

First Christian Church, Jefferson City, Missouri
Order of Worship for August 15, 2021, 10:40 a.m.

CENTERING

GATHERING MUSIC *"Come, Christians, Join to Praise"* (N. Harmon)

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Kingsbery

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111 The Message)

Georgia Griffith

One: I give thanks to God with everything I've got—
ALL: wherever good people gather, and in the congregation.
One: God's works are so great,
ALL: worth a lifetime of study—endless enjoyment!
One: Splendor and beauty mark His craft;
ALL: His generosity never gives out.
One: His miracles are His memorial—
ALL: this God of Grace, this God of Love.
One: He gave food to those who fear Him,
ALL: He remembered to keep His ancient promise.
One: He proved to His people that he could do what He said:
ALL: hand them the nations on a platter—a gift!
One: He manufactures truth and justice;
ALL: all His products are guaranteed to last—
One: Never out-of-date, never obsolete, rust-proof.
ALL: All that He makes and does is honest and true:
One: He paid the ransom for his people,
ALL: He ordered His Covenant kept forever.
One: He's so personal and holy, worthy of our respect.
ALL: The good life begins in the fear of God—
One: do that and you'll know the blessing of God.
ALL: His Hallelujah lasts forever!

SONG *"You Are Good"*

FCC Worship Team

OPENING PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER (adapted from *Feasting on the Word Companion*)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 5:15-20 (NT pg 949)

SONG *"Sing Wherever I Go"*

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SCRIPTURE READING John 6:51-58 (NT pg 866)

Rev. Jim Hill

SERMON "The Bread of Life: A Hard Metaphor"

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

*SONG *"Your Words"*

INVITATION to STEWARDSHIP

Elizabeth Coffman

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Wanda King, elder

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION to COMMUNION / WORDS of INSTITUTION

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

Steve Waters, elder

PARTAKING of the BREAD and CUP

Communion music *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SONG *"Sing, Sing, Sing"*

*MUSIC as WE GO to SERVE *"Holy Water" (We the Kingdom)*

*The flowers in the chancel today are
remembering the best parents ever, John & Margaret Griffith,
on what would have been their 73rd Wedding Anniversary
from their daughter, Georgia*

