

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Lina Eddy **Guest Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**

September 1, 2024 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Meredith & Nora Wolford

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all our sins

And heals all our infirmities.

He satisfies you with good things,

And your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,

Slow to anger and of great kindness.

As a father cares for his children,

So does the LORD care for those who fear him.

*Hymn No. 27 "How Great Thou Art"

*Prayer of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; 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 “Count Your Blessings” p.281
(*Chorus only and one time*)

Children’s Time Holly Bieri

Special Music Jess Medlin

Prayer for Illumination Brad Friedrich

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-9 p.154

Second Lesson: Psalm 45:1-2,6-9 p. 489

Sermon **Back to the Basics**
Mark 7:1-8, 14-23 p. 874

Hymn No. 190 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Christians, what do you believe?

(Apostles’ Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty...**

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

Invitation to the Offering

*Response *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 327 *“There Is Power in the Blood”*

*Benediction

*Congregational Response –

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (p. 497) verse 1 & 4
*“Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
When we are called to part, It give us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.”*

*Postlude

Activities Calendar: September 1, 2024 ~ September 8, 2024

Sunday, September 1, 2024, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, September 2, 2024

Labor Day Holiday- church office closed

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

7:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers and Officers Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

6:00 p.m. – Wed. Night Meal

6:30 p.m. - Confirmation, R.O.K./God’s Singers, Bell Choir

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

Saturday, September 7, 2024

9:30 a.m. – VeggieTale Movie & Carnival

Sunday, September 8, 2024, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead.....

September 9th- Consistory 6:00 p.m.

September 15th – Youth Sunday

September 18th – Women’s Guild 1:00 p.m.

September 23rd- Brotherhood 7:00 p.m.

GriefShare 6:30 p.m.

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.

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of September, Green Beans** is the food item requested, but any canned vegetable will be appreciated at this time. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

Rev. Cobb: rev.cobb@calmo-ucc.org; 573-489-7891 (cell phone)

Church office 573-796-4885 / Website: www.calmo-ucc.org

rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht

Jo Suggs Judy Kilmer Jaden Perry (*Janice Anderson's grandson*)

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late 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, Great Lakes Naval Base, North Chicago, IL*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey,*

Damion Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)

Blake Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Basic Training, Ft. Still, OK)

Wednesday Evening Meal, Sept. 4 - 6:00 p.m.

**Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable and
Hot Rolls**

Wednesday Evening Meal Reservations

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen for donating desserts & helping in the kitchen with clean up, drying dishes & wiping tables down.

Your help will be much appreciated!

Sign Up for Wednesday Evening Meals

Sign up on the clip board at the office window

or at the back of the sanctuary.

Or by 4:00 Monday:

Call the church office (796-4885)

Email Rhonda: rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

VeggieTale Movie & Carnival

Saturday, September 7th ~ 9:30 to 11:30am

UCC Fellowship Hall-Movie – Dave & the Giant Pickle!

UCC Friendship Hall- Carnival Games, Tattoo Parlor, Photo Booth, Pinata's & Cupcake Walk

Closing Prayer

Please sign up for the Matinee Event so that there are enough snacks, and prizes for each child in attendance. Contact the Church office, or contact Ronda Mortenson by email rkmort60@gmail.com or call 573-694-3933.

Moniteau County 4-H is inviting you to

Honoring our Local Heroes

September 8, 2024

Latham Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m.



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

Sunday, September 8th

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.

Please join the Women's Guild in supporting the

Festival of Sharing

The Women's Guild invites you to put together one of the kits that are most needed in Missouri. Please deliver your kit to the church no later than **October 1, 2024.**

Monetary gifts are also appreciated.

Please indicate on check or envelope that your donation is for Festival of Sharing.

All will be delivered to the Sharefest Location on **October 12, 2024.**

We thank you for prayerfully considering to help our group!





