



United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

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Mrs. Beth Dampf  
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Pastor  
Organist  
Bell Choir Director

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November 19, 2023 ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles      Grayden Gatlin & Brenyn Robertson

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

*In part from Psalm 118*

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**His steadfast love endures forever!**

Let those who fear the LORD say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Let the people of Salem and California say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

This is the day that the LORD has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

\*Hymn No. 281

“Count Your Blessings”

\*Prayer of the Day

**Holy God, we hear echoes of your Wisdom in Christ Jesus,  
The One you sent to dwell in our midst and lead us to  
abundant life. Keep us alert to the call to follow, ready to  
respond with justice and joy in your holy moment, which  
is always Now. Amen.**

\*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

**And our mouths shall show forth your praise!**

\*Act of Praise – “Gloria Patri” (*printed on laminated card in hymnal*)

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children     “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand”  
(*p. 51 sing 1<sup>st</sup> verse twice*)

Children’s Time

Hadley Milligan

Anthem     “To God Be the Glory”

Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Dave Gattermeir

**Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Reading:*     Psalm 30     p. 479

*Second Reading:*     Ephesians 1:3-10     p.1017

Sermon     **Jeremiah: Words for the Broken & Defeated**  
**Jeremiah 1**

\*Hymn No. 379     “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed  
(*printed on laminated card in hymnal*)

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

\*Response      *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*  
*(printed on laminated card in hymnal)*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn No. 361      “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response **“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”**  
*God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels’ guide, uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude

**Activities Calendar: November 19, 2023 ~ November 26, 2023**

**Sunday, November 19, 2023 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

7:00 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving Worship-First Baptist Church

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

6:30 p.m. - GriefShare

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

No Wednesday night activities

**Sunday, November 26, 2023, Reign of Christ-Totenfest**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

6:00 p.m. – Youth meet at Ingram’s for Friendsgiving-families welcome

December Tidings News Due by November 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
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Community Thanksgiving Service  
**Tonight, November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 PM at the First Baptist Church

**Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd**, the Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a drive thru and carry out Thanksgiving meal from 11:00-1:00 at the California Nutrition Center. If you have a neighbor or family member that would like a delicious Thanksgiving meal, please invite them to partake or if you would like to help serve, please see Russ.

### **Giving Tree**

The Sunday School is sponsoring this year's Giving Tree on **Sunday, December 3** during opening. This is also known as the "sock and glove tree". We will be collecting donations of children or youth sized socks, gloves, underwear, belts, etc. and they can be placed under the Christmas tree on the stage in the Friendship Hall during the opening. These donations are distributed to local elementary students on an as-needed basis and are also distributed in the buddy packs that go out to local kids before Christmas break. The school is always in need of items like this and your donations are greatly appreciated.

### **Toys for Tots**

If you would like to donate new, unwrapped toys, there is a box downstairs in the foyer to put them in. These toys go to families within Moniteau County only. You can donate toys now up to **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you would like to help sort toys or distribute them, please let Dyan or Kris Ingram know by **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** as well.

## **Messiah Sing-Along**

Rehearsals on Sundays at 4:30 pm at the UCC Friendship Hall  
Performance will be **December 3** at 3:00pm  
at the Performing Arts Center

## **ANGEL TREE**

Please stop by downstairs to pick up an Angel or drop off a monetary donation or see Carla Clennin or Carole Barbour.

Gifts need to be returned to the UCC Church

**On or before December 10th**

*The Historical Committee will be decorating the cabinet for Christmas and is requesting that people bring in small nativity set or Christmas ornaments for display. If you have one of those items that's special to you and would like to share it for the month of December, we would love to display it. If you would like, a brief note on why the set or ornament is special to you can also be provided for people to see. We are requesting that these items be dropped off at the Church office by the end of November, and they will be returned in January. Phyllis Miller is the contact on behalf of the Historical Committee, and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to her.*

The flowers on the altar have been placed in celebration of the births of

**Hana Lee Hill**, daughter of Stephen and Angela Hill.

Hana was born Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

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**Lincoln James Gratz**, son of Logan and Sydney (Deeken) Gratz.

