



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

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**August 20, 2023 ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

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*\*All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Camden Lawson & Rylan Robertson

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song!**

Praise the LORD in the assembly of the faithful.

**Let us be glad in the presence of the maker.**

Let us praise God with dancing and music.

**Let the faithful sing for joy as we praise God together!**

\*Hymn No. 382 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

\*Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems  
and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your  
love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in  
spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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      JoAnn Cantriel

Special Music      Makaela Bishop & Ameila Wurster

Prayer for Illumination      Beth Dampf

**O Great Spirit, move among us, within us, and around us if necessary, that your Kingdom might come and your will be done, according to your living Word this day. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:*      Psalm 62:1-8      p. 497

*Second Lesson:*      Matthew 16:13-19      p. 850

Sermon      **G.O.A.T. – The Greatest Kingdom**  
**Hebrews 12:18-29**

Hymn No. 355      "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*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. 67                    “Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

\*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 **Betty Cobb**. 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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# 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 49775

## Activities Calendar: August 20, 2023 ~ August 27, 2023

### Sunday, August 20, 2023, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

### Tuesday, August 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, August 23, 2023- School Starts

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir Practice

### Saturday, August 26, 2023

4:00 p.m. – Salem UCC Ice Cream Social

### Sunday, August 27th, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School- *Rally Sunday*

10:30 a.m. – Worship – *Congregational Meeting*

Tidings News Due  
no later than  
August 25th

### *Looking ahead.....*

*August 28th- Men's Brotherhood*

*September 4<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Holiday- Office Closed*

*September 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Teacher and Officers Meeting*

*September 6<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday Night Meals Begin*

*September 9<sup>th</sup> – VeggieTales Matinee*

*September 10<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday*

*September 11<sup>th</sup> – Consistory Meeting*

# 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.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

#### **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*)

***Rally Sunday is August 27<sup>th</sup> for Sunday School. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs on the bulletin board to bring cookies. Please join us for Promotions, Recognitions and COOKIES!***

The youth (grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>) have been asked to sing for special music on Sunday, September 3, 2023. We will practice the following Sunday mornings, 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 youths participate as possible. If you have any questions, please see Connie Bestgen.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> from 11-1pm

California High School.

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

Please see any High School Football player for tickets.

*Sermon Notes: G.O.A.T. – The Greatest Kingdom*

*Hebrews 12:18-29*

*The Consistory is seeking 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**

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!



# *Join us for* **Caring Connections** **MONITEAU COUNTY**

You'll have access to multiple local agencies offering applications, resources, and services - all in ONE location!

**Saturday, August 26th 9 am -12 pm**

**Main Street Baptist Church**



303 W. Main St. California MO

**Care Bag Giveaways  
and More!**

**Refreshments**

**Application  
Assistance**

**Resources!**

**Bring the following to complete applications**

**Photo ID \***  
**Social Security Cards\***

**Proof of All Income\***  
**Proof of Birth\***

\*For all members of the household

Missouri Department of Social Services  
**FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION**



This project is funded with Community Services Block Grant federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided by the Missouri Department of Social Services.



# VeggieTales Matinee

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:00 to 11:30am

UCC Friendship Hall

Bring a Blankie & Come Join Us For

VeggieTales Opening Activity

Featured Presentation: Madame Blueberry- A Lesson in Thankfulness

Snacks – Games – Crafts

Closing Prayer

VeggieTales Take Home Gift Bag of Goodies

Please sign up for the Matinee Event below so that we are sure to have enough snacks, and goodie bags made up for each child in attendance. Return this form to Church office, or contact Ronda Mortenson by email [rkmort60@gmail.com](mailto:rkmort60@gmail.com) or call 573-694-3933

Childs Name Attending:

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Emergency Contact Name & Number:

