

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich **Sr. Choir Director**

October 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**All those who are able, please stand.*

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Brenyn Robertson Caleb Howard

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice.

**Let us rejoice and be glad as we
offer praise to our Lord.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, let us praise the Triune God.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice!

*Hymn No. 347 “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

*Prayer of the Day

**Lord God our creator and redeemer, we come before you
today with hearts full of praise. We see the work of your
hand around us. Let there be no doubt about your
awesome and wonderful power. Create in us a new heart
and a new spirit as we share this time with you. In
Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise – “Gloria Patri”

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children “Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time

Pastor Russ

Anthem “Answer to the Call”

Sr. Choir

Baby Dedication – **Johnathon Patrick Miller**

***Congregation:**

Do all of you here this morning promise your love,
support, & care to the one about to be blessed and his
parents?

Respond: **“We Promise.”**

Prayer for Illumination

Carla Clennin

**Our heavenly Father, we come to you in this quiet time
searching for answers. We do not always understand the
world in which we live. Open our hearts and minds to
your word. Guide our thoughts ever closer to you.
Inspire us to live according to your will. In Jesus’ name
we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

<i>First Lesson:</i>	John 15:18-25	p. 940
<i>Second Lesson:</i>	Luke 9:57-62	p. 901

Sermon **Radical/Not a Fan - A Cross or an Excuse?**
Luke 9:23 & Matthew 10:37-39

Hymn No. 328 “The Old Rugged Cross”

Christians, what do you believe?

(Apostles’ Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty...**

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

*Response “*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 537 “Lift High the Cross”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne, we pour our ardent prayer;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

*Postlude

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The attendant on duty is Grace Dampf. The volunteer helper is Julie Medlin. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

Notice the “Connection Cards” in the pews. They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

*The flowers that grace the sanctuary have been given in memory of **Harold & Ruth Clennin**’s 52nd wedding anniversary, by their daughter, Carla Clennin.*

Wednesday Evening Meal, Oct. 13th - 6 p.m.

Spaghetti, Salad & Dessert

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Luncheon Oct 24th following the worship service for those interested in learning more about joining the California UCC. If interested in placing your membership, please contact Pastor Russ.



UCC of California Fall Party ~ TODAY!!

Gather at 3:30 at

Norman & Joyce Rohrbach's

Hayride ~ Food ~ Fellowship ~ Fun



MCMC Food Pantry Donations

The churches in the California Ministerial Alliance are each taking a monthly turn at gathering food items for the *Moniteau Christian Ministries Center (MCMC)*. October is our month. Please bring food items any time during the month. There is a box in the lobby area downstairs for your donations. Thanks for sharing in this special community ministry.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

6:00 p.m. Sundays at New Life Christian Center
A Christ-Centered 12 Step Support Group for Men
"Overcoming Our Hurts, Hangups And Habits Together!"

rightnow MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family
use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link –

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 4977

Sermon Notes

Radical/Not a Fan - A Cross or an Excuse?

Luke 9:23 & Matthew 10:37-39

Activities Calendar: October 10, 2021 ~ October 17, 2021

Sunday, October 10th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

3:30 p.m. – Fall Picnic (At the home of Norman & Joyce Rohrbach)

Monday, October 11th

6:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, October 12th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

1:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study*

6:00 p.m. – Grief Share Class (Meeting Room)

Wednesday, October 13th

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation

Bell Choir

Ladies Bible Study (Led by VanDee Miller & Holly Bieri)

ROK / God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – HS Youth Group

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, October 17th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

After School Food Program for Students

Every Friday from 3:15-5:30 PM

410 S. Oak St., California

For more information, call 573-418-0385

Parents may drive by or students walk by after school
to receive a bag of groceries & gallon of milk

