

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church
in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

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Sunday



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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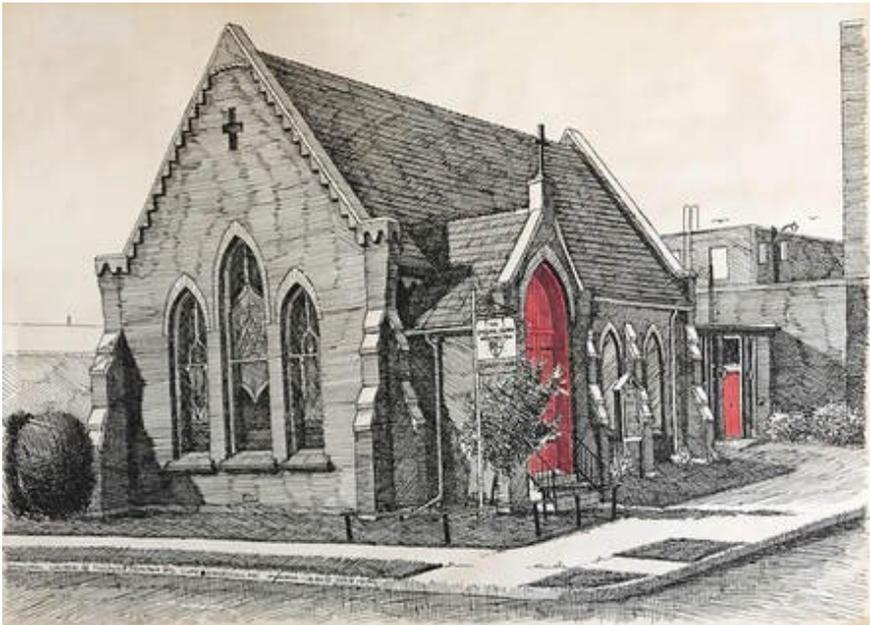
Who are We?

We are a community, forgiven and loved by God, joyfully called to the work of reconciliation.

Known throughout Cape Girardeau as "the Red Door Church" by those we serve, our mission is to share God's love and grace.

When are our Services?

Services are held 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. on Sundays and Evening Prayer is from 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays.



The Gathering of God's People

Prelude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Processional.....LEVAS #184 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine (p. 12)

All standing, the Presider says

Presider: Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire.

***People:* And fill us with celestial fire!**

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise.....Be a bright flame before me (on p. 14)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God is with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

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- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation..

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

The Sequence Hymn.....#711 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

The Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Edie Bird

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Let us affirm our faith: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers Of The People

Presider: We pray for God to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Reader: Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Come Holy Spirit,

People: **Renew your people.**

Reader: We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Come Holy Spirit,

People: **Renew your people.**

Reader: We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Come Holy Spirit,

People: **Renew your people.**

Reader: We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. We pray especially for those we name: *(list the sick)* Are there others? Come Holy Spirit,

People: **Renew your people.**

Reader: We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Come Holy Spirit,

People: **Renew your people.**

Reader: We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Come Holy Spirit

People: **Renew your people.**

Reader: We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.

We pray especially for (*list those who have passed*)
Come Holy Spirit,

People: **Renew your people.**

Presider: Wise and loving God, who rejuvenates and enlivens our days: Give to the Diocese of Missouri congregations engaged in the "Requiem or Renaissance" process the courage to assess honestly, the wisdom to discern your path forward rightly, and the gratitude to continually praise you, who live and reign with the Son and Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We greet each other in the name of the risen Christ.

The Offertory Hymn.....#574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus Hymn:.....St. Thomas Williams (p.14)

Presider: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting

to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

St. Elizabeth's Fraction

(p. 15)

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn.....WLP #761 All who hunger, gather gladly (p. 16)

Post Communion Prayer

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

People: **Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race, people and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing

A period of silence is kept.

