

United Church of Christ
California, Missouri

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May 13, 2018 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

**All those who are able, please stand.*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Ashton Bolinger Grace Dampf

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

In the name of a gracious God, a risen and ascended Savior,
and an empowering Spirit.

Amen.

We gather today rejoicing for many things.

We come with joy and a song in our hearts.

We come giving thanks for our mothers who have raised us.

**Thanks, mom, for sharing our joys and wiping away our
tears.**

We come giving thanks for graduates who have completed
another chapter in their lives.

**We rejoice with them as they move on to new
adventures.**

So, with joy in our hearts, let us worship.

Let our voices ring forth with thanksgiving.

*Hymn No. 259 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son, our Savior, ascended far above the heavens and is with you in eternal glory. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, as he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

We come today, trusting in God's forgiving grace. Merciful God,

So many of us come this morning burdened by our own problems and anxiety and pain that separate us from one another and from you. We forget that your prayer for us is to become one, to share each other's hopes and burdens. Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you; take away the armor that shields us from the pains of others and unite us in the joy that we have together in Christ. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Let the perfect love of God cast out fear. Be assured that your sins are forgiven, that the bonds between us that are broken can find mending and wholeness again. May the joy we find in Christ inspire us to live for others.

Thanks be to God! Amen

***Call to Praise**

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

***Act of Praise – “Gloria Patri”** *(printed on laminated card in hymnal)*

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time Carla Clennin

Anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd" God's Singers

Prayer for Illumination Susan Burger

Gracious God, in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us eternal life and glorified your name in all the world. Through your Word, refresh our lives today with the living streams of your truth, that in you our joy may be complete. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 p. 947

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13 p. 1067

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19 p. 941

Sermon "New Directions!"

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

*Hymn No. 58 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

*Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, day by day you shower us with blessings, and have raised us to new life in Christ. Receive these, our gifts, and give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn No. 211 “Jesus Shall Reign”

Senior Recognition ~

*Jacob Adams, Bobby Bryant, Allee Koestner,
Peyton Peters, Madison Ratcliff*

*Benediction

*Choral Closing

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



Ushers: Austin Mouse, Tammy Kilmer, Bob Burger, Drake Schlup

Greeters: Bob & Mary Burger

☞☞ Welcome, visitors! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card (located in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you! ☞☞

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The attendant on duty is Taylor Geiser. The volunteer helper is Courtney Cassil.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall.

Activities: May 13, 2018 ~ May 20, 2018

Sunday, May 13, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 14, 2018:

7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, May 15, 2018:

9:00 a.m. Prayer Cell

Wednesday, May 16, 2018:

1:00 p.m. Women's Guild Meeting

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

Sunday, May 20, 2018: Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion

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Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart

Lois Heather

Elsie Meyer

George Reed

Jo Suggs

Billy Meyer

Jerry Grant

Bettie Hall

Danielle Farris

Robert Pace

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Craig Hall (*Air Force, stationed in N. Carolina*)

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)

Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Elsie & Billy Meyer, stationed in Fort Hood, TX*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – in reserves*)

Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina*)

Hayden Grant (*grandson of Jerry & Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL*)

(05/10/2018)