



**United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri**  
**Rev. Russell Cobb** **Pastor**  
**Mrs. Beth Dampf** **Organist**  
**Mrs. Stacy Friedrich** **Sr. Choir Director**

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**September 8, 2024 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Rylan & Max Robertson

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,

**They shall mount up with wings like eagles,**

They shall run and not be weary,

**They shall walk and not faint.**

When the fears of life overtake us, we hear you calling,

**Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.**

When the waves of life surround us, we hear you calling,

**Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.**

Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where we are.

**For He is our hope and salvation**

\*Hymn No. 333 “Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It”

\*Prayer of the Day

**O God our defender, storms rage around and within us  
and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from  
despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear; and  
preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ our  
Savior and 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

Carla Clennin

Anthem “Anchored to the Rock”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Allan Mortenson

**Eternal God, help us to measure our time in faithful generosity, that your will be done, your kingdom come, for life everlasting, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Matthew 16:13-20 p. 850

*Second Lesson:* Matthew 28:16-20 p. 866

Sermon **Growth & Legacy: What’s Our Purpose?**

**Matthew 22:35-40 & Acts 2:40-47**

Hymn No. 538 “Rescue the Perishing”

*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. 59 *“Jesus, Name above All Names”*

\*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 8, 2024 ~ September 15, 2024**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

6:00 p.m. - Consistory

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

9:00 a.m.- Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, September 11, 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

**Sunday, September 15, 2024, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- YOUTH SUNDAY

*Looking ahead.....*

*September 18<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Guild 1:00 p.m.*

*September 23rd – Brotherhood 7:00 p.m.*

*GriefShare- 6:30 p.m.*

Moniteau County 4-H is inviting you to  
*Honoring our Local Heroes*  
**TODAY, September 8, 2024**  
Latham Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m.



**Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)**  
**Sunday, September 15th**

### **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

## **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

Central Church invites Brotherhood and spouses for dinner and fellowship on **Tuesday, October 1** at 6:00 p.m. **RSVP by September 24** the number that plan to come to 573-893-4912 or 573-635-1041.

Carl Ernst

*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. 11- 6:00 p.m.**

**Taco Salad**

**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](mailto:rhonda@calmo-ucc.org)

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)





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.

### **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.

### **Strength Training Program for Older Adults**

First Christian Church  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:00 to 10:00 AM

**Starts Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

\$50 for entire program

Contact instructor, Alex Freeburger, to sign up at 660-827-0591

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.

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**Church office 573-796-4885 / Website: [www.calmo-ucc.org](http://www.calmo-ucc.org)**

**[rhonda@calmo-ucc.org](mailto:rhonda@calmo-ucc.org)**

**Fabulous Fall Youth Fundraiser ~ Saturday, September 14, 2024**

**St. Paul's Lutheran's Martin Luther Room**

Italian Dinner (free –will donation) 5-7 pm

Country Craft Store/Bake Sale, 5-8 pm

BINGO with prizes (25 cent cards) 6-8 pm

Lasagna, salad, bread and desserts (to-go available)

Hosted by St. Paul's Youth Group and Evening Guild

**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

# Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It

*Unison*

1. Re - deemed, how I love to pro - claim it! Re -  
2. Re - deemed and so hap - py in Je - sus, No  
3. I think of my bless - ed Re - deem - er, I

deemed by the blood of the Lamb; Re-deemed through His  
lan - guage my rap - ture can tell; I know that the  
think of Him all the day long; I sing, for I

in - fi - nite mer - cy, His child, and for - ev - er, I  
light of His pres - ence With me doth con - tin - ual - ly  
can - not be si - lent; His love is the theme of my

am.  
dwell. Re - deemed, re - deemed, Re -  
song.

