

United Church of Christ  
California, Missouri

Rev. Eugene Moll  
Mrs. Renée Clifford  
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich  
Rev. Howard Ellis

Interim Pastor  
Organist  
Sr. Choir Director  
Guest Minister

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May 6, 2018 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles     Martin Kilmer     Peter Dampf

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

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

**Amen.**

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

**Let our joy be complete!**

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

**Love one another!**

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

**No longer servants but friends!**

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

**Rejoicing in the friendship of God.**

\*Hymn No. 22    “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

\*Prayer of the Day

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Confession

As we seek to love as Jesus loved us, may we bring our failure to love before our God. Merciful God,

**We confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ... when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; forgive us. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; forgive us. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions; forgive us. Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Words of Assurance

Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world"* and *"having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."* The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

**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 Anny Wolford

Anthem “Back to the Church in the Wildwood” Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination Andrea Hughes

**Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. As we listen to your word, pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may sing in praise a new song of love as we live in harmony with each other. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Reading:* Acts 10:44-48 p. 958

*Second Reading:* 1 John 5:1-6 p. 1067

*Gospel Reading:* John 15:9-17 p. 939

Sermon

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

*(printed on laminated card in hymnal)*

\*Hymn No. 345 “More Love to Thee”

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

**We come before you again to ask a blessing on our tithes and offerings. Bless and multiply these gifts And may they strengthen your church and be a gift of love to others. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 384 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Closing

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude



**Ushers:** Austin Mouse, Tammy Kilmer, Bob Burger, Shyla Cornwell

**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 Julie Medlin.

**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.

## **From the Worship Committee**

We are scheduling special music for the summer months.  
If you would like to participate or know someone who would,  
please contact Lexi Hall at  
796-3931 or dalex1178@aol.com

### **Activities: May 6, 2018 – May 13, 2018**

#### **Sunday, May 6, 2018:**

9:30 a.m. .... Sunday School

10:30 a.m. .... Worship

#### **Monday, May 7, 2018:**

7:00 p.m. .... Sunday School Teachers & Officers

#### **Tuesday, May 8, 2018:**

9:00 a.m. .... Prayer Cell

#### **Wednesday, May 9, 2018:**

6:30 p.m. .... Bell Choir / God's Singers

#### **Sunday, May 13, 2018:**

9:30 a.m. .... Sunday School

10:30 a.m. .... Worship

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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*)

(05/03/2018)

***St. Paul's Lutheran Church ~***

***Invitation to the Service of Installation***

***for***

***Rev. Evandro Kopper***

***Today at 2:00 p.m. ~ St. Paul's Lutheran Church***

***207 N. Owen, California, MO***