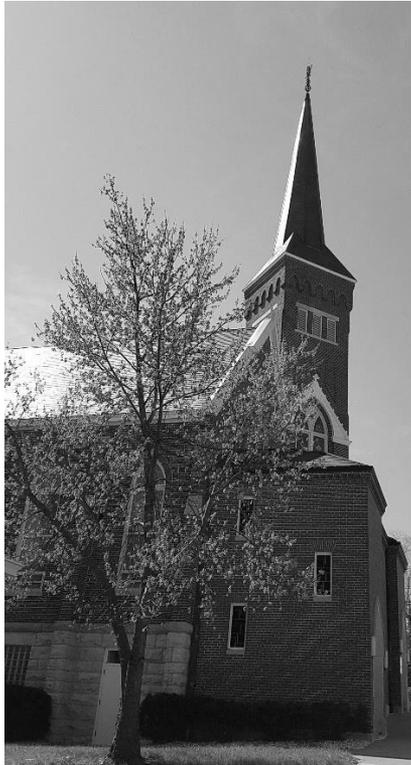


CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



September 27, 2020
Seventeenth 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.

OPENING HYMN “Praise Thou The Lord”

Praise thou the Lord, O my soul, now praise Him.

His praise continues until death.

While I the pathways of earth are treading,

God shall be praised with every breath.

My soul and body He did give,

And waits my praise from morn ‘til eve.

O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord!

Praise, O ye people, the Name most glorious

Of Him who reigns Almighty King:

Let all unite in one holy chorus

To God our hymns of joy to bring.

O Zion, with the heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God

Hear the good news:

No matter who you are, or what you have done,

Christ welcomes us into God’s kingdom with open arms.

When we open our hearts and our lives to Christ,

God’s forgiveness is truly ours.

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, open our eyes to see Your presence amidst joy and fears. Open our hearts to courage to assume leadership in our communities, while remaining Your faithful followers. Open our minds to perceive hope in the midst of despair. In the name of our LORD Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 78:1-4

Matthew 21:23-32

SPECIAL MUSIC “You Raise Me Up” – Graham/Lovland
(Roger Hager, bass; Patrick Clark, violin; Gary Sanders, piano)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

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.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:15b “...Always seek to do good to one another and to all.”

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign Wher’er the Sun”

Jesus shall reign wher’er the sun
Does his successive journeys run.

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
'Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King.
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Three Verses from the Te Deum” - Anonymous*

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR
September 27 – October 4

TODAY:	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am
MON:	W.I.G.S. Circle	1:30pm
WED:	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
NEXT SUNDAY:	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	
	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 56

Altar flowers are given in memory of my parents, August and Betty Sundermeyer, from Susan Poettgen.

Bulletins are given in honor of Walt Rottmann's birthday from JoAnn and Ron Benne.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Jewell (Muck) Goodall (sister-in-law of Juanita Muck, and aunt to Duane Muck), who passed away on September 16, 2020. Services will be held on October 3, 2020, 11:45 a.m. at Millard Funeral Home with visitation at 11:00 a.m.

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, Family of Jewell Goodall

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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.

Watch for exciting future announcements from Congregational Life Committee!

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.

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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