

United Church of Christ
California, Missouri

Rev. Eugene Moll
Mrs. Renée Clifford

Interim Pastor
Organist

June 17, 2018 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Hayden Kilmer Chase Trimble

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 92

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.

Come and give thanks to our God.

Sing praises to the holy name.

With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our
hearts,

**we declare God's steadfast love in the morning and
faithfulness at night.**

God's works make us glad.

**Your works are great, O God. We sing our praises of
joy to you.**

*Hymn No. 215 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Let us take a moment of silence and reflect on our own lives, on our limitations, on our sins. Gracious God,

You are indeed generous. You give us the gifts of the spirit which enable us to have so much. We forget, however, that we have been recipients of other people's generosity. Believing that what we have is ours, we forget that all we have is yours. Forgive us.

Help us to remember that being made in your image, we should be as generous as you. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart. By God's steadfast love for us, we are forgiven of our sins.

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

Ginnie Medlin

Special Music

Brenda Oesterly

Prayer for Illumination

Alan Chambers

Creating God, your reign of love makes all things new. Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts, so that, trusting your word, we may live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and was raised for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 p. 726

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34 p. 870

Sermon **“It's Me and You, God!”**

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn No. 287 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God. We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

*Hymn No. 505 “Faith of Our Fathers”

*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



Portions of the service were written by the Rev. Quentin Chin, member of Church on the Hill in Lenox, MA.

Ushers: Leroy Schnieders, Lexi Hall, Jim Deeken, Rylee Hees

Greeters: Jim & Mary Beth Deeken

☞ 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 Kendra Hall.

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.

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: June 17, 2018 ~ June 24, 2018

Sunday, June 17, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, June 19, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Cell

Wednesday, June 20, 2018:

1:00 p.m. Women's Guild

Sunday, June 24, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

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Worship Services
each evening in
Friendship Hall
June 17 – June 23

**Mark Your Calendar!!
Vacation Bible School
July 30 – August 3**

BEGINNING A NEW MEMBER GROUP

Are you wishing to become a member of the United Church of Christ of California? Or are you just interested in finding more out about the church? We wish to assist you. We are always delighted to have people interested in becoming a part of us.

We have currently started a New Member Group. We normally meet for two weeks during the Sunday School hour, at 9:30 a.m. We have one week remaining on **June 24**. If you missed the earlier session, please still come on the 24th.

We never obligate anyone to become a member following this time together, but wish to open up the opportunity for it. Please feel welcome.

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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

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*)

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

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