

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb Pastor
Mrs. Ellen Ash Pianist
Mrs. Connie Bestgen God's Singers Director

October 27, 2024
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude “Lord, I Need You/I Need Thee Every Hour”

Lighting of the Candles Sophie & Bruce Miller

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

From east and west, we come to be God's people.

From north and south, we come to be God's promise.

With friend and enemy, we come to have God's peace
inscribed on our hearts.

In confidence and in doubt, we come.

We come to be forgiven and remade.

*Hymn No. 57 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*Prayer of the Day

God of peace, you taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise – “Gloria Patri”

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children “Count Your Blessings” p. 281
(*Chorus only and one time*)

Children’s Time Holly Bieri

Anthem **“Hallelujah!”** God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination Carla Clennin

**Guiding Spirit, open our ears that we may hear your word
in these Holy Scriptures, open our eyes to your Presence
among us, and open our hearts that we may live your
truth in our lives. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 142 p. 543

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:3-12 p. 1026

Sermon **Unsung Heroes: Nehemiah – A Life of Prayer**
Nehemiah 1:4-11

Hymn No. 413 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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. 205 *“In the Garden”*

*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

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.

Wednesday Evening Meal, Wed. Oct. 30th - 6 p.m.

Lasagna, Vegetable, Salad and Bread

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

Upcoming Events for High School Youth

Sunday, October 27th: Pumpkin carving at the Ingram's starting at 4pm

Friday, November 29th: Tipton Christmas Parade (we need our elves and/or reindeer)

Sunday, December 1st: Friendsgiving Potluck, Gingerbread House Decorating Competition, and "White Elephant" Gift Exchange at the Ingram's starting at 4pm

Saturday, December 7th: California Christmas Parade (we need our elves and/or reindeer)

Sunday, December 8th: Toys for Tots toy sorting at Sweet Chipotle starting at Noon

Saturday, December 14th: Toys for Tots toy distribution starting at 8am at Sweet Chipotle

Congratulations to our Sunday School 3RD Quarter Perfect Attendance

Judy Burger, Sue Cashion, Carla Clennin, Cressida Gattermeir, Dave Gattermeir,
Dyan Ingram, Harvey Kilmer, Judy Kilmer, Bob Kueffer, Peggy Liebi,
Lola McCarty, and Elaine Proctor

Please join us for **Sunday School** – will your name be added for 4th
quarter (October - December)

Sunday School with one absentee for 3RD Quarter

Adult classes: Jay Bestgen, Mary Burger, Courtney Cassil, Carmen Ferris,
Kent Howard, Kris Ingram, and Phyllis Miller

Student classes: Caleb Howard

Activities Calendar: October 27, 2024 ~ November 3, 2024

Sunday, October 27, 2024, Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

4:00 p.m. – High School Youth at Ingram's~Pumpkin carving

Monday, October 28, 2024

6:30 p.m. - GriefShare

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – ROK/God Singers, Confirmation, No Bells

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

Friday, November 1, 2024

6:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study at the Crossroads

Sunday, November 3, 2024, Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- All Saints Sunday-Communion

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Looking ahead.....

November 4- GriefShare/Sunday School Teachers and Officers Meeting

November 11 - GriefShare/Consistory

November 17 - Family Night sponsored by Brotherhood

November 18 - GriefShare

November 20 - Women's Guild

November 24 – Totenfest Sunday

November 25 – GriefShare Holiday session / Brotherhood

In **honor of Veteran's Day**, the Historical Committee would like to display pictures of all our Veterans in the cabinet by the Church office. If you would like to have a picture displayed, please drop it off at the Church office by November 4th. Pictures will then be available for pick-up after December 3rd.

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of October, Peanut Butter** 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.

GRIEF SHARE – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and for many this is the first holiday after the loss of a loved one or it might be the second, third or more. During this season you may be facing some tough emotions during family events, social parties, yearly traditions and these can blindsides you. You can lessen these by knowing what to expect and being prepared. Join us for “Surviving the Holiday’s” on **November 25 at 6:30 pm**. Please let JoAnn Cantriel know you will be joining or contact the church office. This will allow us to have enough survival guides on hand.

“Messiah Sing-Along”

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 4 p.m.

at the Performing Arts Center

Practices here at the Church – Sundays 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in November

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Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Dennis Fischer & Larry Wunderlich

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*)

Mark your Calendars!

