

United Church of Christ
California, Missouri

Rev. Eugene Moll
Mrs. Renée Clifford

Interim Pastor
Organist

July 1, 2018 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude “Battle Hymn of the Republic”
Mary Burger & Roberta Pate

Lighting of the Candles Caleb Howard Hayden Kilmer

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered
in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

Amen.

Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones

God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

Where there was no way

God leads us in a new way

Where there was no mercy

God surprises us with fresh mercy

Where there was weeping

God invites us to step into a new dance.

*Hymn No. 19 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Prayer of the Day

O Faithful God, you yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. You long for us to trust in your power to bring to life new possibilities where there has been no hope. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us. So may our desires become your desires, our work become your work. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the father in the gospel who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change.

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

God have mercy.

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

God have mercy.

*Words of Assurance

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ, God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for God's merciful forgiveness and renewal of life.

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

Special Music “America the Beautiful”
Mary Burger & Roberta Pate

Prayer for Illumination Mary Burger

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33 p. 709

Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43 p. 871

Sermon “Do Not Fear, Only Believe!”

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn No. 47 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

*Hymn No. 299 “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “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.*

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



Ushers: Larry Rohrbach, Allison Kruger, Keith Selk

Greeters: Keith & Paula Selk

☞☞ 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 Amanda Trimble.

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.

4th of July Parade

Come join the Evangelism Committee for the 4th of July Parade. We need walkers & riders to handout VBS info, candy & goodies! Meet us out by Cargill that morning – just look for the church float. Anyone wanting to donate bags of candy can do so, please just drop off at the church. Would love to have a big group!

Help Needed

We are needing another person to help run the sound system for worship services, funerals, and weddings. If you would be interested, please let Jo Ann Cantriel know or contact the church office. Thank you.

Activities: July 1, 2018 ~ July 8, 2018

Sunday, July 1, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, July 3, 2018:

9:00 a.m. Prayer Cell

Wednesday, July 4, 2018: Office Closed

Sunday, July 8, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

**The Sunday School
Teachers & Officers
meeting has been
rescheduled for
Monday, July 9th**

Mark Your Calendar!!

Vacation Bible School July 30 – August 3

Community Talent Show

Sunday, July 15, 2018 ~ 3:00 p.m

First Christian Church (DOC) – 107 N. Oak St.

Free will offering to support the California Ministerial Alliance

Registration forms are available at the back of
the sanctuary or on the office window ledge.

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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	Danielle Farris	
Martha Liebi Decker		

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*)
Seth Everett (*Army National Guard, Fort Hood, TX*)

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