

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

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November 3, 2019
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Hadley Milligan Emily Burger

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Christ is with us.

Christ is in our midst.

Let us worship.

***Hymn No. 345 “More Love to Thee”**

***Prayer**

Almighty and Eternal God, as this new day dawns we rejoice in your goodness and mercy. May the light of your presence shine upon us. Reassure us by your Holy Spirit, that we may be comforted and strengthened. May this service and that which we offer in the world bring glory to you; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. 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 Kendra Hall

Anthem "Standin' in the Need of Prayer" Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination Beth Dampf

**Spirit of truth, open to us the scriptures, speaking your
holy word and meeting us in the living Christ. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Matthew 10:26-33 p. 843

Second Lesson: Mark 8:34-38 p. 876

Sermon **Next Level Joy - For to Me to Live is ...**

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Hymn No. 346 "Give Me Jesus"
(Offering Received During Singing of Hymn)

Prayer of Dedication

Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"
(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, God has made a way where there was no way. In Christ Jesus evil and death have been vanquished, and we live in a state of grace. Believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Any Christian who wishes to know the presence of Christ and share in the community of God's people is invited to receive the Sacrament.

The inner circle contains white wine. The outer circles contain red grape juice.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

*(Please hold the elements until all have been served,
so that we may all commune together.)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we thank you for your great mercy given to us in this sacrament, whereby we are made partakers of Christ and all his benefits. So enrich us by the Holy Spirit that the life of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal body, and all our days may be spent in your love and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn No. 206 "He Lives"

*Benediction

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

Ushers: Allison Kruger, Andy Burger, Mary Burger

Greeters: Mary Burger & Roberta Pate

🌀 Welcome, guests! Please take a moment to fill out a guest card (located in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate. 🌀

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The attendant on duty is Taylor Geiser. The volunteer helper is Courtney Hees. **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. We have new units available.

IT'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TIME!

Calling all children of the church for our Christmas Eve Program!

Please contact Staci Nichols at 573-230-7733 with your child/children's name, age, and contact number if your children will be participating in the program. There will also be a signup sheet downstairs on the table for your convenience. Thank you for your cooperation! We hope to have a large group of children participating!

*****Attention members! ~ We have great news!!****

****We are experiencing GROWTH!!****

We have CHILDREN who are ready to learn about the Amazing Story and we know there are members who are meant to share it! We have teachers who want to join a new class starting soon for YOUNG ADULTS to build on their relationship with Christ! Your Sunday School is looking for some volunteers to help lead children to a positive relationship with God. If you feel you have a talent or a calling to help in a classroom with our younger kiddos, please speak to VanDee Miller, Brett Hall, or Lanny Ash.

Youth Fellowship Fundraiser

Wednesday Evening Meal, Nov. 6th ~ 5:45 p.m.

Chicken Fettuccine, Salad, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Dessert

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Activities: November 3, 2019 ~ November 10, 2019

Sunday, November 3, 2019:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion

Tuesday, November 5, 2019:

9:00 a.m. Prayer Cell

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

Wednesday, November 6, 2019:

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:20 p.m. ROK/God's Singers

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir, *GriefShare* Class, High School Youth Group

7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir (*Cantata practice during first half hour*)

Sunday, November 10, 2019:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Ham & Turkey Smorgasbord ~ Today

Noon until 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran, Russellville

Benefit for Ebenezer United Church of Christ

at Salem UCC in Higginsville, MO

“Warrensburg Recorder Consort” – Sunday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaat

Lois Heather

Charlie Gabert

Jo Suggs

Billy Meyer

Chris Schoenthal

Danielle Farris

Elsie Meyer

Judy Kilmer

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

Craig Hall (*Air Force, stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX*)

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Bragg, NC*)

Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Elsie & Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Spgs, CO*)

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

Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC*)

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

Austin Cobb (*Russ' nephew, Marines, Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA*)

Kyle Hofstetter (*son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA*)

Alexander Ives (*Pamela Hill's nephew, Army – Afghanistan*)

Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles & Mary Goode, Marines – Africa*)

(10/31/2019)

Next Level Joy - For to Me, to Live is...

Philippians 1:12-26

Joy, rejoice, and thanksgiving mentioned 15 times in letter to Philippians.

How could Paul have "Next Level Joy" with all of his suffering? How can we have Next Level Joy?

1. Paul _____ to have Joy - Philippians 1:12-18

"But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice." Philippians 1:18

Joyful because of the Philippian people and the Gospel of Jesus Christ-
Phil 1:3-5, 12

2. Paul _____ in Joy - Philippians 1:18-21, 25

"So that now as always **Christ will be exalted in my body**, whether by life or by death." Phil 1:20

Exalt - to magnify, make great, to bring into focus

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil 1:21 (NIV)

"For what is life? To me, it is Christ. Death, then will bring more." GNT

"Alive, I'm Christ's messenger; dead, I'm his bounty. Life versus even more life! I can't lose." The Message

3. Paul was _____, _____, and _____
because of joy - Phil 1:14, 20, 25, 26

"That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am **convinced** that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day." II Timothy 1:12

How would you complete the phrase: "For to me, to live is _____, and to die is _____."

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"
Mark 8:38

To live for Christ, we must know Christ first.