

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Russell Cobb Pastor
Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist
Mrs. Connie Bestgen God's Singers Director

May 14, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Logan Milligan & Megan Carlock

Chorale Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Where have we seen and not believed?

Where have we heard and not listened?

Open our inner eyes to your miracles, Holy God;

Open our inner ears to your amazing news.

Inspire us to see, believe, hear, and follow.

*Hymn No. 61 "O How I Love Jesus"

*Prayer of the Day

O God, distant and yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us this day. Hear the confessions of our mouths and the yearnings of our hearts. Help us change the narrowness of our vision and the pettiness of our living. Make us new again with your holy grace. Come, Holy Spirit, come. 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 Puppets

Anthem “I Love You, Lord” God’s Singers

Prayer of Illumination Carole Barbour

Living God, who speaks to all our hearts, filling them with hope and courage: Still the noise around and within us, so that we may hear and heed your voice alone. Ground our lives in the Gospel of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: I Samuel 1:24-28 p. 234

Second Lesson: II Timothy 1:3-7 p. 1038

Sermon **A Woman of Noble Character**
Proverbs 31:10-31

Hymn No. 288 “Happy the Home When God Is There”

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. 47 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

*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

Today is MOTHER'S DAY!!

Be sure to pick up a small gift for all mothers and have your picture taken in the specially decorated spot in the sanctuary before or after the worship service.

Looking for more Nursery Volunteers. If you are interested in watching the Nursery from approximately 9:45 to 11:30 on rotating Sunday's, let the church office or a member of the Consistory know.

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Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

TODAY- Mother's Day

after children's time till the end of the worship service for **Grades K-3rd grade**. We will have a Bible story video, 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 takes place the **second Sunday of each month**. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service

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

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Custom Registration Link –

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

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Sermon Notes: A Woman of Noble Character – Proverbs 31:10-31

Activities Calendar: May 14, 2023 ~ May 21, 2023

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

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, May 16th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, May 17th

1:00 p.m. – Women's Guild

7:00 p.m. – Senior Baccalaureate *at the California Performing Arts Center at the High School*

Thursday, May 18th

6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice

Sunday, May 21st Seventh Sunday of Easter- Senior Recognition

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead ~

May 22nd - 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 - Worship will be at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday School to follow

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

Camp Aurora

Summer 2023 Dates



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.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Arlene Dummermuth

Family and Friends of Martha Rohrbach

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Kylee Rowles

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*)

Have you been in the Sound/ Audio Booth? Why not try it out!
The Consistory is looking for a couple of volunteers to help out on
Sunday mornings. It is easier than you think and you will be
trained by the best! See Ronnie Kissick or any Consistory
member for more information or just let the Church office know
you are interested.

Attention all Green Thumbs!

If you have a natural talent or desire for growing plants and
landscaping or even if you don't and want to, the Consistory is looking
for 2 to 4 people that would like to help landscape the front lawn in
front of the Fellowship Hall.

See Laura Burger if you are interested.

Salem United Church of Christ
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Pastor Russell Cobb

May 1, 2023

Dear Friend,

What a joy it is to announce the celebration service of the anniversary of Salem United Church of Christ's founding! Consider this your invitation to our Church Anniversary! Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. There will be displays of memorabilia to look at following the luncheon.

It's amazing to think about, but it was 175 years ago that a small group of people gathered together with the desire to plant a church to have an impact on their community. Little did they realize what would take place, but I'm sure they dreamed a bit about the possibilities.

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

With any great work, there will always be some level of opposition, especially when it comes to the work of God! We may never know the struggles it took to get this fledgling work off the ground, but one thing we do know; it DID indeed get off the ground and continues to have an impact to this day on our community, and yes, even the world through our generous giving to Missions work.

While we realize many people may have moved on to other churches, or even moved away from the area, we would love to have you return to be with us! Be sure to mark your calendar now for this great weekend!

We look forward to taking this time to look back over the blessings of the past years and forward into the future with anticipation for what the Lord is going to do in the years to come. It is also a time for those who have been a part of our church body in the past to "come home" and join us to celebrate their time as a part of our congregation.

Feel free to share this Salem Anniversary Invitation with others too!


