

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**

August 13, 2023 ~ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Brynna Hall & Royce Everett

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Let us sing to the Lord, who is our refuge and our rock!

***Hymn No. 204**

“Because He Lives”

***Prayer of the Day**

Lord God, we seek the powerful presence of Jesus, your Son. We gather in his name to find healing and freedom.

We come to give our lives to the power of your praise.

Send your Spirit, that we might be energized to worship and to serve. Free us for the new life you have promised.

In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 the Little Children” p. 166

Children’s Time Anny Roll

Special Music Kolten Fulks

Prayer for Illumination Becky Schneider

Creative God, we do not ask that you would only open our hearts and our ears to the truth of your gospel. More than this, we ask that you would open our mouths, to proclaim your grace throughout the world and sing your praise with eternal joy. Speak, O Lord, for your servants are eager to hear. Amen

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: I Corinthians 9:19-27 p. 997

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:12-17 p.1024

Sermon **G.O.A.T. – The Greatest Trailblazer**
Hebrews 12:1-13

Hymn No. 65 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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. 61 "O How I Love Jesus"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response –

"Oh, How He Loves You and Me" (p. 335 –sing one time)

"Oh, how He loves you and me! Oh, how He loves you and me!

He gave His life, what more could He give?

Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me,

Oh, how He loves you and me!"

*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.

Activities Calendar: August 13, 2023 ~ August 20, 2023

Sunday, August 13, 2023, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, August 14, 2023

6:00 p.m. Consistory

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Women's Guild cleaning day

Sunday, August 20th, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tidings News Due
no later than
August 25th

Looking ahead.....

August 23rd- School starts

August 26th- Salem UCC Ice Cream Social- 4:00-6:30pm

August 27th- Rally Sunday

August 28th- Men's Brotherhood

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

August 27, 2023

**California United Church of Christ Sanctuary
following Worship**

A California United Church of Christ congregational meeting will be held on August 27, 2023, to discuss and vote on the security proposal.



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) Today

after children's time until 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.

The Consistory would like to thank the current volunteers (Ronnie Kissick, Andy Burger, Kaiden and Kole Ingram, Carla Clennin, Cyndi Hall) for their service to our Audio and Visual needs. The service they offer ensure those present at church can hear clearly and those online have access to the service and sound. In order to best serve our church family, we would like to ask for 1-2 more volunteers to allow a rotation and have people available for special services and services during the week. Please reach out to Ronnie Kissick or any Consistory Member to get the details on how you can help out!

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Abe Rohrbach

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaat Darren & Kylee Rowles and twins

Jo Suggs Judy Kilmer Bill Schacht Courtney Hees

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, Reserves, VA*)

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*)

The youth (grades 1st to 12th) have been asked to sing for special music on Sunday, September 3, 2023. We will practice the following Sunday mornings, Aug. 13th, Aug. 20th and Sept. 3rd during Sunday School opening. We will not practice on the 27th because it is Rally Sunday. If we need another practice before the 3rd we will set one. We would like to have as many youth participate as possible. If you have any questions, please see Connie Bestgen.

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Salem United Church of Christ

Annual Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 26

Serving from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Located on the Salem church grounds

on HWY K, east of California

Dining inside and outside, pick your pleasure.

Ice Cream Drinks Chips Cake Sandwiches

(pulled pork, brats, hot dogs, & chicken salad)

Cake Walk Everyone welcome!

Come and enjoy an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

Quarterback Club Pork Steak Dinner BBQ

Sunday, August 27th from 11-1pm

California High School.

Pork Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Corn and Dessert

Please see any High School Football player for tickets.

Seeking a Nursery Attendant-

The Consistory will be taking applications for a Nursery Attendant. Hours are from 9 am to Noon (3 hours) @ \$40 every Sunday. Applications can be picked up in the church office.

Senior Choir

Attention all singers! Practices for the Senior Choir will start on Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in being a part of a wonderful group of dedicated singers, please feel free to join us! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 573-291-1189. Hope to see you there!

Stacy Friedrich, California UCC Choir Director



Bell Choir

**Bell practice will start Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:30pm.
New Bell members are always welcome!**

Becky Schneider, Bell Choir Director

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***Sermon Notes - G.O.A.T. - The Greatest Trailblazer
Hebrews 12: 1-13***