Missouri Family Food Box
7,578 requested versus 1,352 shared in 2023

Estimated Pack Value | **\$26**

Instructions: Place items in a sturdy box (i.e. Girl Scout cookie boxes), tape and label "Missouri Family Food Box." Please purchase low sodium/low sugar when possible. Include no more than two food box packs per box due to weight.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pkgs. macaroni & cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pound pasta |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans tuna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar peanut butter | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans chicken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can pasta sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of oatmeal packets (10 count any flavor) | |



Missouri Personal Hygiene Pack
1,654 requested versus 1,408 shared in 2023

Estimated Pack Value | **\$30**

Instructions: Tighten lids and place all items in a large zipper storage bag (2-2.5 gallon). Place completed packs in boxes labeled with "Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs" and the quantity on the exterior.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 hand towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush (in original package) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 deodorant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle of body wash (15-22 oz.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 razors (disposable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 comb (large) OR brush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 washcloth | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle travel skin lotion (1-3 oz.) |

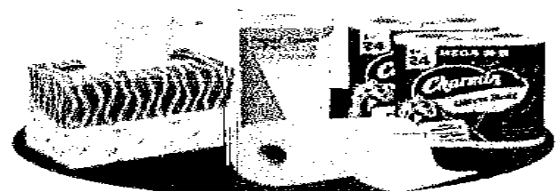


Missouri Paper Product Pack
4,659 requested versus 1,119 shared in 2023

Estimated Pack Value | **\$21**

Instructions: Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. Label the trash bag "Missouri Paper Products Pack."

- 2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)
- 2 rolls paper towels (good quality)
- 12 double/mega rolls of toilet paper as 3 packages of 4 or 2 packages of 6 (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)



Grief Share Class

A Grief Share class will begin Monday, September 23, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., here at the Church. For more information, contact Jo Ann Cantriel at 573-690-6869 or joanncan@yahoo.com

Sunday School is looking for a director and/or co-director for this year's Sunday School Christmas Eve Program. Our Christmas Eve program will be in the Sanctuary with a smaller skit/play (less memorization), more singing and adult participation along with our children. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Clennin at 573-694-0257 or ckclennnc@yahoo.com.

Security System Access



Press Call Button
for Service ↑
Or Swipe your Fob
to get in. →



To access the bottom doors when locked, you will find the call button and key fob pad outside on the pole next to the mailbox. If you do not have a key fob, simply just press the call button and wait for the office to open the door. If you have a key fob, just simply swipe your fob in front of the black pad. You should hear a beep or see the light change to green, and the door will unlock. If you need to use the handicapped button, the door must be first unlocked either by the office or your key fob before pressing the handicapped button. Any member wanting a key fob issued, just let Rhonda know in the office. The doors are locked primarily on a daily basis other than scheduled events.

Notice: Cost increase for insurance premium

We have received the October 2024 premium request for property and liability coverage from our insurer, Church Mutual. This is for coverage from October 1, 2024 through October 1, 2025. While coverage for the buildings increased about 10%, the new annual premium increased 62% above our previous premium, or \$9,000 annually.

The consistory has already begun discussions with other potential insurance companies in hopes of lessening this increased cost. Unfortunately, our first discussion with an insurance broker was unable to find any carriers that would quote us insurance coverage. We have a second meeting with a different carrier on August 28 and are waiting to hear back from a third company as well.

At the January 2024 annual meeting, the consistory was granted authority to pay the next premium request as we expected it to exceed our current spending authority of \$15,000 for any single item. We did not anticipate such a large increase though.

While we don't have a solution at this time, we will continue to look for alternatives. We will have insurance coverage in place at our October 1, 2024 renewal even if we are forced to proceed with the current premium demand from Church Mutual. Any decisions on this matter will be provided to the congregation with discussion planned at the January 2025 annual meeting.

Consistory

How Great Thou Art



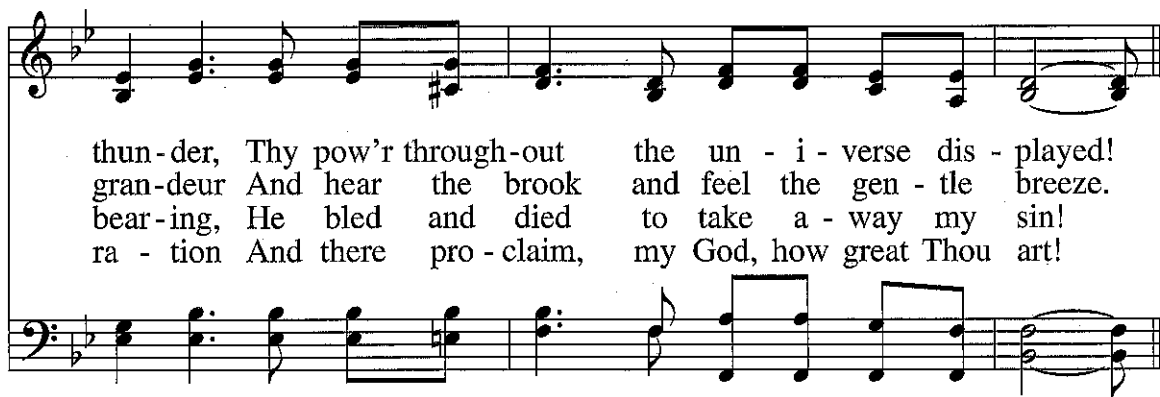
1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I
3. And when I think that God, His Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou
art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