Annual Meeting ~ January 26, 2025

The Consistory is making plans for the next annual meeting. The meeting will be held downstairs in the Friendship Hall in conjunction with the lunch. There are several agenda items that need to be discussed. Please make plans to attend.

TEACHING YOUR CHILD
HOW TO PRAY



PRAYER PROMPTS



I'M SO THANKFUL THAT YOU
GAVE ME _____.

I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU
HELPED ME WITH _____.

I LOVE YOU, GOD BECAUSE
_____.

PLEASE HELP ME TOMORROW
AS I _____.

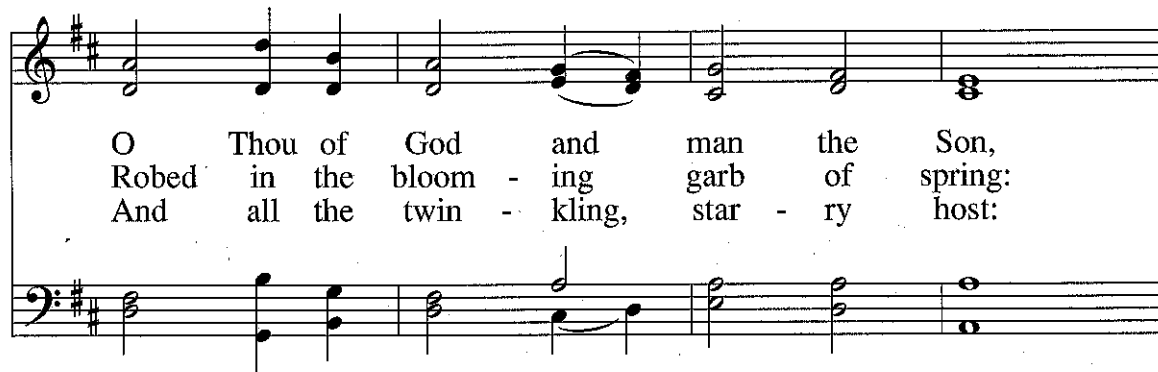
PLEASE WATCH OVER
(PERSON) _____.

*In Your Name We Pray,
Amen*


Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,



O Thou of God and man the Son,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
And all the twin - kling, star - ry host:

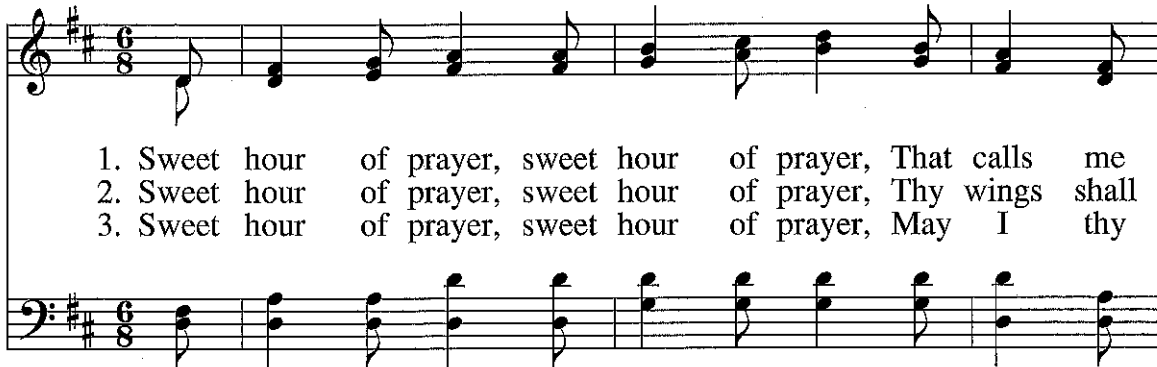


Thee will I cher - ish, Thee will I hon - or, Thou,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, Who
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er, Than

