

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



**September 13, 2020**  
**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, called  
to SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
with each other,  
our community  
and our world.

**PRELUDE**

*“If You But Suffer God to Guide You”*

*- David Cherwien*

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**OPENING HYMN** “Almighty Father”

Almighty Father, who dost give  
The gift of life to all who live.  
Look down on all earth’s sin and strife,  
And lift us to a holier life.

Lift up our hearts, O King of kings,  
To brighter hope and kindlier things;  
To visions of a larger good,  
And holier dreams of brotherhood.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to our God,  
**who brings us into a future of hope and life.**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, renew our minds with the power of your Holy Spirit. Bring us into fellowship with one another and grant us courage to defend the lowly. Part the waters of our troubled thoughts, that we might see others as you see them. Protect us with your powerful hand, that we might sing of your faithfulness and dance to your glory. Amen.

**GREETING** “We Are One in the Spirit”

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

## **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 14:19-31

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **SERMON**

Rev. Damien Lake  
Associate Conference Minister

### **HEIDELBERG CATECHISM**

Question and Answer #1:

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own,**

- 1. but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—**
- 2. to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**
- 3. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,**
- 4. and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**
- 5. He also watches over me in such a way**

- 6. that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;**
- 7. in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

In the past, many of the Evangelical and Reformed churches in this area required confirmands to memorize the Heidelberg Catechism. It was composed in the city of Heidelberg, Germany, at the request of Elector Frederick III in the late 1500s. We are told “The new catechism was intended as a tool for teaching young people, a guide for preaching in the provincial churches, and a form of confessional unity among the several Protestant factions in the Palatinate.” (Notes to the Catechism.) It was approved by the Synod of Dort in 1619, and soon became known as the most ecumenical of the Reformed catechisms and confessions.

## **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**

I Corinthians 10:24 “Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other.”

**AND GO FORTH IN LOVE**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning from thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

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Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

REFRAIN

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Fanfare”*

- *Albert Zabel*

*(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)*

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

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**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**  
**September 13 – September 20**

TODAY:	Worship	10:00am
WED:	Meals On Wheels	10:00am
	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
THURS:	Church Council	7:00pm
NEXT SUNDAY:	Rally Day	
	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am

**Worship attendance last Sunday: 43**

**Altar flowers** are given for all the quilters past and present from Linda Heller.

**Bulletins** are given in honor of my friends in the church from Laverne Baker.

**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, Lonnie Schneider

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**The 90+ birthday listing has been updated to include 85+ birthdays.** If there is someone you want to make certain is on the monthly listing, please contact the church office at 635-1041 or [office@centralucc.com](mailto:office@centralucc.com). If you know someone whose preference is to not publish his/her birthday, please contact the church office. (*Birth year will not be publicized, only month/day.*)

**85+ Birthdays this month –**

NORMA FARLEY 9/06

1810 St. Mary's Blvd.

Jefferson City, MO 65109

JUANITA MUCK (9/14)

Primrose Retirement Community

1214 Freedom Blvd., Apt. 235

Jefferson City, MO 65109

ELROYD RENFROW (9/14)

680 Oak Creek Ct.

Jefferson City, MO 65101

**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 welcome Rev. Damien Lake, Associate Conference Minister**, to our service this morning, and thank him for bringing us the message. Following the worship service, Rev. Lake will meet with the Search and Call Committee.

**Rally Day is coming next week, September 20<sup>th</sup>!** Commissioning of Sunday School teachers, and special ice cream cups and Pam Schmutzler's famous homemade Monster cookie handouts for ALL at the close of Church! You won't want to miss it!

**Congratulations, Faith Formation Committee**, on finding teachers and helpers for our rotational Sunday School! Bibles will be given to second graders on Rally Day, next week, September 20<sup>th</sup>!

**An informal request to ALL:** Make a call to your Central friends and family to ask how everything is going. In these Covid-19 times, many are lonely and/or depressed from being housebound so often. Just pick up a phone to ask how everyone one is doing these days.

**Watch for exciting future announcements** from Congregational Life Committee!



**SUNDAY, SEPT. 20**

Children entering the second grade  
will be presented with a Bible.

Children's Sunday School will take place  
every Sunday after the Children's Message.

**September Festival of Sharing Kit:** The Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the Missouri Family Food Boxes during September. 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)

**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.

**Relay for Life of Cole County A Week of Hope** – Team Central UCC Women invite you to check out this year’s virtual Relay for Life event taking place September 14 – 20. You can do this from the comfort of your own home each evening from 7:00 – 9:00pm on the Relay’s website, [www.relayforlife.org/colecomo](http://www.relayforlife.org/colecomo), or Facebook page, @rflcolecomo. The schedule for the week is: Monday, 9/14, opening ceremony; Tuesday, 9/15, survivor celebration; Wednesday, 9/16, recognition celebration; Thursday, 9/17, caregiver celebration; Friday, 9/18, fight back ceremony; Saturday, 9/19, memorial ceremony; and Sunday, 9/20, closing ceremony. Also, on Saturday, September 19, from 7:00 – 9:00pm, there will be a luminaria display downtown in the 100 and 200 blocks of East High Street. Along with the nightly events, there will be an on-line silent auction starting at 7:00pm on September 14 and ending at 7:00pm on September 20. Check out all the great items donated by many of the teams at [32auctions.com/rflcolecomo](http://32auctions.com/rflcolecomo). You can preview all the items on the website any time prior to the start of bidding on the 14<sup>th</sup>. All money raised goes to the American Cancer Society and is credited to the teams providing the items. It’s not too late to support Central UCC Women by giving your donation to either Mary Ann Wippermann, Jeanne Kujath, or Connie Pack or going to the Relay’s website, clicking on donate, entering Central UCC Women in the search box, and following the instructions.

## 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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