

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Becky Schneider **Bell Choir Director**

September 15, 2024 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Youth Sunday

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Sophie Miller & Georjie Peck

Welcome and Announcements

Brooks Nichols

*Call to Worship

Emma Kissick

For you, O Lord, are my hope,

My trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

I will hope continually,

and will praise you yet more and more.

**My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all day long.**

I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD,

I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

**O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

So even to old age and gray hairs,

O God, do not forsake me.

All: I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.

*Hymn No. 165

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

Bella Fulks

*Prayer of the Day

Jess Medlin

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

Hunter Hall

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

Ginnie Medlin

Anthem “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Kalyn Carlock

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: Matthew 13:1-8

Cody Schneider

Second Lesson: Matthew 13:9-16

Caleb Howard

Third Lesson: Matthew 13:17-23

Hunter Hall

Sermon

Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1-23

**Bennett Gatlin, Hayden Kilmer, Colin Kruger,
Brooks Volkart, and Kya Peck**

- Hymn No. 322 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” **Hadley Milligan**
Christians, what do you believe? **Chase Trimble**
(Apostles’ Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty...**
- The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*) **Adler Koestner**
- Invitation to the Offering **Heston Gatlin**
*Response “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn No. 166 “Jesus Loves the Little Children” **Caleb Howard**
- Camp Update: **Hazel & Meredith Wolford,**
Brenyn & Rylan Robertson
- *Benediction **Kaden Ingram**
- *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

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Activities Calendar: September 15, 2024 ~ September 22, 2024

Sunday, September 15, 2024, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-YOUTH SUNDAY

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

9:00 a.m.- Prayer Cell

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

1:00 p.m. - Women's Guild

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 22, 2024, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead.....

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

GriefShare- 6:30 p.m.

October Tidings News Due by Friday, September 20th

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.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Confirmands:

Conner Brockes, Jaelea Hall, Carson Kruger, Jess Medlin, Ava Motley, Brenyn Robertson, Rylan Robertson and Hazel Wolford

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. 18 - 6:00 p.m.

BBQ Meatballs, Hashbrown Casserole, Vegetable,
Fruit 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



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

Today, September 15th

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. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

Diaper Raffle Sept. 3rd - 30th

Commerce Bank-California

Donate disposable diapers, pull-ups & wipes to enter the raffle.

Drawing will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1st.

Donations go to restock The Well CaliMO

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 23rd** 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

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

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

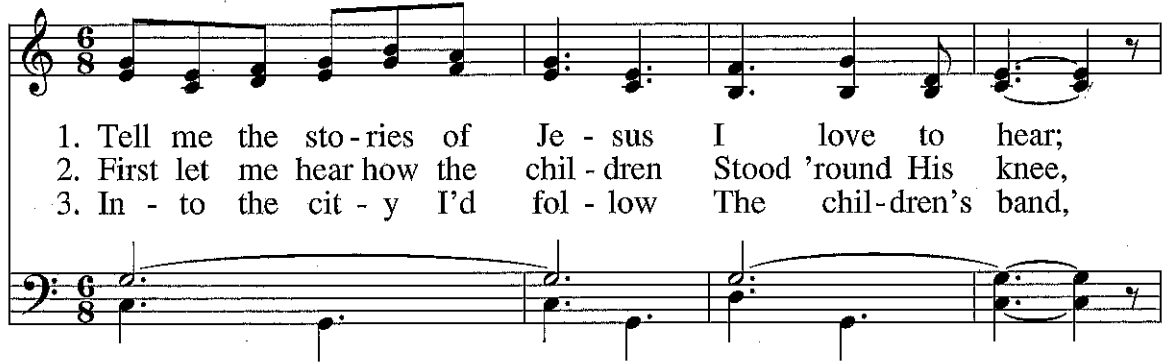
Starts Tuesday, October 1, 2024

\$50 for entire program

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

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 ckclennc@yahoo.com.