Lincoln was born, Friday, November 10, 2023.

*Congratulations to parents, siblings and grandparents!*

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The **nursery attendant is Reagan Cain**. 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.

# VeggieTales Matinee



**Saturday, December 2nd 9:00 to 11:00am**

**UCC Friendship Hall**

Sign up forms in the back of the Sanctuary  
or contact Ronda Mortenson or church office.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

## **Confirmands:**

**Kalyn Carlock, Aubrey Davis, Emma Kissick, Khloe Mortenson  
and Brooks Nichols**

## **All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Becky Zuidervaat      Bill Schacht      Beth Rohrbach  
Jo Suggs      Judy Kilmer

## **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, Okinawa, Japan*)  
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*)

# *Poinsettia Order Form*

The plants will be red with gold foil.  
(6" pot)

*If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one, we have those available for \$14.00 each. Please provide the following information.*

By (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

or

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

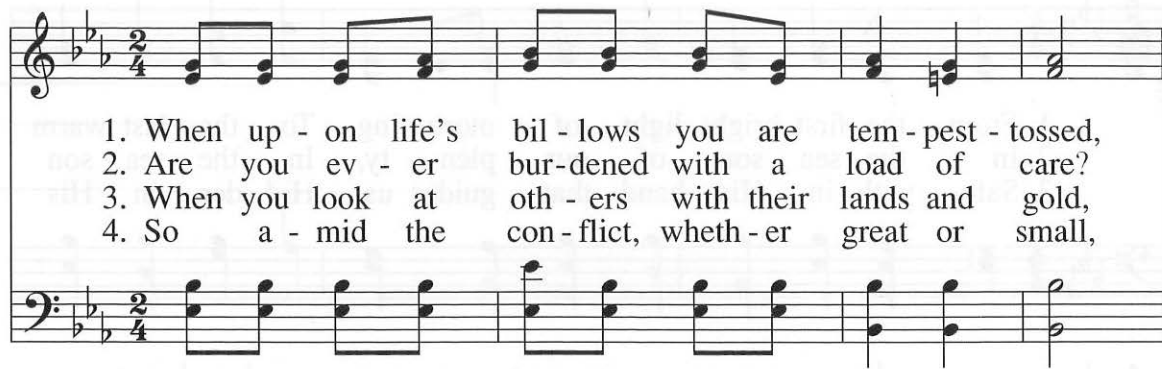
*Please have this information to the church office, along with a check for \$14.00 made payable to the U.C.C. of California, by **Monday, December 4th.***

**Rev. Cobb: [rev.cobb@calmo-ucc.org](mailto:rev.cobb@calmo-ucc.org); 573-489-7891 (cell phone)  
[rhonda@calmo-ucc.org](mailto:rhonda@calmo-ucc.org), Church office: 573-796-4885**

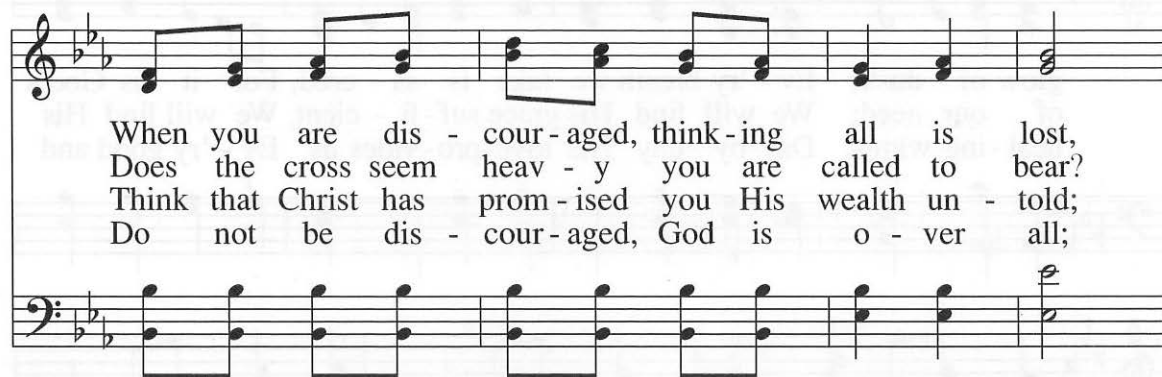
**Website: [www.calmo-ucc.org](http://www.calmo-ucc.org)**