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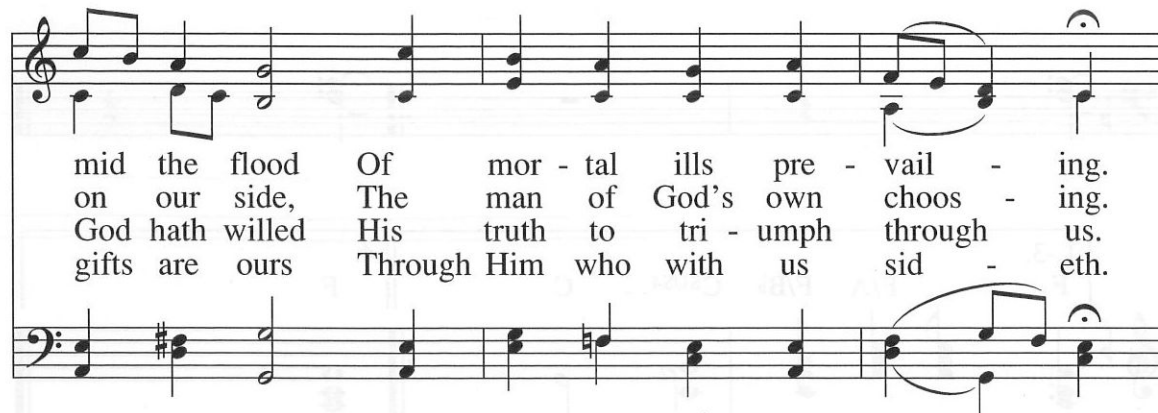
# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



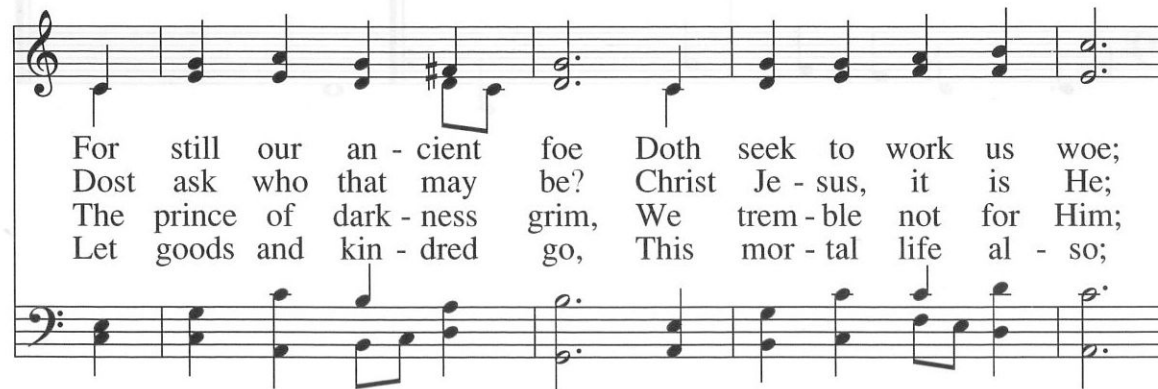
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No



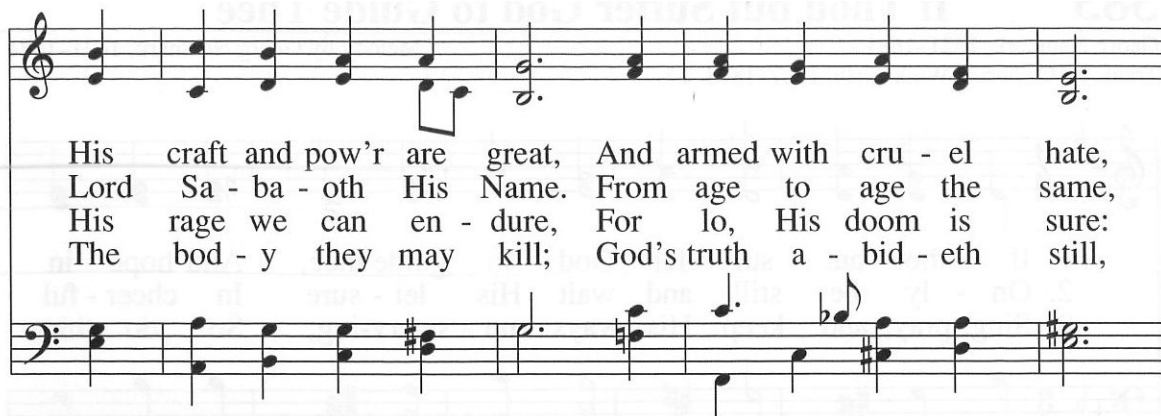
bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our help - er He a -  
 striv - ing would be los - ing, Were not the right man  
 threat - en to un - do us, We will not fear, for  
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The Spir - it and the



