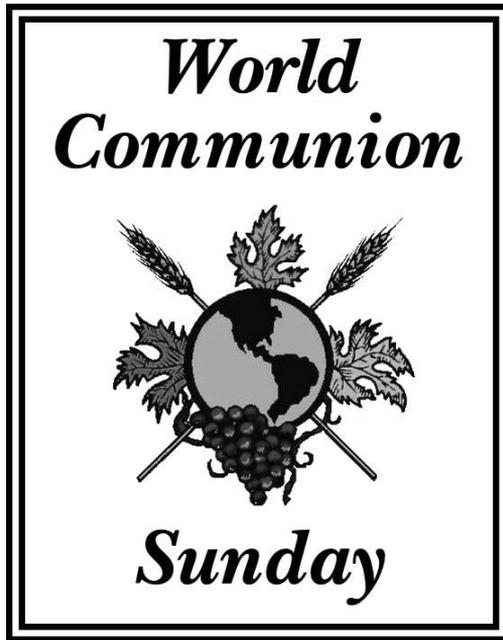


CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



October 4, 2020
Eighteenth 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

“Blessed Is He”

- Karg-Elert

OPENING HYMN “Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ”

- Linz

Draw Thou my soul, O Christ, Closer to Thine;
Breathe into every wish Thy will divine;
Raised my low self above, Won by Thy deathless love,
Ever, O Christ, through mine let thy life shine.

Not for myself alone may my prayer be;
Lift Thou Thy world, O Christ, closer to Thee;
Cleanse from its guilt and wrong, teach it salvation’s song,
‘till earth, and heav’n fulfill God’s holy will.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

And the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

The one who created us, seeks us still, beckoning us into union
with Christ.

Seek God and receive acceptance in Christ’s name.

GATHERING PRAYER

**God of never-failing love, you call us from the clouds of your
glory to teach us the ways of life and death. Receive our thanks
and our praise, our industry and our love, that all might know
your manifold blessings. 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rene Miserez

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19

Matthew 21:33-46

Selections from Philippians

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Morning Trumpet” - B. F. White
(Bill Stine, vocalist; Roger Hager, trumpet; Shirley Klein, piano)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

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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.

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

2 Corinthians 9:6 "The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Today we are observing pew communion with portable elements. 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. To begin, please take your piece of bread and hold it until all are ready. We will eat the bread together.*

Likewise, containers of grape juice are provided. After partaking of the bread, please open the container of juice and hold it until all are ready. We will drink together. If you choose not to partake of the elements of bread and juice, 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 *“Deck Thyself O My Soul”* - Handel

CLOSING HYMN *“Teach Me, O Lord”*

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 *“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”* - Marcello

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR
October 4 – October 11**

TODAY:	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am
WED:	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
THURS:	Salvation Army Meal	4:30pm
SAT:	Festival of Sharing – Sharefest (Tipton)	
NEXT SUNDAY:	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 42

Altar flowers are given in memory of our parents from Gary and Joyce Mutert.

Bulletins are given in loving memory of my parents from Norma Rice.

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, Chad Rizner

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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. 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.*)

October 85+ Birthdays –

WALTER ROTTMANN (10/01)
2220 Green Meadow Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101

CAROLYN SCHEPERLE (10/10)
222 Gateway Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109

BEE SULLIVAN (10/15)
1815 Seven Hills Road
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.

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.

Reminder – “Tower” articles for the November issue are **due October 15**, and please don't forget to include pictures!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:30pm – 7:00pm

(but subject to change)

Plan. Improvise. Repeat.

I am hoping to make some adjustments which will let us still treat the kids to a Halloween party and will be looking to scare up a smaller skeleton crew of helpers in masks (let me know if you're interested!). For now, we're planning our normal time and date.

Postcards will be sent to families the week of with final plans, but always feel free to call Rene Miserez at 694-6022.

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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