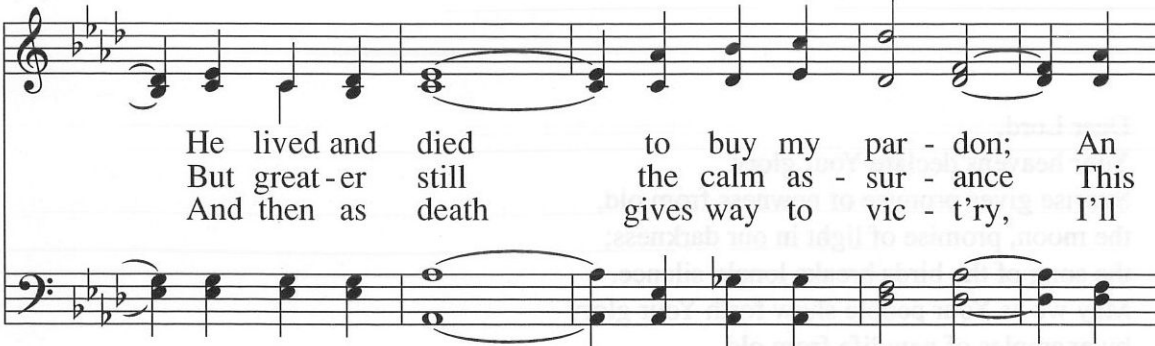
Because He Lives



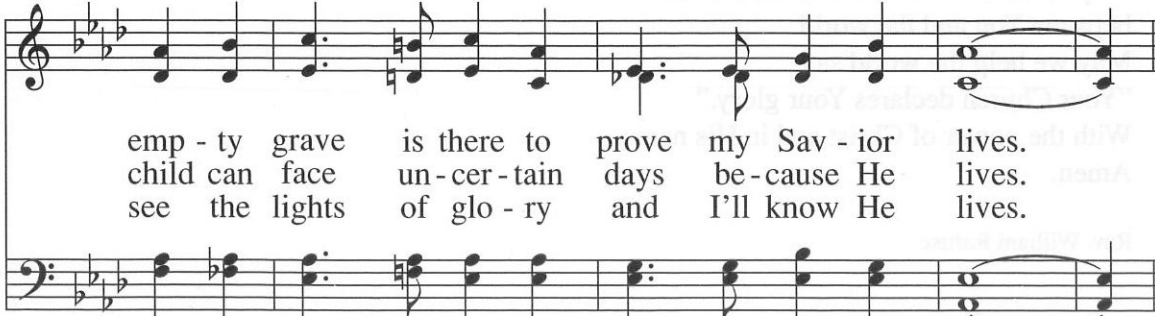
1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus;
2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;



He came to love, heal, and for - give.
And feel the pride and joy He gives;
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain.



He lived and died to buy my par - don; An
But great - er still the calm as - sur - ance This
And then as death gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll



emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

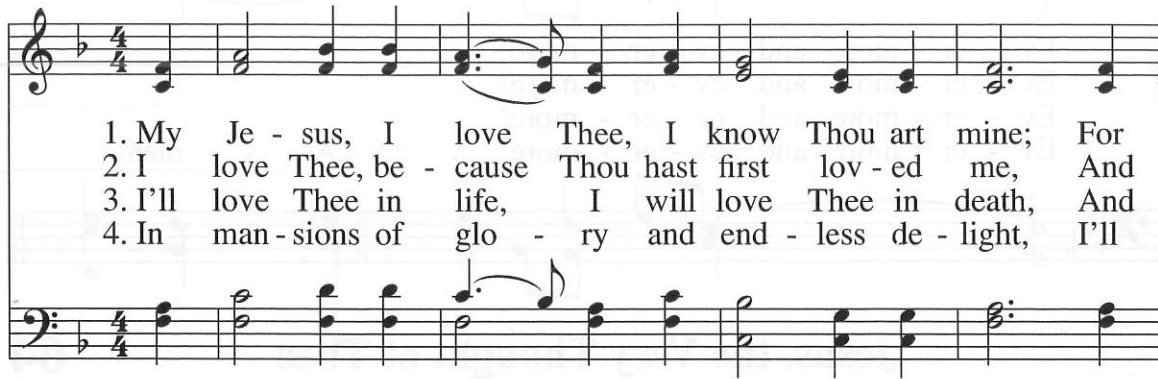
Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor - row;

Be-cause He lives all fear is gone;

Be-cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

My Jesus, I Love Thee



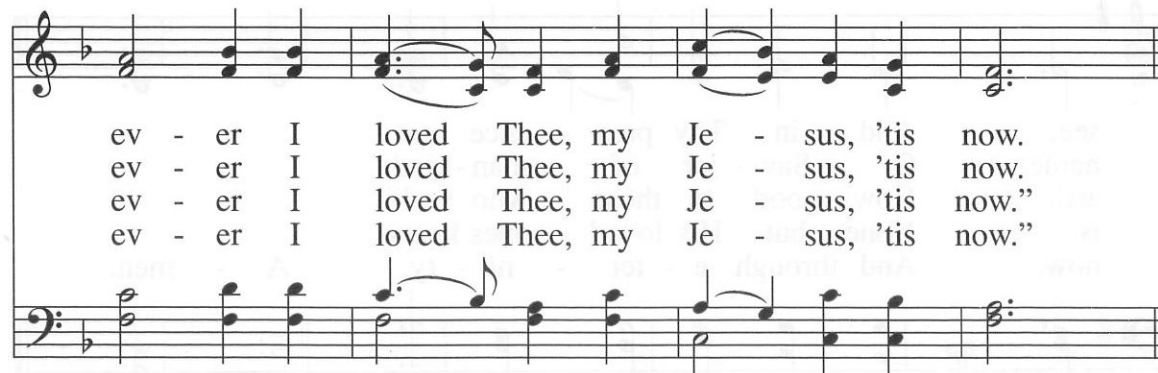
1. My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For
2. I love Thee, be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me, And
3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll



Thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign; My
pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I
praise Thee as long as Thou lend - est me breath; And
ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright; I'll



gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art Thou; If
love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow; If
say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow; "If
sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow; "If



ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

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.
 all the way.

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love




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



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.***

Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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