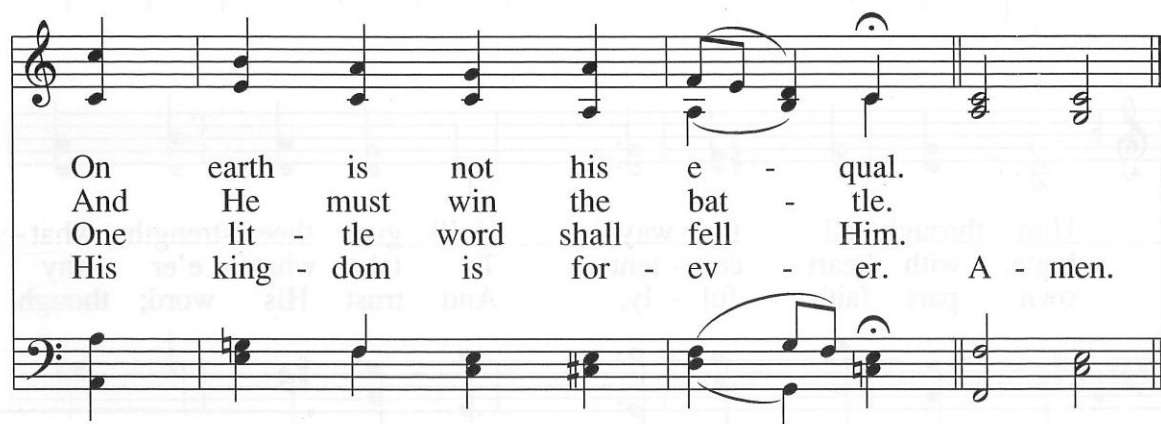
mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing.  
 God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe;  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He;  
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for Him;  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so;

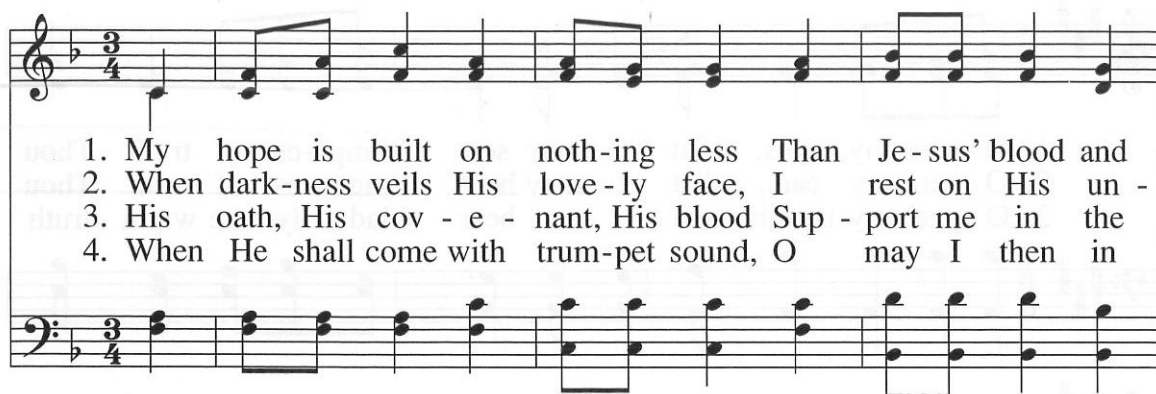


His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cru - el hate,  
Lord Sa - ba - oth His Name. From age to age the same,  
His rage we can en - dure, For lo, His doom is sure:  
The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still,

