September 15, 2019 11:00 am

WEST CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

\*OPENING HYMN 482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you speak to us with wisdom.

People: Grant us grace to listen to your word.

Leader: O God, you speak to us of grace.

People: Give us grace to receive your word.

Leader: Your commands are meant for us.

People: Grant us grace to believe your word.

All: May we live and preach your word.

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us Lord for our ineptitude, for our delayed responses to people and situations. We have not met your expectations, nor have we set appropriate goals to attain. Instinctively we turn to you when obstacles block our path, when trouble looms before us. Gather us up in your arms and comfort our ailing souls. Hear our unspoken pleas for help. Be merciful and have pity on your sons and daughters. We ask this in your Son’s name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER PIANO RESPONSE

UNISON WORDS OF AFFIRMATION Psalm 23:6

 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*In light of the love and peace Christ gives us, let us share it by turning to our neighbors and greeting them, saying “May the peace of Christ be with you”*

MUSIC MEDITATION *Walk Humbly With Thy God* G. F. Handel

Walk in love, as Christ hath loved us. Walk ye humbly with thy God. This the Lord requires of thee: to do justly, loving mercy.

Robyn O’ Brien, soprano

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THE RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 14:1-7 Today’s Readings pg. 2

*The Pastor and the congregation will read alternate verses. All will read the final verse.*

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Today’s Readings pg. 3

THE GOSPEL WITNESS Luke 15:1--10 Today’s Readings pg. 3

SERMON  *Trust, Celebration, Relief* Rev. Ervin Graves

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 179 *God Is My Strong Salvation*

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors) PIANO RESPONSE

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is*

 text: Hymn No. 171 Felix Mendelssohn

\*RESPONSE (sung by all)

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.

\*DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN 379 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

UNISON BENEDICTION *(Please be seated.)*

 Please join you see the in where you see the bold print.

The cross, we will take it. The Gospel, we will live it.

The bread, we will break it. The love, we will give it.

The pain, we will bear it. The light, we will cherish it.

The joy, we will share it. The darkness, God shall perish it. Amen

\**Please stand, as you are able and comfortable standing.*

 After worship you are invited to join us for coffee and cake

 in Bodge Lounge hosted by the Board of Hospitality.

A coffee Hour sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board.

*Please take a look, and sign up. Many Sundays are open.*

Covenant of Care

Paula Parson Trish Jamison Amanda Wilson Tech. Sgt. Timothy Peters

 Ann Jamison Nancy Schaefer Ted St. Angelo Trish Looney Paul Collarile

 Vynetta Ross Scott Johnson Kathleen McQueen, Sister of Peggy Looney

Daniel Johnson, Brother of Scott Johnson and Son of Charlotte Johnson

Robert Graves, Brother of Rev. Ervin Graves

Dr. Charles Binder, Father of Richard Binder

West Center Church Calendar

Worship is on Sunday at 11:00am. Church School is also at 11:00am.

Today Deacons Meeting at 12:30pm in the Library

Sun. Sep. 22 Church Council Meeting at 12:30pm in the Library

 Start Neighbors in Need Collection

Sun. Sep. 29 Full Choir Returns for Service in the Sanctuary

 Arlene Holtum, Deacon Emeritus, will be visiting

Sun. Oct. 6 Worldwide Communion Sunday

 Steve Wagner Discussion of Community Relations

 End Neighbors in Ned Collection

Sun. Oct. 13 Board of World Service Meeting at 12:30pm in the Library

Sun. Oct. 20 Start Gifts for Veterans Collection

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