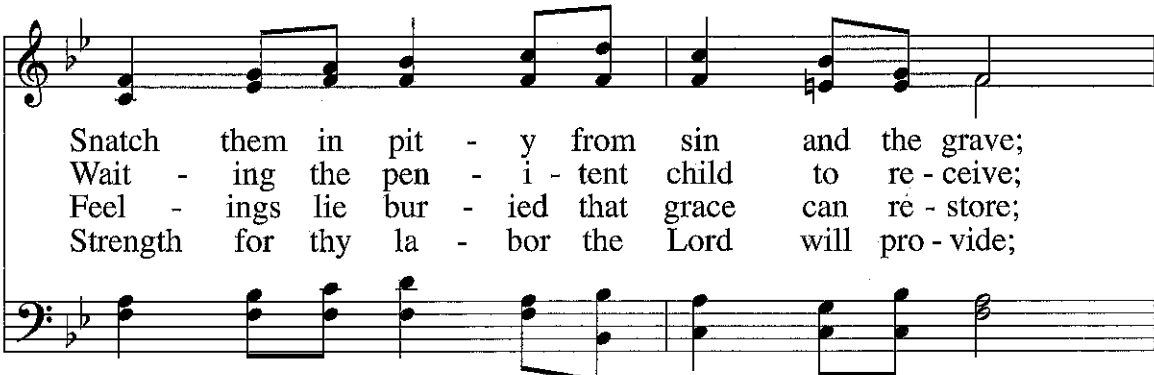
deemed by the blood of the Lamb; Re-deemed through His

in - fi - nite mer - cy, His child, and for - ev - er, I am.

# Rescue the Perishing



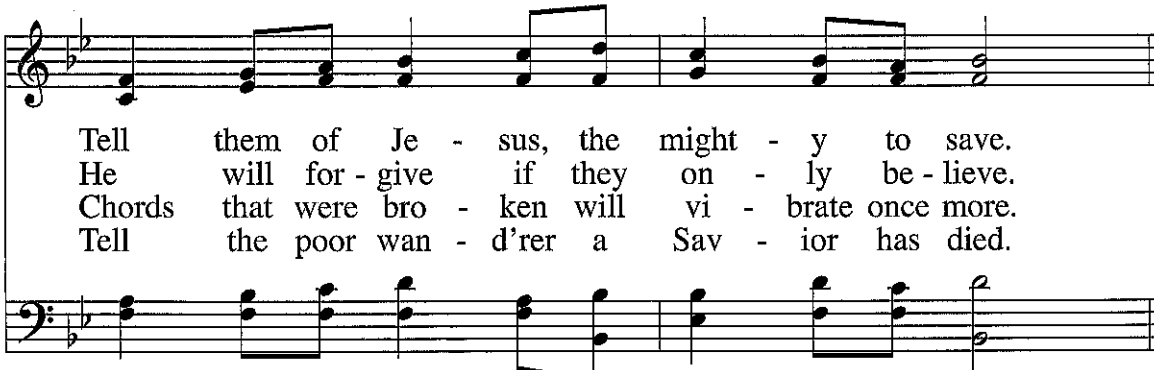
1. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, care for the dy - ing,  
2. Though they are slight - ing Him, still He is wait - ing,  
3. Down in the hu - man heart, crushed by the tempt - er,  
4. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, du - ty de - mands it;



Snatch them in pit - y from sin and the grave;  
Wait - ing the pen - i - tent child to re - ceive;  
Feel - ings lie bur - ied that grace can re - store;  
Strength for thy la - bor the Lord will pro - vide;



Weep o'er the err - ing one, lift up the fall - en,  
Plead with them ear - nest - ly, plead with them gen - tly;  
Touched by a lov - ing heart, wak - ened by kind - ness,  
Back to the nar - row way pa - tient - ly win them;



Tell them of Je - sus, the might - y to save.  
He will for - give if they on - ly be - lieve.  
Chords that were bro - ken will vi - brate once more.  
Tell the poor wan - d'rer a Sav - ior has died.

Res - cue the per - ish - ing, care for the dy - ing;

Je - sus is mer - ci - ful, Je - sus will save.

# Jesus, Name above All Names

*Unison*

1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful  
2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the  
3. Je - sus, Way of sal - va - tion, King of

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -  
branch - es, Son of God, 7  
kings, Lord of lords, the

man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re -  
Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful coun - s'lor, Lord of the  
way, the truth, and the Life, might - y cre -

deem - er, liv - ing Word.  
u - ni - verse, Light of the world.  
a - tor, my Sav - ior and friend.

## 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.**