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

October 31, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

*All those who are able, please stand.

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Hadley Milligan Logan Milligan

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

From east and west, we come to be God's people.

From north and south, we come to be God's promise.

With friend and enemy, we come to have God's peace inscribed on our hearts.

In confidence and in doubt, we come. We come to be forgiven and remade.

*Hymn No. 452 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*Prayer of the Day

God of peace, you taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

| *Call to Praise O Lord, open our lips! And our mouths shall show forth your praise! *Act of Praise – "Gloria Patri" | | | | |
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| Invitation to Children's Time | | | | |
| Hymn for Childr | en "Jesus Loves Me | " | | |
| Children's Time | | The Puppets | | |
| Anthem | "Sandy Land" | God's Singers | | |
| Prayer for Illumination | | Judy Burger | | |

Guiding Spirit, open our ears that we may hear your word in these Holy Scriptures, open our eyes to your Presence among us, and open our hearts that we may live your truth in our lives. Amen.

| Scripture Lessons | | |
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| First Lesson: | Genesis 45:3-8 | p. 40 |
| Second Lesson: | Acts 4:13-20 | p 950 |

Sermon Chosen: Esther - The Time is Now - Esther 4:14

Hymn No. 366 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

David & Cressida Gattermeir Theo Young, Sherrell Jamison

Welcome, Scripture, and Reaffirming of Faith

Welcome by the Congregation

Let us, the members of the United Church of Christ of California, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our Risen Lord.

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the United Church of Christ of California, we extend our Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this congregation.

The Prayer

*Hymn No. 69 "His Name is Wonderful"

*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 Sue Tuttle 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.

We celebrate the births of . . .

Olivia Marie Brancato,

daughter of Vic & Tanner (Roberts) Brancato. Olivia was born Oct. 25, 2021.

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Kendall Mary Gratz, daughter of Logan & Sydney (Deeken) Gratz. Kendall was born Oct. 26, 2021.

Wednesday Evening Meal, Nov. 3rd - 6 p.m.

Baked Potato Soup, Chili, Sandwiches, Dessert

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!

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Sermon Notes

Chosen: Esther - The Time is Now - Esther 4:14

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

Activities Calendar: October 31, 2021 ~ November 7, 2021

Sunday, October 31st

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, November 2nd

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

1:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

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

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting

Wednesday, November 3rd

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, ROK / God's Singers

Bell Choir, Ladies Bible Study

- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir

Sunday, November 7th – All Saints' Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Holy Communion

GRIEF SHARE – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

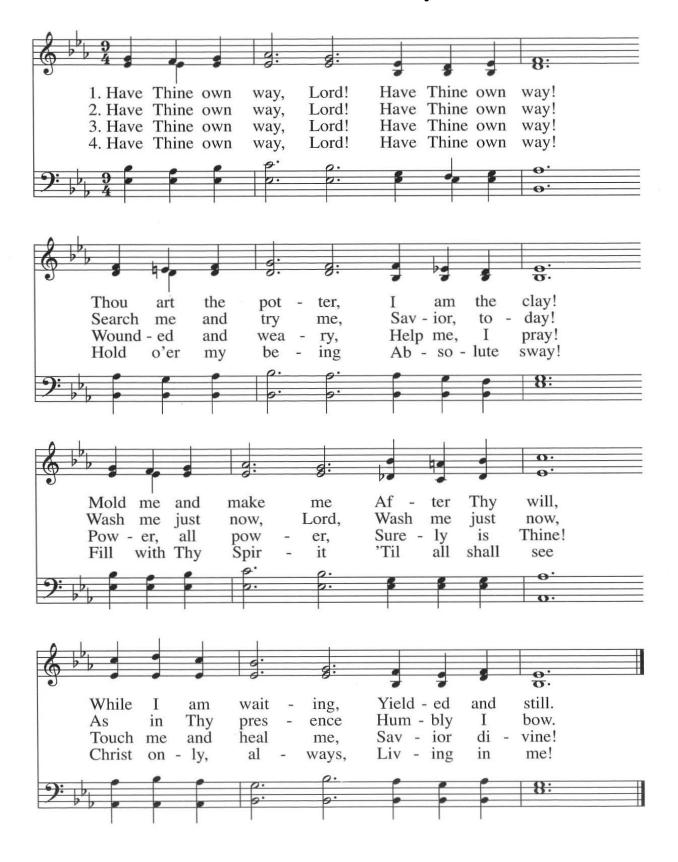
The Holiday Season is just around the corner and for many this is the first holiday after the loss of a loved one or it might be the second, third or more. During this season you may be facing some tough emotions during family events, social parties, yearly traditions and these can blindside you. You can lessen these by knowing what to expect and being prepared. Join us for "Surviving the Holiday's" on November 23 at 6:30 pm. Please let us know you will be joining us by contacting the church office. This will allow us to have enough survival guides on hand. Rev. Cobb: rev.cobb@calmo-ucc.org; 573-489-7891 (cell phone) Church office: 573-796-4885 Website: www.calmo-ucc.org renee@calmo-ucc.org

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 Chris Schoenthal Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier Jo Suggs **Bill Schacht** Judy Kilmer 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)

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



Have Thine Own Way, Lord





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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