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.
Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn.....LEVAS #192 I need thee ev'ry hour (p. 18)

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude.....Mary Mims, Organist

Servers

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| <i>Presider</i> | Edie Bird |
| <i>Eucharistic Minister</i> | Barbara Muench |
| <i>Preacher</i> | Edie Bird |
| <i>Verger</i> | Chris Masters |
| <i>Reader</i> | Bob Lowe |
| <i>Greeter</i> | Doc and Karen Cain |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Monica Waldon |
| <i>St. Isidore's Guild</i> | Bob Lowe |
| <i>Vestry Counter</i> | Bob Lowe |
| <i>Organist</i> | Mary Mims |

LEVAS #184 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! — O what a
2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, — Vi-sions of
3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, — I in my

1. fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! — Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of
2. rap-ture now burst on my sight; — An-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a -
3. sav-ior am hap-py and blest; — Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a -

1. God, — Born of His spir-it, washed in His blood. —
2. bove — Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. —
3. bove, — Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love. —

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

Be a bright flame before me

Carmina Gadelica

Richard Michael Joseph

Be a
bright flame be - fore me, Be a guid - ing star a -
bove me, Be a smooth path be - low me, And a
kind - ly shep - herd be - hind me, To - day, to - night and for -
ev - er. A - men.

"St. Thomas (Williams)" Sanctus

harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

O ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, O ho - ly God of might, All
O bless - ed is the one who comes from God a - bove. Ho -
heav'n and earth sing out your name, ho - san - na Lord of Light!
san - na in the high - est heav'n, ho - san - na Lord of Love!

"St. Elizabeth" Fraction

from Schleische Volkslieder, 1842

This is the true bread come down from hea - ven And gives

The first system of musical notation for the 'St. Elizabeth' Fraction. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'This is the true bread come down from hea - ven And gives'.

life, gives life to the world, Who - e - ver eats this bread

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: 'life, gives life to the world, Who - e - ver eats this bread'.

lives for - e - ver. This is the light, the light of the world.

The third and final system of musical notation. It concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'lives for - e - ver. This is the light, the light of the world.' The system ends with a final chord in the treble clef and a bass clef.

WLP #761 All who hunger, gather gladly



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
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Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

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LEVAS #192 I need thee ev'ry hour

Notes on the Service

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 32:1-3a,6-15 • Ps 91:1-6,14-16 • I Tim 6:6-19 • Lk 16:19-31

Today's Gospel and epistle resume last Sunday's theme of the danger of loving luxury. The collect, from the early 8th century, prays that we may receive God's "heavenly treasure." It makes no mention of earthly treasure.

After they had conquered Jerusalem in 597 the Babylonians set up a puppet regime headed by Zedekiah. Ten years into Zedekiah's reign, an Egyptian army invaded Judah from the south, and the Babylonian occupiers withdrew northward. Jeremiah warned that the Egyptian advance was only temporary, and he tried to leave the city. He was jailed and beaten as a Babylonian sympathizer. King Zedekiah, attempting to persuade Jeremiah not to oppose a revolt against Babylon, mitigated his imprisonment to house arrest. Then Zedekiah declared Judah's independence of Babylonian control. When the Egyptians did not support that resistance, the Babylonian army moved to retake Jerusalem. Doubtless the housing market collapsed; nevertheless Jeremiah bought land in his home town which was in danger of being alienated from his clan's holdings. Thus he demonstrated his faith in Judah's future, despite the political disaster then taking place. This passage is the fullest description we have of the procedures for selling real estate in ancient Israel.

Ps 91 is an incantation against harms such as plots, plague, "the lilit of the night" (v 5), accidents, lions, snakes, and falls. Vv 1-4 promise God will guard him as an eagle guards its young. Vv 14-16 are God's response that he will indeed rescue the suppliant. Vs 11, "He shall give his angels charge over thee,..." fits the Feast of St Michael and All Angels which will fall on September 29.

I Timothy closes with directives for church leaders. "The love of money is the root of all evil" has been misquoted as if money itself were evil, which sounds like the gnostic teachings which I Timothy was written to combat.

The Gospel's rich man ought to have heard the epistle's advice to the rich. This parable is one of the few passages in the New Testament which support what later would become the common belief in an afterlife for souls before the general resurrection. When the rich man (tradition has named him Dives, meaning rich) requests that Lazarus be sent to forewarn his brothers, Abraham says that, having ignored Moses and the prophets, (including Jeremiah's New Covenant prophecy, to be read Oct. 16), they will disregard also anyone returning from the dead. That sounds like Jewish Christians' complaints about other Jews' refusal to believe, despite Christ's return from the dead.

Rev. Stephen Weissman
Asheville, North Carolina

Thank you for coming to Christ Episcopal Church.

We hope to see you again soon.



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