# Count Your Blessings



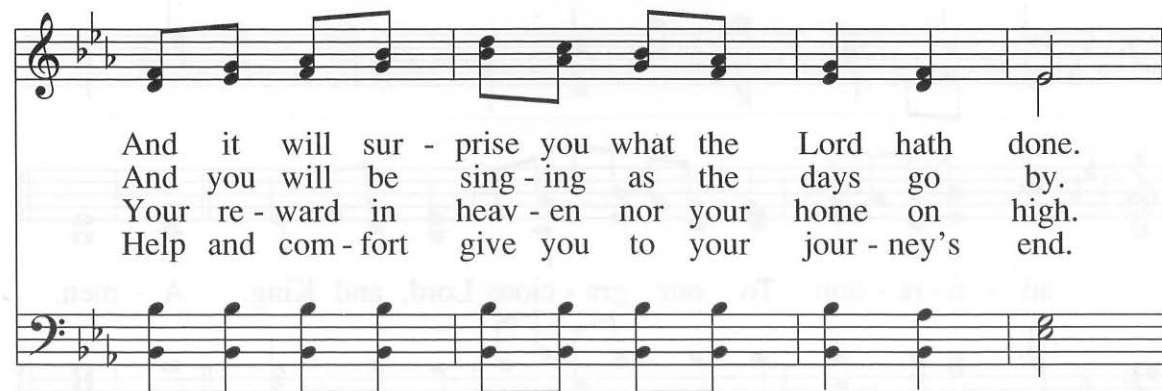
1. When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest - tossed,  
2. Are you ev - er bur - dened with a load of care?  
3. When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold,  
4. So a - mid the con - flict, wheth - er great or small,



When you are dis - cour - aged, think - ing all is lost,  
Does the cross seem heav - y you are called to bear?  
Think that Christ has prom - ised you His wealth un - told;  
Do not be dis - cour - aged, God is o - ver all;



Count your man - y bless - ings, name them one by one,  
Count your man - y bless - ings, ev - 'ry doubt will fly,  
Count your man - y bless - ings, mon - ey can - not buy  
Count your man - y bless - ings, an - gels will at - tend,



And it will sur - prise you what the Lord hath done.  
And you will be sing - ing as the days go by.  
Your re - ward in heav - en nor your home on high.  
Help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.

Count your bless - ings, name them one by

Count your man - y bless - ings, name them one by

one; Count your bless - ings, see what

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God hath done; Count your

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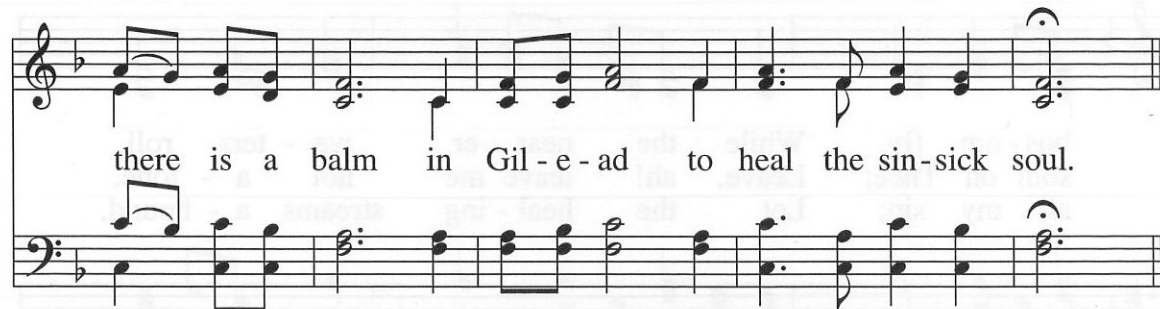
Count your man - y bless - ings, see what God hath done.