Blessings of love and peace,

Brenda Oesterly
Salem Consistory President
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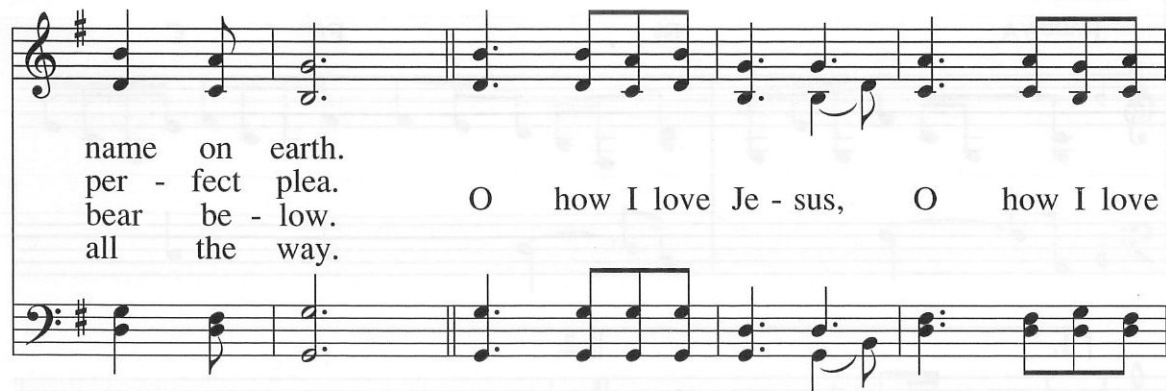
O How I Love Jesus



1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its
2. It tells me of a Sav - ior's love, Who died to set me
3. It tells of One whose lov - ing heart Can feel my deep - est
4. It tells me what my Fa - ther has In store for ev - 'ry



worth; It sounds like mu - sic in my ear, The sweet - est
free; It tells me of His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's
woe; Who in each sor - row bears a part That none can
day, And though I tread a gloom - y path, Yields sun - shine



name on earth.
per - fect plea.
bear be - low. O how I love Je - sus, O how I love
all the way.

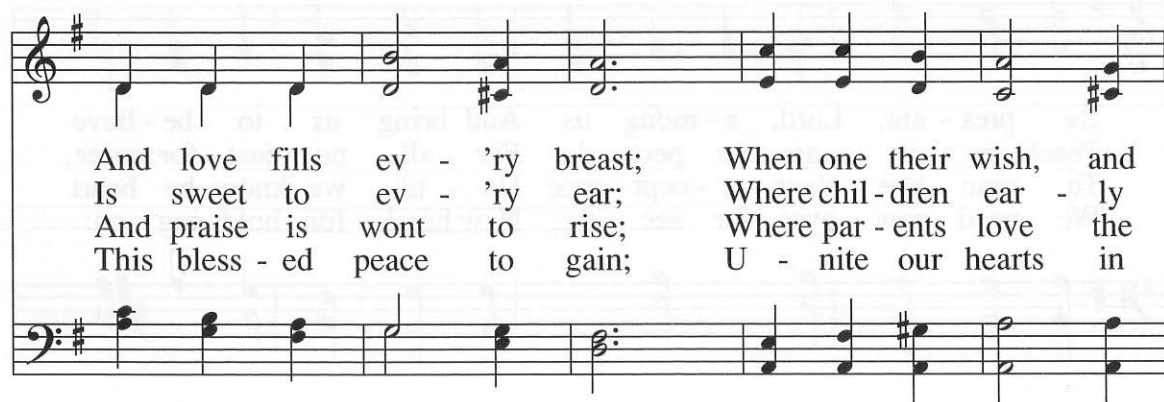


Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus, Be - cause He first loved me!

Happy the Home When God Is There



1. Hap - py the home when God is there,
 2. Hap - py the home where Je - sus' name
 3. Hap - py the home where prayer is heard,
 4. Lord, let us in our homes a - gree



And love fills ev - 'ry breast; When one their wish, and
 Is sweet to ev - 'ry ear; Where chil - dren ear - ly
 And praise is wont to rise; Where par - ents love the
 This bless - ed peace to gain; U - nite our hearts in

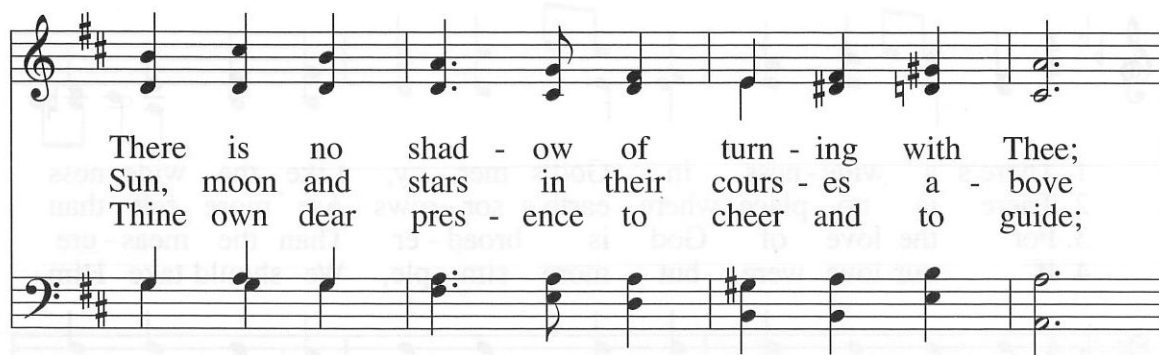


one their prayer, And one their heav'n - ly rest.
 speak His fame, And par - ents hold Him dear.
 sa - cred Word And all its wis - dom prize.
 love to Thee, And love to all will reign.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou has been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed—

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.

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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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