

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

**November 26, 2023 ~ Reign of Christ
Commemoration Sunday (Totenfest)**

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Brynna Hall and Jess Medlin

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, we rejoice that you are our Shepherd and King, the firstborn from the dead. We take comfort in the assurance that you share our living and our dying. We bring our cherished memories, our deepest sorrows, and our highest hopes to the throne of your grace. May this worship be filled with your presence, your power, and your peace. May our praises bring you joy. Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn No. 336 “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son whom you anointed as king of all creation: Grant that all people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand”
(p. 51 sing 1st verse twice)

Children’s Time

Anny Roll

Anthem “Beautiful, Wonderful, Glorious Things” God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Burger

Blessed Lord, who caused the scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the hope of eternal life. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 102:18-28 p. 521

Second Lesson: I Peter 1:6-12 p. 1058

Sermon **Lamentations: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**
Lamentations 3

Hymn No. 47 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

A Time of Remembering the Faithful Departed

We remember with thankful hearts those members & friends of our church family who have passed from this life to life eternal this past year. In their memory we now light a candle.

Lenda Kay Lebeck

80 years, 3 months, 1 day

Bill John Crane

90 years, 11 months, 5 days

Betty Jean Dummermuth

93 years, 10 months, 29 days

Aubrey "Richard" Meisenheimer

79 years, 2 months, 3 days

Abraham "Abe" Emmett Rohrbach

78 years, 11 months, 20 days

David Gabert

71 years, 1 month, 15 days

Dorothy Mae Steper

86 years, 6 months, 25 days

Juanita Meisenheimer

84 years, 7 months, 8 days

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" (Revelation 14:13)

God has gifted our lives with these precious ones whose memories will be with us always. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn No. 472 “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

*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.*

*Postlude

Activities Calendar: November 26, 2023 ~ December 3, 2023

Sunday, November 26, 2023, Reign of Christ

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, November 27, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Brotherhood

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir, ROK/God Singers, Confirmation, Marriage Class

7:30 p.m. - Sr. Choir practice

Sunday, December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- Holy Communion

Looking ahead.....Dec. 4th- Sunday School T&O meeting 7:00p.m.

Dec. 11th – Consistory 6:00p.m.

Dec. 17th- Cantata- Worship services 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 20th – Women’s Guild 12:00pm

Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve Program 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 25th - Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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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 Zuidervaart 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*)

Wednesday Evening Meal – Nov. 29, 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast Buffet

Don't forget to Sign up!

Christmas program practice will begin on Wednesday, November 29th at 6:30-7:20 pm for grades 1-12. We will be working on the songs we will be singing for the program. This will also include God's Singers practicing for Sunday, December 10th. If you have questions, please see Ellen Ash or Connie Bestgen.

Community Men's Bible Study
Crossroads Plaza-December 1st at 6:00a.m.

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.

"Messiah" Sing-Along

Sunday, December 3, 2023 ~ 3 p.m.

California High School ~ Performing Arts Center

Dress Rehearsal today at Performing Arts Center 4:30 pm

ANGEL TREE

Thanks to all who took Angels. As a reminder, gifts need to be returned to the UCC church **On or before December 10th**

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.

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 2nd**. If you would like to help sort toys or distribute them, please let Dyan or Kris Ingram know by **December 2nd** as well.

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.

Teaching Opportunity

Sunday School is looking for a co-teacher to teach our 1st-2nd grade class. This class is taught by two teachers throughout the year. This class is a hands-on curriculum learning about the Bible stories. If you have any questions, please see Beth Chambers or Carla Clennin.

Chicken & Noodle/Chili Fundraiser at the First Christian Church immediately following the Christmas Parade,
Saturday, December 2.

Free will donation and carry outs available.

A **Nursery** is available just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Hadley Milligan today**. 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. **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.

