

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



August 9, 2020
Tenth 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** "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love,
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways,
But do thine own part faithfully;
trust His rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee;
God never yet forsook at need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God blesses us with strength for the journey.
Our hearts sing God's praises.
Christ lifts us up from the raging waters of life.
Our spirits rejoice in our salvation.
Thanks be to God!

GATHERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you visit us in dreams, offering us glimpses of new possibilities. Rescue us from life's storms, and lift us from the raging waters. Be with us now, as we call on your name. Reveal your purposes for our world, that we may be of use and service. 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

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Matthew 14:22-33

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

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

Deuteronomy 26:1-15

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

Jesus Christ, my sure Defense
And my Saviour, ever liveth;
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope it giveth,
Though the might of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.

Nay, too closely am I bound
Unto Him by hope forever;
Faith’s strong hand the rock hath found,
Grasped it and will leave it never;
Death itself can never part
From its Lord the trusting heart.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Rondeau” from Premiere Suite* – Mouret

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR
August 9 – 16

TODAY:	Worship	10:00am
THURS:	Salvation Army Meal	4:30pm
NEXT SUNDAY:	Worship	10:00am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 39

Altar flowers are in loving memory of Gary Karr, Katlyn Renae Karr and Kassie Rae Karr, Lloyd Karr and Geraldine Karr from Judy Karr and family.

Bulletins are in loving memory of Harding and Bonita Buescher from Kyle, Gwen, and Chris Vieth.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Stanley Eikermann who passed away August 1, 2020. Services were held August 7, 2020.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Hawkins (Cindy Sullivan's brother) who passed away July 25, 2020. The family expects to announce an event honoring Robert next year, when establishments can re-open in full.

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, Family of Stanley Eikermann, Family of Robert Hawkins

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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 also up front by the doors next to the chancel platform for you to place your offering envelopes.

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)

Summer Lunch Program: The Second Christian Church will continue providing lunches for children ages 17 and under again this year. The dates are May 28 through August 23. The church is feeding 130 to 140 kids in an hour. Donations may be placed in a basket in the narthex (NO nuts please). Items needed:

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| Pudding cups | Jello-O cups |
| Fruit cups | Cupcakes |
| Brownies | Cookies |
| Fruit Snacks | Potato Chips/other chips |
| Snack Cakes | Condiment Packets |
| Bottled Water | Juices |
| Kool-Aid Packets for water | |
| Monetary donations (<i>payable to Second Christian Church</i>) | |

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.

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 Bagnull and Mary Ann Pearre) who continue meeting to quilt, fellowship and do other needle work. Congrats and God’s blessings!

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.



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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