

*Salem in Ballwin  
United Methodist Church*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**September 8, 2019 10:00 AM**

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



**THOUGHT UPON ENTERING**

“The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.” Proverbs 3:19 KJV The world did not just accidentally happen; there are too many examples of carefully interwoven systems that keep the earth and inhabitants in balance. Well laid and executed plans have purpose as well. The “how” of this marvelous creation is apparent, but the “why” reveals the essence of God’s eternal plan for all of God’s people to grow and prosper in understanding, in love, and in peace as a part of that plan. As parents and grandparents we may help future generations to know God and through that knowledge, to understand how and why they fit into God’s plans and purposes.

**WELCOME**

**TIME OF CENTERING’** “Truly, truly I say to you, when you were young you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.” (John 21:18 RSV)

**PRELUDE**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”  
(piano solo by Jeremy Yowell)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (excerpted from Psalm 5)**

Leader: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice.

**People: In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.**

Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, I will enter your house.

**People: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness.**

Leader: Let all who take refuge in you rejoice, let them ever sing for joy!

**People: Defend them, that those who love your name may exult in you!**

Leader: For you bless the righteous, O Lord.

**People: You cover them with favor as with a shield.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Almighty God, we pray for your Church on earth. Equip us all with willing spirits, that we can, with courage, witness about you by the profession of our mouths and through our way of living. Grant us all to partake in your strength and joy, so that we can enter into the anxiety and suffering of the world, to be radiant, making alive that hope which Christ gives.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #117**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**We confess, O God, that the circle of love is repeatedly broken because of our sin of exclusion. We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation. Forgive us our sins. Amen**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Through God’s grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad!

**ALL: GLORY TO GOD! AMEN.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

“We Are Family” - Choir

**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.**

**RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING #809**

Psalm 90 (With Sung Responses)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Proverbs 3:1-8 (NRSV)

**\*GLORIA PATRI #71**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #130**

“God Will Take Care of You”

**MESSAGE**

“Old Age Is Not a Disease”  
Pastor Ken Gottman

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

**OFFERING MUSIC** “For the Beauty of the Earth”  
*(“for the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child..”)*

### \*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

Pastor Ken Gottman

### \*POSTLUDE

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

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## *We're Here to Serve You*

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## *Serving Today*

**Ushers** - Deb Gaebelein, Kim Mandrell,  
Jack Beverlin, Diana Hughes

**Liturgist** - Jana Jones

**Fellowship Coordinator** - Charlotte Meshell

**Video/Audio** - Bill Schrader

## *Coming up Next Week*

**Monday, September 9**

Quilters - Scraps 9:00 am Duff Hall

**Tuesday, September 10**

Scouts 6:00 pm Duff Hall

**Wednesday, September 11**

Prayer Group 5:45 pm

Festival Choir 6:30 pm

Choir 7:00 pm

**Thursday, September 12**

Cards 12:00 pm Duff Hall

**Saturday, September 14**

UMM's Barbeque 11:00 am

Hearing-assistive devices are available from the ushers.

## *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; Denise Kelly's son Ron; Diana Hughes sister Lisa; Pat Hazslip's brother Dan; Rachelle Holt's Aunt Fran; Phyllis Hardcastle's friend Jaime; Nancy Boerner's friend Janice; Alice Krechel's sister-in-law Melva; 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.

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