

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



August 16, 2020
Eleventh 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, called
to SHARE GOD'S LOVE
with each other,
our community
and our world.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

OPENING HYMN “God of Might We Praise Thy Name”

God of might, we praise Thy name
For the deeds of strength and glory,
Heaven and earth extol Thy fame,
And proclaim the blessed story:
As Thou art, Thou e’er will be
Unto all eternity.

Look upon Thy children here
Who, their love for Thee professing,
And in Jesus’ name alone,
Ask of Thee a Father’s blessing;
When the course of life is o’er,
Bring us home for evermore.

CALL TO WORSHIP

When all seems to be lost,
God is most near to us.

GATHERING PRAYER

Eternal God, part the veil that blinds us to our unity as your beloved children. When those we love hurt and betray us, help us let go of our pain and find the balm of forgiveness. When we feel abandoned by those we trust, help us seek your peace and reconciliation. When our hearts are pierced with anguish, help us find those who will bring us solace, through your loving Spirit. Amen.

GREETING “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds,
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds,
is like to that above.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GLORIA PATRI

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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

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THE WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

What is the chief end of man?
Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

This version of a creed is from a catechism, specifically the Shorter Westminster Catechism. Written for a reformed denomination in

1647, the Presbyterians, of which one sub-denomination, the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. is in “Formula of Agreement” with the United Church of Christ, it has a counterpart in the Larger Westminster catechism. The difference is that the “Shorter” version was written for lay families to use as material to teach at home, often around the dinner table. The “Larger” version was for ministers. The purpose of both was to bridge the theological gap between the Presbyterians in Scotland and similar reformed congregations in England.

Surprisingly, the Shorter Westminster Catechism does not begin with God, Jesus, the Trinity, creation, or salvation. It begins with us, and why we are here, on earth. It bestows a dignity upon us, surpassing anything for which we might have hoped, and has been described as “audacious”.

Of all the catechisms, this is my favorite. We will look at the first question and answer each remaining Sunday in August.

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 14:18-20

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

CLOSING HYMN “Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way”

Teach me, O Lord, Thy holy way,
And give me an obedient mind,
That in Thy service I may find
My soul’s delight from day to day.

Bless me in every task, O Lord,
Begun, continued, done for Thee;
Fulfill Thy perfect work in me,
And Thine abounding grace afford.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Praise Be to God”

– Powell

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

August 16 – 23

TODAY:	Worship	10:00am
WED:	Meals On Wheels	10:00am
THURS:	Council Meeting	7:00pm
NEXT SUNDAY:	Worship	10:00am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 49

Altar flowers are in memory of loved ones from Walter Rottmann.

The baby rose on the altar announces the birth of Georgia Mae Tinsley Cole, born August 6, 2020. Parents are Brian Cole and Jodie Helming, big brother Greg Cole, grandparents Kenny and Lola Helming, and Don and Marie Cole.

Bulletins are in loving memory of our grandson, Cooper, from Roger and Diana Phillips.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild, Melissa Parscal, Larry Rizner, Lee Thompson, August Begemann, Michelle Heymeyer, Abel Green, Jerry Watson, Lonnie Schneider, George Seifert, Doug Blaha, Tommy Thompson, Allen Schmutzler, Janet Miller

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90+ Birthdays for the month –

MARY LOU EMMEL (8/27)

Valley Park Retirement Living

355 Karen Drive

Holts Summit, MO 65043

GLADYS GLADDEN (8/28)

408 Crest Drive

Jefferson City, MO 65109

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE RE: WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY:

As we resume worshipping in the sanctuary, things will be done differently for the safety of all. We ask for your patience as we adjust to the new way of doing things. Things to remember are:

- Everyone's temperature will be taken before entering the building.
- Everyone must wear a mask. If you need a mask, we will have one available.
- **Practice social distancing of 6 feet.**
- No hand shaking or hugging.
- No lingering in aisles or building before and after the service.
- Ushers will assist with seating.
- Unrelated or persons not living in the same household should not ride together in the elevator.

Offering Baskets are located at the back of the sanctuary, and up front by the doors next to the chancel platform for you to place your offering envelopes.

We will hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 23, immediately following Church services to discuss the path forward for the Search and Call process. The Search and Call Committee has been pursuing ministerial applicants for nearly 2 years and has reviewed at least two dozen applicants without success. The Search Committee feels we need to make some clear decisions as a church to better define who we are and what we want from a minister. We may need to pursue other paths, such as the Evangelical Association, in order to find a minister who fits Central and what we need going forward.

August Festival of Sharing Kit: The Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the Missouri Family Food Boxes during August. Please place items in the box in the narthex. Donated items must be exactly as below:

- 3 different cans of vegetables 14.5 oz. (one peas,
one green beans, one corn or carrots, other veggies)
- 3 cans tuna 5 oz.
- 3 pkgs. macaroni & cheese
- 3 different cans of fruit 14.5 oz. (one peaches, one pears,
one fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges or other fruit)
- 1 can pasta sauce
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 lb. pasta
- 3 cans chicken (tuna can size at Dollar General)

Happy 99th Anniversary this month to the Martha Circle which formed on August 21, 1921! Be sure to express your congratulations to the members of the Martha Circle (Linda Heller, Janet Miller, Alan Bagnall and Mary Ann Pearre) who continue meeting to quilt, fellowship and do other needle work. Congrats and God's blessings!

The Elenor Circle is once again working on filling School Kits with school supplies for children who have little or none. This will go to the Festival of Sharing as in the past. We are not in competition with Susan Poettgen and the Outreach Ministry – we are working with them. This is one of the Elenor Circle’s mission projects that we work on each year. If you would like to donate to this mission, financially, please see Susan Poettgen, Ruth Long, Linda Heller, or any circle member. Checks should be *made payable to “Elenor Circle.”* Thank you for your help.

Message from Worship Ministry and Finance Ministry re: altar flowers and bulletins: Historically, members have made “in memory/honor of” donations for our Sunday bulletins of \$15 per Sunday. Similarly, altar flower donations are \$33 per Sunday. Due to restrictions of Covid-19, our costs have been lowered as we are printing fewer bulletins, and a member has been volunteering to pickup the floral arrangements each week and Central is not being billed for the delivery fee. As we move forward, you may wish to donate \$28 per Sunday for altar flowers and \$10 per Sunday for bulletins. If you have already pre-paid and wish a refund, please contact Michelle in the church office. If you do not expect a refund and wish to consider this monetary difference as a donation to the church, then no contact is necessary.

Central Church received the following banner from Church World Service for being a “Sponsoring Congregation” in 2020 for financial support of their Blanket Ministry. Recently during Central’s Blanket Drive, \$1,412.62 was collected and given to CWS – Blankets. Many people here and around the world appreciate this ministry.



BLANKETS

Sponsoring Congregation

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here! We would love to have you become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community.

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	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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