# There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Verses  
Unison



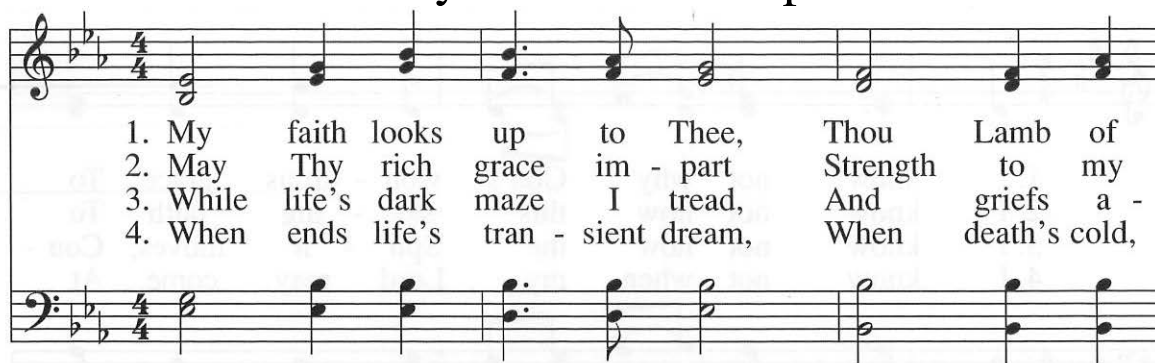
1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,  
2. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,  
3. Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

D.C.



But then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.  
You can tell the love of Je-sus, and say, "He died for all!"  
And if you lack for knowl-edge He'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee



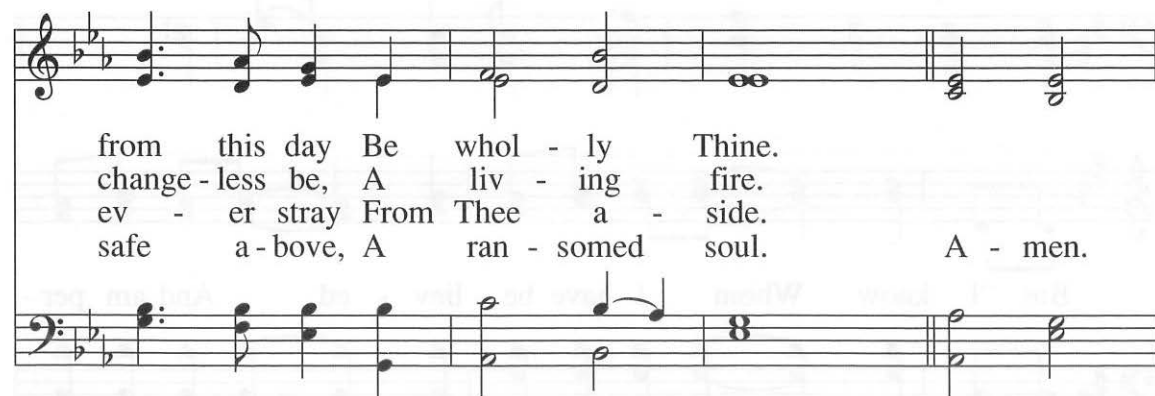
1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of  
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my  
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -  
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me  
 faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast  
 round me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness  
 sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way; Oh, let me  
 died for me; Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and  
 turn to day; Wipe sor - row's tears a - way; Nor let me  
 then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re-move; Oh, bear me



from this day Be whol - ly Thine.  
 change - less be, A liv - ing fire.  
 ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
 safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul. A - men.

## 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.*  
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