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 _____

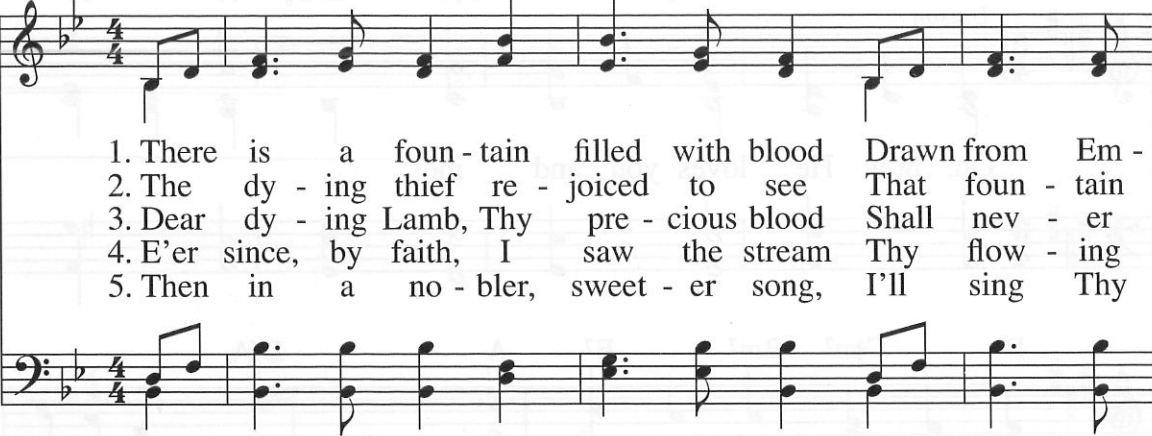
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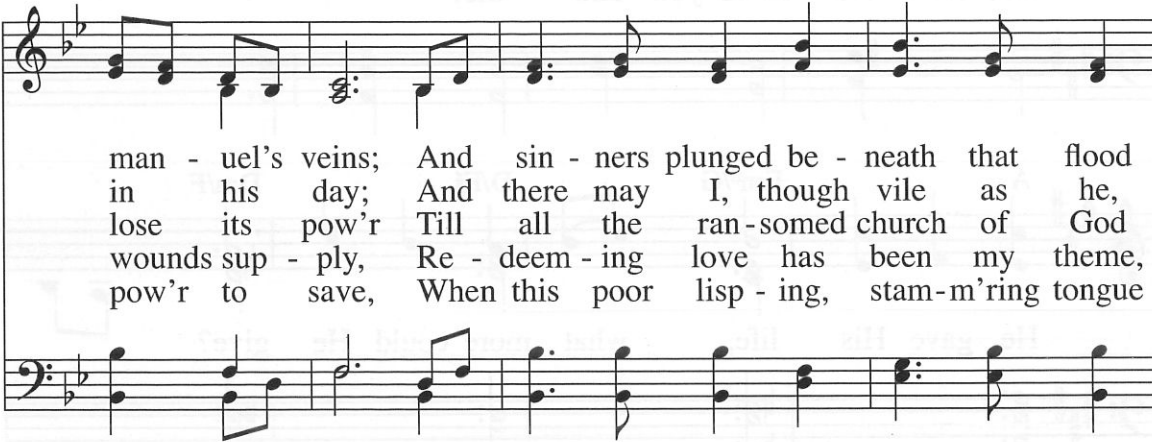
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*Please have this information to the church office, along with a check for \$14.00 made payable to the U.C.C. of California, by **Monday, December 4th.***

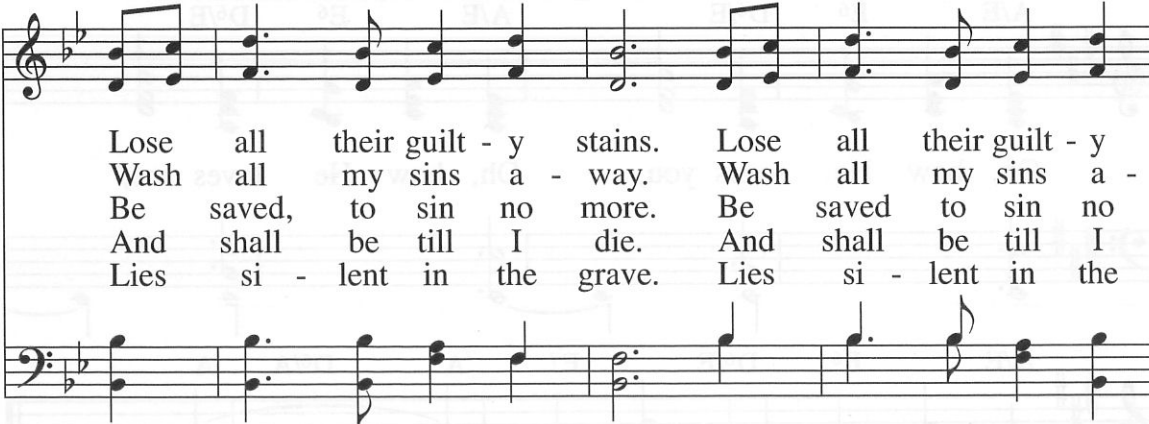
There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood Drawn from Em -
2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That foun - tain
3. Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood Shall nev - er
4. E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow - ing
5. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song, I'll sing Thy



man - uel's veins; And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood
in his day; And there may I, though vile as he,
lose its pow'r Till all the ran - somed church of God
wounds sup - ply, Re - deem - ing love has been my theme,
pow'r to save, When this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue



Lose all their guilt - y stains. Lose all their guilt - y
Wash all my sins a - way. Wash all my sins a -
Be saved, to sin no more. Be saved to sin no
And shall be till I die. And shall be till I
Lies si - lent in the grave. Lies si - lent in the

stains, Lose all their guilt - y stains; And sin - ners
 way, Wash all my sins a - way; And there may
 more, Be saved, to sin no more; Till all the
 die, And shall be till I die; Re - deem - ing
 grave, Lies si - lent in the grave; When this poor

plunged be - neath that flood Lose all their guilt - y stains.
 I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins a - way.
 ran - somed church of God Be saved, to sin no more.
 love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.
 lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue Lies si - lent in the grave.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou has been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed—

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.

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When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

1. When the trum - pet of the Lord shall sound and
 2. On that bright and cloud - less morn - ing when the
 3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the

time shall be no more, And the morn - ing breaks e -
 dead in Christ shall rise And the glo - ry of His
 dawn till set - ting sun, Let us talk of all His

ter - nal, bright and fair— When the saved of earth shall
 res - ur - rec - tion share— When His cho - sen ones shall
 won - drous love and care; Then when all of life is

gath - er o - ver on the oth - er shore, And the
 gath - er to their home be - yond the skies, And the
 o - ver and our work on earth is done, And the

roll is called up yon - der— I'll be there!
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 roll is called up yon - der— I'll be there!

When the roll is called up yon - der,

When the roll is called up yon - der I'll be there,

When the roll is called up yon - der, When the

When the roll is called up yon - der I'll be there,

roll is called up yon - der— When the

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roll is called up yon - der I'll be there!

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.
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