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

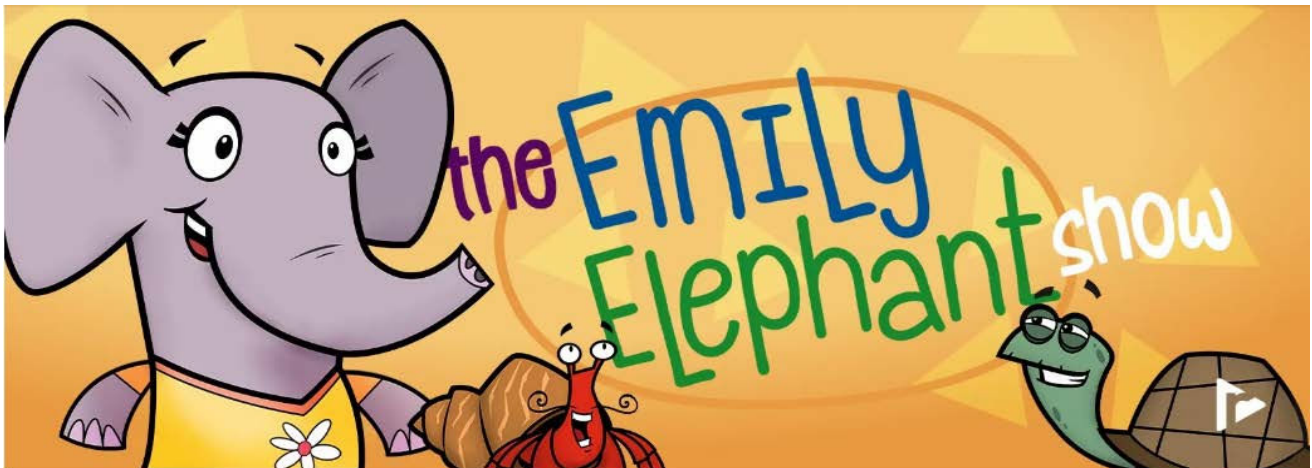
Starting October 10th
after children's time till the end of the worship service
for Grades K-3rd grade.

We will have a bible story video with Emily the Elephant,
talk about our bible story, sing songs and have a snack.

All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall
with Betty Cobb, Rhonda Meyer, and Caitlin Meyer.

Sunday ROK will take place the second Sunday of each month.

You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship
service.



Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Our Confirmands:

Ashton Bolinger, Addison Carr, Heston Gatlin, Adler Koestner,
Amelia Motley, Chase Trimble, Cody Schneider

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaat	Charlie Gabert	Collin Mouse
Jo Suggs	Chris Schoenthal	Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier
Judy Kilmer	Bill Schacht	

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Craig Hall (*Air Force, stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX*)
Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)
Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)
Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO*)
Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe*)
Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA*)
Hayden Grant (*grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL*)
Kyle Hofstetter (*son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA*)
Alexander Ives (*nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg*)
Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, Palm Springs, CA*)
Ryan Carel (*nephew of Leroy Schnieders, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC*)
Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Fort Bragg, NC*)

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; There a pre - cious foun - tain,
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



Free to all, a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
There the bright and morn - ing star Sheds its beams a - round me.
Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ow o'er me.
Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.



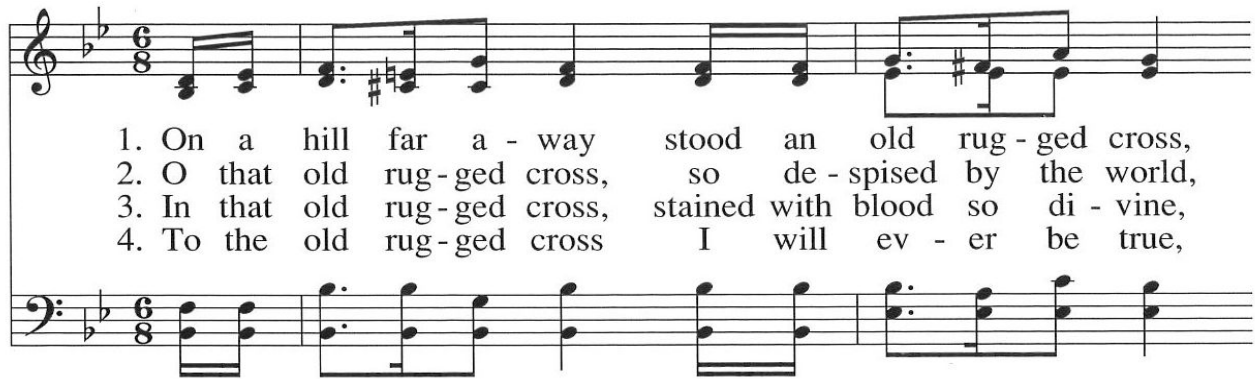
In the cross, in the cross, Be my glo - ry ev - er,



