

United Church of Christ
California, Missouri

Rev. Eugene Moll
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Interim Pastor
Organist

July 15, 2018 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Grace Dampf Peter Dampf

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship *Based on Ephesians 1:3-9*

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.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,

Who destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,

Who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace, and has made known to us the mystery of his will.

This is our God!

Let's worship him together.

*Hymn No. 215 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that, obeying your commandments, we may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Trusting in the promise of God's covenant with us, let us be bold and confess our sins. Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. Slow to hear and slow to speak, we are imperfect channels of your grace. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may speak and do what you ordain, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace lavished upon us. In him you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

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

The Puppets

Special Music

Carolyn Twardowski

Prayer for Illumination

Judy Burger

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15 p. 795

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 p. 1017

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29 p. 872

Sermon **“Our Stories!”**

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn No. 353 “Be Thou My Vision”

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

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

*Hymn No. 575 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

*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, Ross Deeken

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 Mary Beth Deeken.

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.

The flower on the altar has been placed in celebration of the birth of
Marshall Thomas Stassel,
son of Matt & Cara (Chambers) Stassel.
Congratulations!

Moniteau County Back to School Fair

The Moniteau County Back to School Fair is in its 7th year. Our congregation has been asked to donate boxes of tissues. If you would like to donate, **please bring tissue boxes by next Sunday, July 22nd**. A box will be available in the lobby for your donation. Thank you.

Activities: July 15, 2018 ~ July 22, 2018

Sunday, July 15, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, July 17, 2018:

9:00 a.m. Prayer Cell

10:30 a.m. Communion at California Care Center

Wednesday, July 18, 2018:

1:00 p.m. Women's Guild

Friday, July 20, 2018:

6:30-9:00 p.m. Piccadilly Quarter Auction (St. Andrews gym – Tipton, MO) to benefit Moniteau Christian Ministries Center.

Sunday, July 22, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Mark Your Calendar!!

Vacation Bible School – July 30 through August 3

Rally Sunday – August 26

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Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

This week's campers ~

Shyla Cornwell, Martin Kilmer, Peter Dampf, Grace Dampf

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

Terri Devasher

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*)

(07/12/2018)

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.