United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Russell Cobb

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Stacy Friedrich

Sr. Choir Director

May 7, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

*All those who are able, please stand

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Brenyn Robertson and Grayden Gatlin

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when God's people gather together in unity and in peace.

We seek to be the living church of the Risen Christ.

We are gathered to worship.

Then let us worship together in the Name of the One who creates, redeems, and keeps us forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn No. 359 "Blessed Assurance"

*Prayer of the Day

Holy One, who joins us together to be the Church of Jesus Christ: May the praises we offer today testify to your love for the world. May the gift of your joy be evident in this worship and may our devotion to the Risen Lord lead us to boldly proclaim his resurrection even in the valleys of discouragement and death. Come, O Holy One, and breathe new life into your Church. We pray in the name and the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our crucified, risen, and reigning Lord. Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise No. 493 "Gloria Patri" (Glory be to the Father)

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time JoAnn Cantriel

Anthem "Celebrate the Life of Jesus" Sr. Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Mary Burger

Come, Holy Spirit, that we may be a united church. May your holy fire burn within our hearts. May your reforming wind stir us to new faith, hope, and love. Let your living Word raise us to new life. Equip us to be true and devoted disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church on earth and in heaven. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Exodus 19:3-9 p. 62 Second Lesson: Psalm 103:1-12 p. 521

Sermon Soaring on the Wings of Eagles Isaiah 40:28-31

Hymn No. 24 "The God of Abraham Praise"

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. 281 "Count Your Blessings"
- *Benediction
- *Congregational Response "Bind Us Together" p.494 (sing twice)

 Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with

 cords that cannot be broken.

 Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,

 Bind us together in love.

 There is only one God, There is only one King;

 There is only one body, That is why we sing.

*Postlude

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Staci Nichols**. 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.

Next Sunday is MOTHER'S DAY!!

There will be a small gift for all the mothers and a specially decorated spot in the sanctuary to take family photos before or after the worship service.

Activities Calendar: May 7, 2023 ~ May 14, 2023

Sunday, May 7th Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Monday, May 8th

6:00 p.m. - Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th

9:00 a.m. - Prayer Cell

Wednesday, May 10th

5:30 p.m. - Bell Choir

6:30 p.m. - God's Singers

Sunday, May 14th Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Looking ahead ~

May 17th - Women's Guild

May 18th - Bell Choir practice 6:00 p.m.

May 22nd - Men's Brotherhood, 7:00 p.m.

May 28th – Pentecost Sunday & Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Service at California Evangelical Cemetery, 6:00 p.m.

June 4th - Salem's 175th Anniversary

Articles for *The Tidings* are due Friday, May 19th

Sermon Notes

Soaring on the Wings of Eagles Isaiah 40:28-31



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) Sunday, May 14, 2023

after children's time till the end of the worship service for **Grades K-3rd grade**. We will have a Bible story video with BibleForce Heroes, 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. 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

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Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Kathy Reimler

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Jo Suggs Judy Kilmer

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

Martin Knipker (son of Kenny Knipker)

Dwight Bowlin (grandson of Jack & the late 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)

Alexander Ives (nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Sill, OK)

Cory Friedmeyer (grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA)

Derek Meyer (grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA)

Brett Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK)

Damion Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)

Camp Aurora

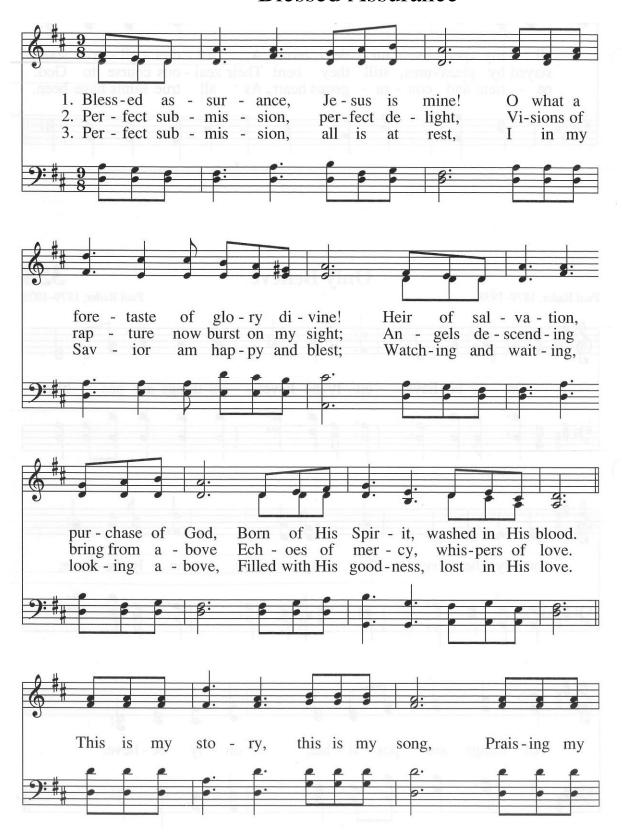


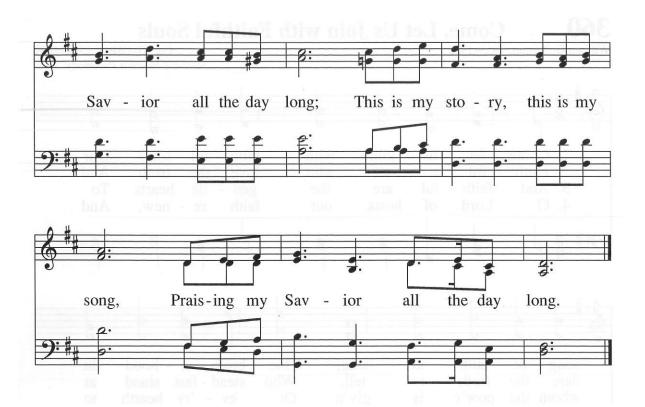


Senior High Camp July 2nd—July 8th
Junior High Camp July 9th—July 14th
Junior Camp July 16th—July 21st
Primary Camp July 23rd—July 26th

Sunday School will pay ½ of Early Registration Fee for Member and One Friend. Contact Carole Barbour or Cinda Scheidt for more information.

Blessed Assurance





The God of Abraham Praise



Count Your Blessings





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.

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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,

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.

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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.

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Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.
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