***First Christian Church, Jefferson City, Missouri***

**Order of Worship for September 12, 10:40 a.m.**

***CENTERING***

GATHERING MUSIC *“Earth and All Stars”* (M. Burkhardt) Gretchen Huedepohl, organist

 *“Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare”* (B. Marcello)

WELCOME Rev. Jim Hill

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Barb Gage, liturgist

(adapted from Center for Faith and Giving)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**All: Today we join the heavens, singing praise to our redeemer.**

One: With the Psalmist, we pray, “May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to the Rock.”

**All: Eagerly we honor God, desiring to follow God’s decrees.**

One: Let us search to find all that is sweeter than honey.

**All: And offer our thanks for all the decrees of the Lord**

\*SONG *“Let It Rise”* FCC Worship Team

\*OPENING PRAYER / THE LORD’S PRAYER (adapted from Center for Faith and Giving)

*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 Psalm 19 (OT pp. 439-440)

SONG *“Oh, Our Lord”* FCC Worship Team

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:27-38 (NT p. 820) Rev. Jim Hill

SERMON “Extraordinary Stories of Jesus: Highs and Lows”

PASTORAL PRAYER

***RESPONDING***

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*SONG *“Lay Me Down”*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Rev. Sarah Kingsbery

LITANY OF DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS

Leader: What is this place?

**People: Only a building, but when we gather here, God’s name is praised.**

Leader: What are these things?

**People: Only wood and nails, but in this place they serve us as we praise**

 **God’s name.**

Leader: We dedicate this pulpit to the proclaiming of God’s word, in Scripture

 and preaching, in sharing and prayer.

**People: May we, too, be instruments that proclaim your word, o God, with**

 **our mouths and with our lives.**

Leader: We dedicate this table to engaging with God’s word, in sight, sound,

 smell, taste, and touch, as we share the Lord’s Supper, light the light of

 Christ, and serve one another.

**People: May we welcome as we are welcomed, serve as we are served, and**

 **bless as we have been blessed at this table.**

Leader: In doing so, we remember the lives and witness of Cindy Collins,

 John Newberry, Fran and George Smith.

Leader: We dedicate the landscaping, the labor of volunteers, and the new life

 growing and budding in front of our building. As we care for the

 wonder of God’s creation, may it remind us all of God’s continued

 creative presence in this world.

**People: May the growth of our faith mirror the growth of the trees and**

 **bushes planted here.**

Leader: In doing so, we remember the lives and witness of Jim Eichelberger and

 Pat Tollerton.

Leader: We dedicate the gathering area to fellowship, sharing, and hospitality.

 May all who pass through this space, experience a spirit of welcome

 and find rest, companionship, and comfort.

**People: May we bring the spirit of this place to life with our presence and**

 **share its gifts freely.**

Leader: In doing so, we remember the lives and witness of Ruby Breuer,

 Tom Drake, Opal Gwinn, Orlo Shroyer, Craig Starnes, Jerry Steppelman,

 and Jerry West.

Leader: We dedicate these gifts in the service of God and in memory of the

 faithful,

**People: Amen.**

\*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 Melanie Highland, elder

***CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION/WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Sarah Kingsbery

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION Laura Avery, elder

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

\*SONG *“Jesus Messiah”*

***SENDING***

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Sarah Kingsbery

\*SONG: *“God is on the Move”*

\*MUSIC as WE GO to SERVE *“Indescribable”* (C. Tomlin)

*WITH THANKS TO* –

Musicians: Curtis Sudduth, vocals; David Jordan and Jim Wells, guitar; Hunter O’Donnell, bass; Jake Hanselman, drums; Gretchen Huedepohl, keyboard

**CALENDAR NOTES:**

TODAY 9:30AM Sunday School

 10:40AM Worship Service

 11:45AM Worship Team Rehearsal

 1:00PM Historical Places of Worship Tour

Monday, Sept. 13 10:00AM Staff Meeting *Parlor*

 11:45AM Roman Empire and the New Testament Study *Activities Room*

 6:00PM Roman Empire and the New Testament Study *Zoom*

*Reminder: Newsletter articles for The Bell should be received in the Church Office no later than noon on the Monday before The Bell is published.*

Tuesday, Sept. 14 8:30 AM Rev. Alexis’ Open House Hours at Yanis Coffee Zone

 130 East High Street

 12:00 PM Food Pantry *FCC Family Life Center* Volunteers welcome!

 6:00 PM Administrative Board Meeting *Activities Room*

Wednesday, Sept. 15 9:15 AM Prayer Call freeconferencecall.com - *Call (712) 427-1083*

*and enter access code 444928 to join the conference call*

12:00 PM Bible Study *Activities Room*

 7:00 PM Jubilant Sound Handbell Practice

 Thursday, Sept. 16 11:45AM Roman Empire and the New Testament Study *Activities Room*

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Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. It is out of care that First Christian Church highly recommends that all worshiping with us wear a mask to protect yourselves and more importantly out of respect for others. This is the current recommendation of the CDC and other medical experts for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people when indoors in high infection areas, like Cole County.