United Church of Christ of California - California, MO

Rev. Russell Cobb

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Becky Schneider

Bell Choir Director

October 17, 2021 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

*All those who are able, please stand.

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Hazel Wolford Meredith Wolford

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Divine One, as we seek a way to live that honors you, remind us today of the law you have written on our hearts.

God of our being, send your Spirit to remind us how sweet your words are.

Holy One, bring your comfort and strength to this gathering that we may all experience your wondrous love and welcome you to our lives. **Amen**.

O God, fill us with gratitude and love as we worship you. May the praises and prayers of this hour be sincere. Make us attentive to the movement of your Holy Spirit. Let this time be sacred and holy because you are near us. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

^{*}Hymn No. 41 "To God Be the Glory"

^{*}Prayer of the Day

*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 Ginnie Medlin

Anthem "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Carole Barbour

O God, you welcome us into depths of understanding and meet us here, leading us deeper into you. Equip us for every good work. Increase our desire to learn with your willingness to teach us your merciful ways. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-35 p. 1051 Second Lesson: James 2:17-26 p. 1055

Sermon Chosen: Rahab - A Faith in Action
Joshua 2 & 6

Hymn No. 327 "There is Power in 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. 359 "Blessed Assurance"

*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 Rylee Hees. The volunteer helper is Courtney Cassil. 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 flower on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of **Bronson Wayne Coale**, son of Bryson & Brianna Coale. Bronson was born on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Congratulations!

Wednesday Evening Meal, Oct. 20th - 6 p.m.

Potato Bar & Dessert

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CALIFORNIA UCC?

Luncheon Oct 24th following the worship service for those interested in learning more about joining the California UCC. Anyone interested please contact Russ or fill out a connection card and drop it in the offering plate.

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

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Chosen: Rahab - A Faith in Action - Joshua 2 & 6

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

Activities Calendar: October 17, 2021 ~ October 24, 2021

Sunday, October 17th

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Tuesday, October 19th

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 20th

1:00 p.m. – Women's Guild

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation

Bell Choir

Ladies Bible Study

ROK / God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – HS Youth Group

7:30 p.m. - Sr. Choir

Sunday, October 24th

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m.—Luncheon for prospective new members

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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 Zuidervaart 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)

To God Be the Glory



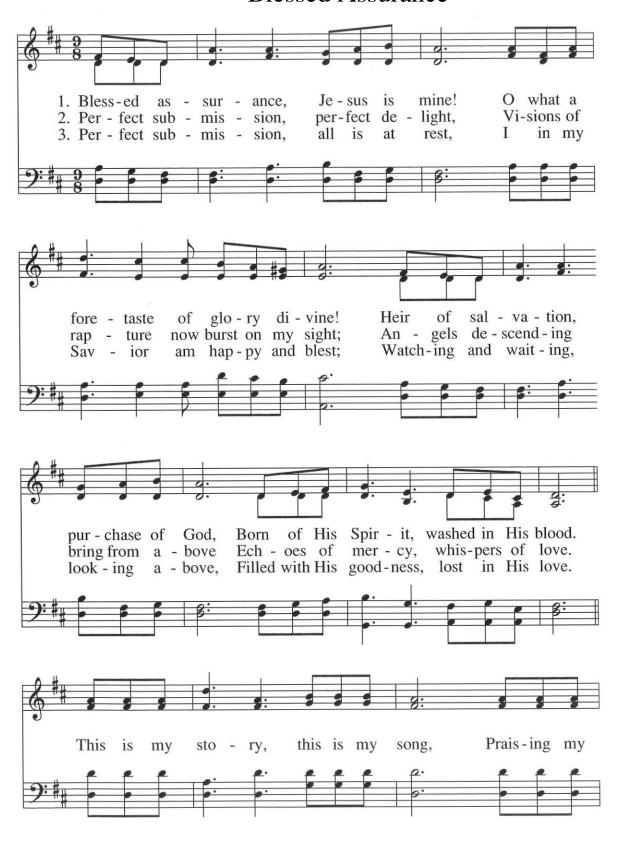


There is Power in the Blood





Blessed Assurance





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.

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