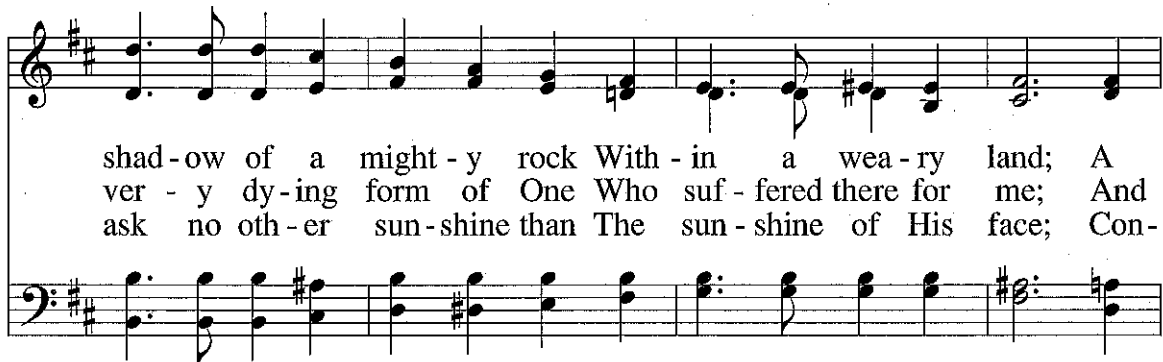
The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn "How Great Thou Art". Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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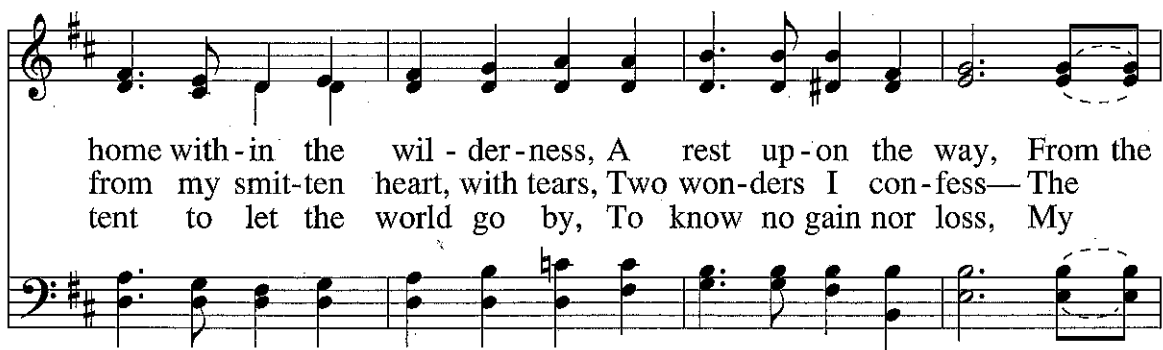
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1. Be-neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand, The
2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus My eyes at times can see The
3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place; I



shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land; A
ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - fered there for me; And
ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of His face; Con -



home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way, From the
from my smit - ten heart, with tears, Two won - ders I con - fess — The
tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss, My



burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And the bur - den of the day.
won - ders of His glo - rious love And my un - wor - thi - ness.
sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all the cross. A - men.

There Is Power in the Blood

1. Would you be free from the bur - den of sin? There's
2. Would you be free from your pas - sion and pride? There's
3. Would you be whit - er, yes bright - er than snow? There's
4. Would you do serv - ice for Je - sus, your King? There's

pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;

Would you o'er e - vil a vic - to - ry win? There's
Come for a cleans - ing to Cal - va - ry's tide— There's
Sin - stains are lost in its life - giv - ing flow— There's
Would you live dai - ly His prais - es to sing? There's

won - der - ful pow'r in the blood.

There is pow'r, pow'r, won-der-work-ing pow'r In the
there is pow'r,

blood of the Lamb; There is
In the blood of the Lamb; There is

pow'r, pow'r, won-der-work-ing pow'r In the
pow'r, there is pow'r,

pre-cious blood of the Lamb.

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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