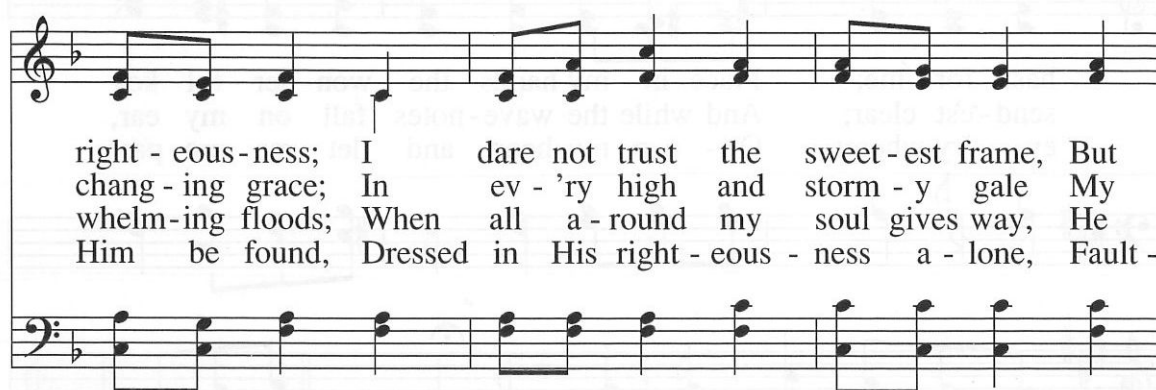


On earth is not his e - qual.  
And He must win the bat - tle.  
One lit - tle word shall fell Him.  
His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

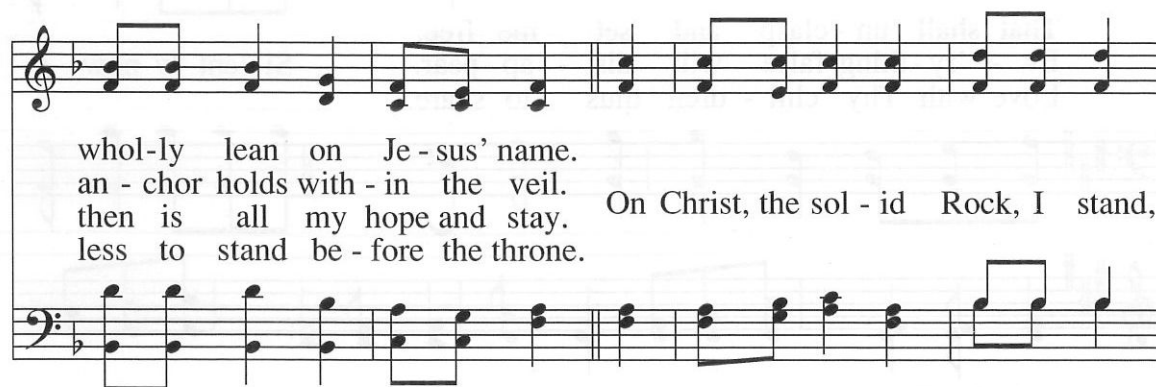
# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and  
2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un -  
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the  
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - eous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But  
chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale My  
whelm-ing floods; When all a - round my soul gives way, He  
Him be found, Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand,  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

# Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Maj - es - ty, wor-ship His maj - es - ty; un - to

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

Maj - es - ty, king-dom au - thor - i - ty, flow from His

throne un-to His own; His an-them raise. So ex -

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Maj - es - ty, wor-ship His maj - es - ty; un - to Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Maj - es - ty, king-dom au - thor - i - ty, flow from His throne un-to His own; His an-them raise. So ex -". The score features various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and full notes, as well as rests, ties, and triplets. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical lines.



alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus. Mag - ni -

fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King.

Maj - es - ty, wor-ship His maj - es - ty, Je - sus who

died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

## 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.*

*Congregation: **Christ, have mercy upon us.***

*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Congregation: **Lord, have mercy upon us.***