

*Salem in Ballwin  
United Methodist Church*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**September 15, 2019 10:00 AM**

**Please sign the registration pad at the end of the  
pew and pass it to the next person.**

**Nothing** in all  
creation can  
separate us from  
*God's love!*  
(Romans 8:39)

**THOUGHT UPON ENTERING**

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” Romans 8:35 KJV Jesus promises in the great commission to be with us always; we will not be left alone. But two things can separate us; relying solely on our own abilities, and thinking that some events in our lives are too small to be of concern to God. We can stay connected by lifting up the little parts of our lives and allowing Christ to walk with us through our daily tasks. Life may be difficult at times and we may struggle, but we are only alone when we choose to be.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** “Can He, Could He” - Circle of Friends

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We have been shown much mercy and undeserved grace.

**People: Thanks be to God, who gives us new life out of unconditional love.**

Leader: We have been created for good works, to be in ministry with everyone.

**People: Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who calls us into service.**

Leader: God’s Spirit is at work in us.

**People: Let us respond to God’s grace, and carry on Christ’s work in our world.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Most gracious and merciful God, you are the greatest gift to our lives. Your tender kindness surrounds us always, from before we were ever born to this very moment you have been bringing us to salvation, leading us home to you in love. Grant that now, in this hour, we might look to you alone to supply our needs and fulfill the ardent desires of our hearts. In Jesus’ name we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #144**

“This Is My Father’s World”

**A PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Great God of all, we need your help—and not just a little of it—a whole lot of it! We ignore our sin; we forget your mercy. We become envious of others and spend so much time glancing sideways at what they have and are getting, measuring our lives against theirs. Forgive our resentments, our sense of entitlement, our smallness of spirit, and grant us the mind and spirit of Christ, who gratefully**

**received the life you gave him and who walked in fellowship with you all his days. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: We, though so unworthy, still are the ones of God’s care; for his Word teaches us that his love reaches us everywhere.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

“Walk Down to the River”  
Circle of Friends

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE READING** Romans 8:31b-35, 37 (NLT)

**\*GLORIA PATRI #71**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #140**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

MESSAGE “Nothing” Rev. Rocky Marlowe

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC “A Living Prayer”  
Circle of Friends

**\*DOXOLOGY**  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #133**  
“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Share the Love” - Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends are back today with their legendary spirited and spirtural music. The group offers their ministry, without cost. WELCOME!

A thank offering for the Circle is provided by the generous donors to the Rose Koch and Esther Smith Music Fund. THANK YOU!

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*Serving Today*

**Ushers** - Steve Gregory, Clyde Araki, Loretta Trower,  
Sue Coogan  
**Liturgist** - Phyllis Hardcastle  
**Fellowship Coordinator** - Charlotte Meshell  
**Video/Audio** - Bill Schrader

*Coming up Next Week*

**Monday, September 16**  
Woodcarvers 7:00 pm Duff Hall  
**Tuesday. September 17**  
Scouts 7:00 pm Duff Hall  
**Wednesday, September 18**  
Prayer Group 5:45 pm  
Festival Choir 6:30 pm  
Choir 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, September 19**  
Hearts and Hands 9:30 am Duff Hall  
Cards 12:00 pm Duff Hall

Hearing-assistive devices are available from the ushers.

**All are welcome at our Fellowship Luncheon  
immediately following the service in Duff Hall.**

*We believe in the Power of Prayer*

**Our Members Needing Prayers**  
Raeleen Heffington; Peggy Araki; Mike Groves; Roger Crabtree; Betty Caswell; Nancy Boerner; Donna Flora; Velma Buermann; Wayne and Virginia Jordan; Bob Kight; Lila Poertner; Gale Crabtree

**Our Family and Friends Needing Prayers**  
John Roe’s sister Marge; Pat Hazslip’s brother Dan; Rachelle Holt’s Aunt Fran; Alice Krechel’s sister-in-law Melvain & brother Lawrence; Patti Ham’s daughter Tracy; Sharon Kleitsch’s daughter-in-law Gale

**Our Community**  
All people fighting cancer and other diseases; Peace and healing after mass shootings; The Ballwin Police Department; Francisco Queniasse, our seminary student in Mozambique; All First Responders; homeless people; all dealing with mental health - sufferers and support system; The Fold Children’s Home

**Those in our Armed Forces**  
Michael Suozzi is in the Navy and is currently stationed in San Diego; Kyle Roe is stationed in Yankeetown, Florida with the Coast Guard.

**Joys**  
Sharon Kleitsch’s grand-daughter Hope received a full four year scholarship to Ball University in Muncie Indiana.

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Service CD’s are available from Bill Schrader. They are also available in the mailbox labeled Service CD’s (upper left corner) in Duff Hall.