United Church of Christ of California – California, MO Rev. Russell Cobb Pastor Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist

August 29, 2021 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*All those who are able, please stand.

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Hunter Hall Lena Bieri

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Come from the east and the west, the north and the south,

And let us worship the God of our fathers and mothers, the God of Jesus Christ.

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen!

*Hymn No. 400 "In My Heart"

*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth with the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers this day with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. Come, Holy Spirit, Come! 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		Kendra Hall	
Special Music		Stacy Friedrich	
Prayer for Illumination		Allan Mortenson	

Grant us the grace, O Lord, to trust you with all our hearts, and to listen for your word that can break through our stubbornness and help us hear your voice. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson:	Titus 1:1-4	p. 1041
Second Lesson:	Philemon 4-7	p. 1043

Sermon Postcards for Life - Brand New with a Purpose Titus 3:1-15

Hymn No. 326 "Nothing But the Blood" *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. 335 "Oh How He Loves You and Me" *(sing twice)*

*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 Taylor Geiser. The volunteer helper is Holly Bieri. 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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Note: Sunday School offering can now be done through EasyTithe.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 California United Church of Christ Sanctuary following Worship

A congregational meeting will be held following worship on September 12, 2021 to discuss and approve a Capital Campaign to raise monies for a Capital Improvement Plan. Information on the Capital Improvement Plan is now available at the entrances into the church sanctuary.



Grief Share Class

The Grief Share class will begin Tuesday, August 31st, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room. For more information, contact Jo Ann Cantriel. joanncan@yahoo.com

Activities Calendar: August 29, 2021 ~ September 5, 2021

Sunday, August 29th Rally Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

3:00 p.m. – Youth Group Party at the home of

Christine Huffman

<u>Tuesday, August 31st</u>

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

1:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Class (Meeting Room)

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

Wednesday, September 1st

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, September 5th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m. – Worship

Quarterback Club Pork Steak Dinner BBQ

Today from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. California High School ~ *Drive Thru only*. Tickets are \$12 each (no child's meal). Please see any High School or Middle School Football player for tickets.

Veggie Tales Matinee

Saturday, September 11, 2021 ~ 9:00 to 11:00am UCC Friendship Hall

Bring a Blankie & Come Join Us for **A Veggie Tale Activity** Forms are available at the back of the sanctuary, outside the office window, or contact Ronda Mortenson by email rkmort60@gmail.com or call 573-694-3933

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

7:00 p.m. Friday evenings ~ California City Hall A Christ-Centered 12 Step Support Group for Men "Overcoming Our Hurts, Hangups And Habits Together! **NOTE: NO MEETINGS DURING AUGUST**

Sermon Notes

Postcards for Life - Brand New with a Purpose Titus 3:1-15

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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 49775

Please pray for these...

Love & Justice in God's World

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky ZuidervaartCharlie GabertCarol WolfrumJo SuggsChris SchoenthalCollin MouseJudy KilmerBill SchachtKim (Yelton) Haesemeier

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 Bragg, NC) 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)

In My Heart



Nothing But the Blood





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, 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.