us sponsor other projects throughout the year.

**Festival of Sharing, Sharefest, will be held in Tipton on September 28, 2019.** A group from Central is planning on attending to help put together kits or sack rice. If you would like to attend, please let a member of Mission and Outreach Ministry know so we can make reservations. We plan on meeting at the Capital Mall by the Dillard's wing at 8:00 to carpool. We will be going on to Sedalia for lunch at Kehde's restaurant, a favorite of the group.

**Central's Brotherhood has invited** their spouses and the California UCC Brotherhood (and spouses) to their **October 1<sup>st</sup>** gathering. The meal starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program presented by The Boys and Girls Club. Plan to come and join in a great evening of fellowship. PLEASE, make your meal reservation with the church office or Larry Long.

**Young Youth ... Back to school means we're restarting our Wednesday activities.** If you know a child in K-5<sup>th</sup> grades, church is the place to be on Wednesdays after school. We have food and fun, faith and fellowship and help to build relationships with God and each other. There is always a 20-30 minute Bible lesson or faith-building activity and we'll feed the kids dinner. Supervision starts at 3:00 and we end at 6:00 p.m.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Young Youth** on Wednesdays, approximately 5:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m. (you are welcome to come for the afternoon). You don't have to do anything but enjoy the Bible lesson, but per our Safe Church Policy we need two adults in the room. What a great way for you to be reminded of different Bible stories that you might have forgotten

about! Contact Rene to sign up to join us for a week. If you are more comfortable in the kitchen, you could prepare our simple meal then Alan can join us for the lesson.

**The Bell Choir** is looking to grow our numbers. If you ever thought you might like to give ringing bells a try, now is a great time to join us! The ability to read music is a plus, but not required. Contact Rene so we can plan appropriate music for the number of ringers. Rehearsals start this Wednesday and last from 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Our church's Archive Room** needs more space for the records. We still have wonderful history books that were printed 11 years ago on sale for \$20 each. There are also FREE note cards of beautiful pictures of our church sanctuary and building, post cards, and bookmarks to give away. Those items are available in the church library and Narthex.

**Bulletin Openings:** The Sundays below are available. Please contact the office if you are interested. Cost is \$15 per Sunday.

*September 29*

*November 17*

**Oktoberfest German Dinner is back at Central UCC on Friday evening, September 27!** Planning committee members are Patti Schmutzler, Alan Bagnall, Pam Schmutzler, Susan Poettgen, Walter Rottmann, Freda Maness, Faye Rinaldi, Mary Ann Wippermann, and Harry Kujath. The menu consists of grilled sausages (by Carl Ernst and his grilling crew), buns, German potato salad, coleslaw, sauerkraut, green beans, pie, iced tea, lemonade, water, and coffee. Children's menu is hot dogs with buns, chips, and other sides. Serving time will be 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church gym. Cost is \$12 per adult and \$5 per child under age 10. Carry-outs are available. We'll need

volunteers to help with decorating tables (we have the decorations); fixing German potato salad (will be done on Thursday, September 26, with Pam Schmutzler in charge), and other food items; donating pies, cutting/packaging pies; taking money; serving food/beverages; busing tables; valet parking; and clean up. For more information, please contact Patti Schmutzler at [plschmu@gmail.com](mailto:plschmu@gmail.com) or 573-418-8196 (text only). You may also contact Freda Maness (pie lady) at 573-619-3107 or email [Teacher7478@gmail.com](mailto:Teacher7478@gmail.com).

**All items in the refrigerators and freezers in both church kitchens will need to be removed by Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.** The Oktoberfest Planning Committee is needing to make room for our Oktoberfest German Dinner preparations. Any items that are left will be thrown away or donated to Salvation Army. **Also, any items on the counters in the big kitchen should be removed by Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Items left on the counters will either be thrown away or put in the storage closet in the Friendship Room. Thank you for your assistance. (Oktoberfest Planning Committee)

**The Prime Time Club** will gather Tuesday, September 24, for their monthly carry-in luncheon at 11:30. The speaker will be Keith Hale who will tell about the Gideons. Please come and enjoy.

**Christkindmarkt...**We are “re-kindling” Christkindlfest with a Christkindlmarkt this year on Saturday, November 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Christmas markets are a German tradition and we have come up with a trio of activities for the community. We will be having a Craft Show Market, a bake sale with special Christmas cookies, German favorites and a Breakfast Bonanza. If you make handcrafted items and are interested in a booth at the Craft Show Market, contact Rene quickly as spots will be

opened to non-church members later this week. Booth fee is \$25 for a 10 x 6 space and will include one free breakfast buffet. As the date gets closer, Patti will be lining up the bake sale and Brotherhood will also be looking for breakfast volunteers. Danke schon!

### **CHURCH USE POLICY UPDATE:**

The Human Resources Ministry has worked hard on updating the policy for use of the church facilities by members and nonmembers. At the July Council Meeting, the Church Council approved the new policy.

Please take note of some important changes:

- 1) To help defray costs to Central UCC (like electricity, gas, water, sewer, paper products, hand soap, etc.) members will be asked to pay when requesting use of the church for personal purposes (activities that are not Central UCC functions).
  
- 2) To secure a requested date(s) for use of a location in the church building, members and non-members will be asked to read the "Church Use Policy" and "Safe Church Policy", then complete the "Church Use Agreement" (at the back of the Church Use Policy). Once the agreement is completed, it should be turned in to the church office.

Below is a revised Hourly Fee Schedule. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Human Resources Ministry.

## HOURLY FEE SCHEDULE

Location	Member	Non-Member
Sanctuary	\$20.00	\$40.00
Friendship Room	\$20.00	\$40.00
Parlor	\$20.00	\$40.00
Gymnasium	\$20.00	\$40.00
Choir room	\$20.00	\$40.00

**Sunday School is changing its time** to 10:00 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Our new schedule will start in October. We look forward to seeing you on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We will go downstairs for our lesson just after Children's Time. Also, keep a lookout for special events to be held during the month. If you have any questions please contact Amber Schmutzler.

## AN EVENING AT THE OPERA

**The Southside Philharmonic Orchestra** invites you to join us in the sanctuary of Central UCC on the evening of Friday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. for “An Evening At The Opera.” This performance will feature a selection of arias and choruses from the following operas:

*La Traviata* and *Rigoletto* by Verdi,  
*Lakmé* by Delibes,  
*Don Giovanni* and *Marriage of Figaro* by Mozart,  
*Madama Butterfly* and *La bohème* by Puccini,  
*Die Fledermaus* by Strauss, Jr.,  
*L'elisir d'amore* by Donizetti, and  
*Carmen* by Bizet

An impressive group of vocal talent from central Missouri will join SPO for this concert. These vocalists include: Christina Bonsall, Michael Brand (choir director at the new Capitol City High School), Samantha Crabill, Kerry Cordray, Rachel Gerlt, Ryan Hampton, Bethany Kiral-Moebes (former Central UCC interim choir director), Christine Nichols, Trent Rash, Sandra Troutt, and Lacey Williams. The selections being presented range from lighthearted and fun to emotional and heart-wrenching. We hope that you will join us for this momentous occasion.





THE SOUTHSIDE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

PRESENTS

# AN EVENING AT THE OPERA

Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 7:00 PM

Arias and Choruses from:

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DELIBES

VERDI

MOZART

BIZET

STRAUSS JR.

DONIZETTI

Tickets \$15 / Students \$7  
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## 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
Pulpit Supply Minister.....	Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music .....	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director.....	Rene Miserez
Organist.....	Shirley Klein



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