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus



1. Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus I love to hear;
2. First let me hear how the chil - dren Stood 'round His knee,
3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low The chil-dren's band,



Things I would ask Him to tell me If He were here:
And I shall fan - cy His bless - ing Rest - ing on me;
Wav - ing a branch of the palm tree High in my hand;



Scenes by the way - side, Tales of the sea,
Words full of kind - ness, Deeds full of grace,
One of His her - alds, Yes, I would sing



Sto - ries of Je - sus, Tell them to me.
All in the love - light Of Je - sus' face.
Loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

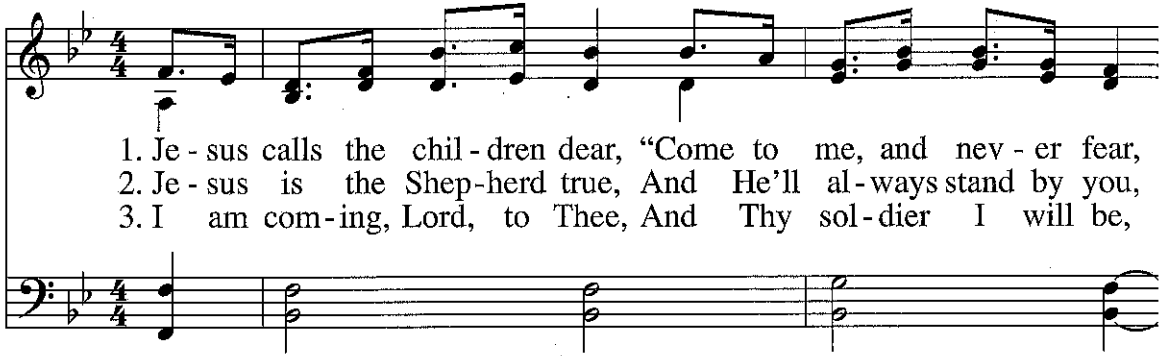
1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus—
Though no one join me, still I will fol - low—
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me—

No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!
no turn - ing back,

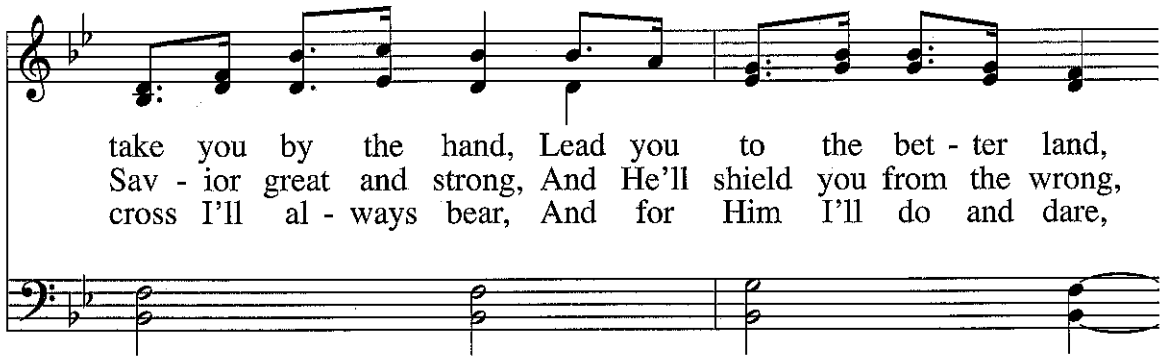
Jesus Loves the Little Children



1. Je - sus calls the chil - dren dear, "Come to me, and nev - er fear,
2. Je - sus is the Shep - herd true, And He'll al - ways stand by you,
3. I am com - ing, Lord, to Thee, And Thy sol - dier I will be,



For I love the lit - tle chil - dren of the world; I will
For He loves the lit - tle chil - dren of the world; He's a
For He loves the lit - tle chil - dren of the world; And His



take you by the hand, Lead you to the bet - ter land,
Sav - ior great and strong, And He'll shield you from the wrong,
cross I'll al - ways bear, And for Him I'll do and dare,



For I love the lit - tle chil - dren of the world."
For He loves the lit - tle chil - dren of the world.
For He loves the lit - tle chil - dren of the world.

Refrain

Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren,

all the chil - dren of the world, All the

chil - dren of the earth, they are pre - cious from their birth, Je - sus

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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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