

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



August 30, 2020
Thirteenth 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** *“In Heavenly Love Abiding”*

In heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear,
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim;
He knows the way He taketh,
And I will walk with Him.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let love guide your path,
for love is the holiest path of all.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, we come this day, into this sacred moment and this sacred space, aware that your holiness is always around us. As Moses before us, when we turn aside from our daily tasks, and we listen for your holy voice, speak to us in holy mystery. Surround us with your wondrous love, that we might be wise

enough to understand your call and be brave enough to follow your path. 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

Exodus 3:1-15
Matthew 16:21-28; 17:24-27

SPECIAL MUSIC “Let All Things Now Living...” arr. P.K. Clifford
Laurel Gooden, Bob Scott, Shirley Klein

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!" Amen.

Words: Katherine K. Davis

Music: *Ash Grove*

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

Acts 2:44,45 “All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.”

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

CLOSING HYMN “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward Light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
Be my Law, and I shall be
Firmly bound, forever free.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Chorale” from Gothic Suite* – Boellmann

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR
August 30 – September 6

TODAY: Worship 10:00am
NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 10:00am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 56

Altar flowers are in honor of all my friends at Central Church from Laverne Baker.

Bulletins are in loving memory of Monroe and Lorraine Schmutzler, and Bruce and Marian Nichols from the family.

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, 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.

On September 13, the new Associate Conference Minister, the Rev. Damien Lake, will be our guest. He will bring the sermon during the morning worship service. Following the Service, he will meet with the Search and Call Committee. Welcome to Central, Rev. Lake!

The Faith Formation Committee is reassigning Rally Day to September 20th instead of holding it on September 13th as

originally planned, so as to not conflict with the visit of the new Associate Conference Minister, the Rev. Damien Lake.

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.

Golf Tournament – Mark your calendar for September 11th for this year's annual Golf Tournament sponsored by the Brotherhood! Plans have been made, hole sponsor letters have been sent out and returns are coming in! Why not help? Surely you know someone who would sponsor a hole for only a \$100.00. A sign with the sponsor's name will be placed on the golf course the day of the tournament, and also displayed in the friendship room. There will not be an auction this year; however, dinner will be served out at the Sander's Farm at 5:30pm, where the air is pure and there's space to roam! The Boy Scouts are fixing the meal. Be sure to make your reservations now! For more information, please contact Larry Long or Russell Rottmann.

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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