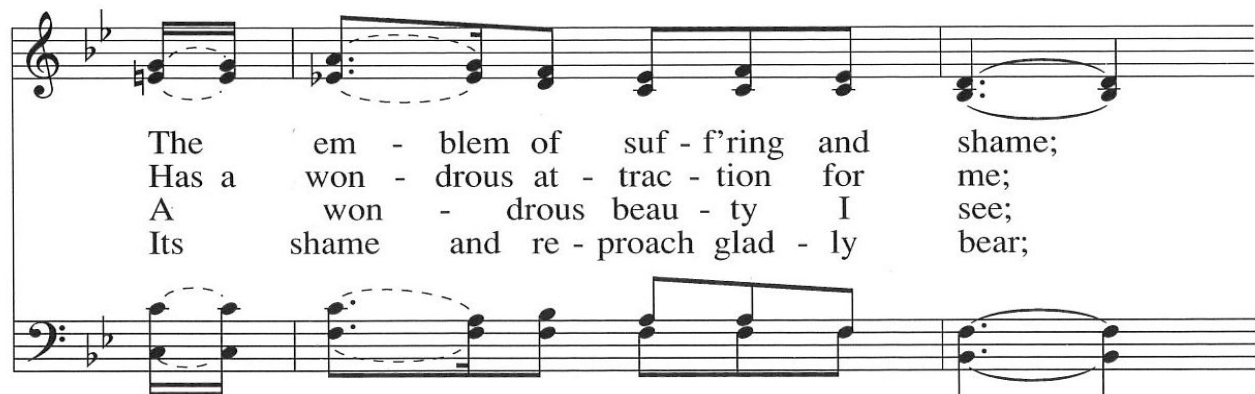
Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er. A - men.



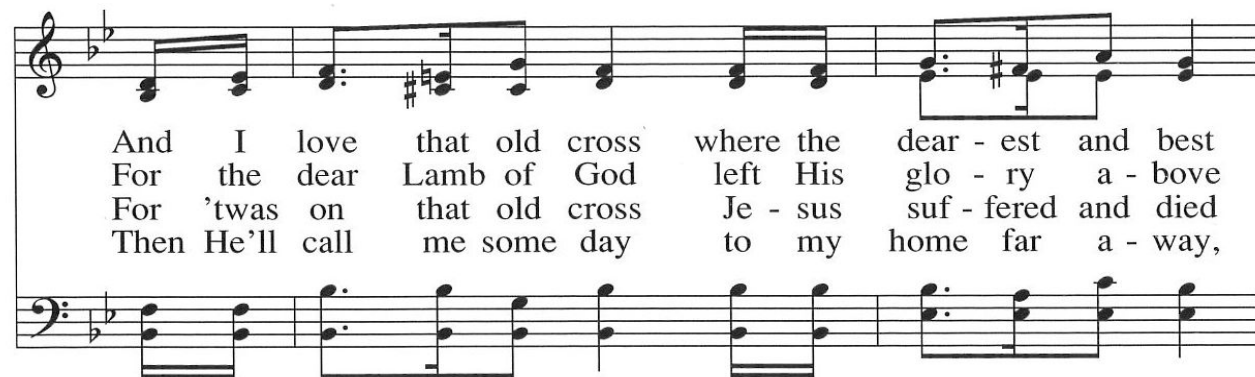
The Old Rugged Cross



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world,
3. In that old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
A won - drous beau - ty I see;
Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove
For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died
Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,



For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.


old rug - ged cross,




So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross, Till my




old rug - ged




tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the cross, the



cross,



old rug - ged cross, And ex - change it some day for a crown.



Lift High the Cross

Refrain *Unison*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

Verses *Harmony*

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low this tri-um-phiant sign. The
2. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied Bears
3. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, As
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: Praise

hosts of God in u-ni-ty com-bine.
on the brow the seal of Him who died.
Thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to Thee.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

D.C.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he arose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one
Holy universal Christian Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory for ever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings
flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.
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