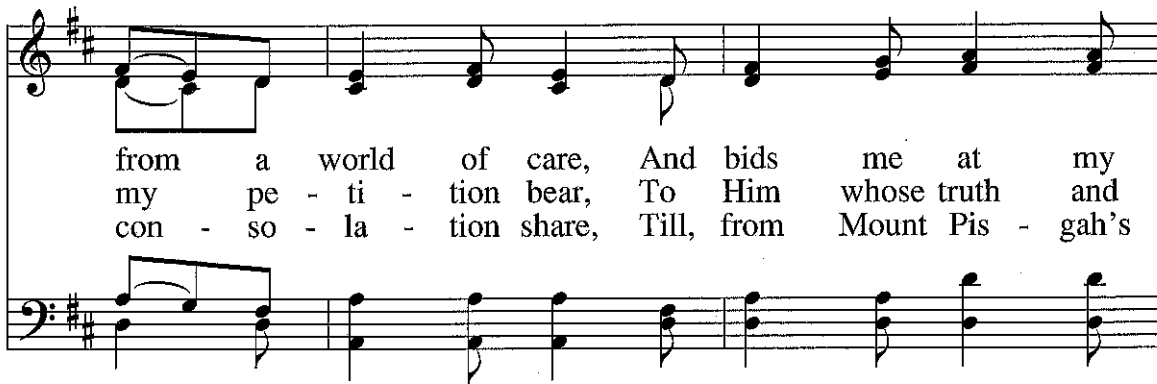


my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
all the an - gels heav'n can boast. A - men.

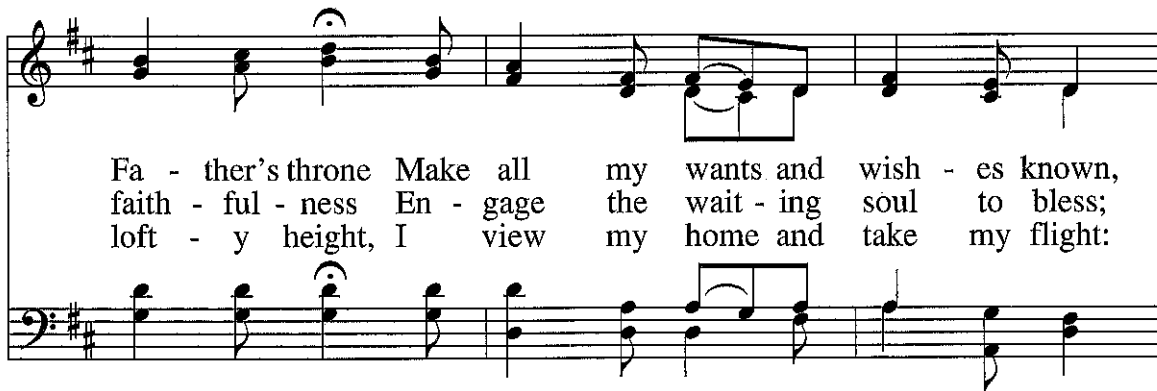
Sweet Hour of Prayer



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy



from a world of care, And bids me at my
my pe - ti - tion bear, To Him whose truth and
con - so - la - tion share, Till, from Mount Pis - gah's



Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known,
faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
loft - y height, I view my home and take my flight:

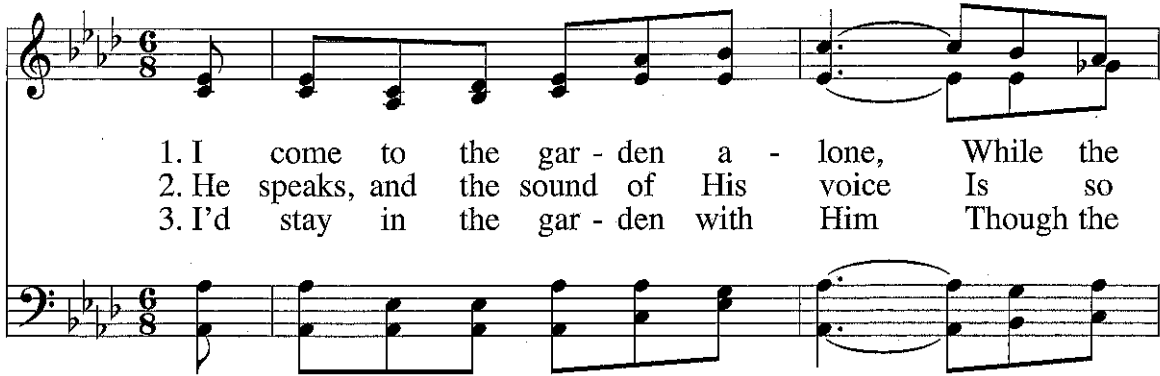


In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has of - ten
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word and
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er -


found re - lief, And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By
 trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And
 last - ing prize; And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare-

thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
 wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
 well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!" A - - men.

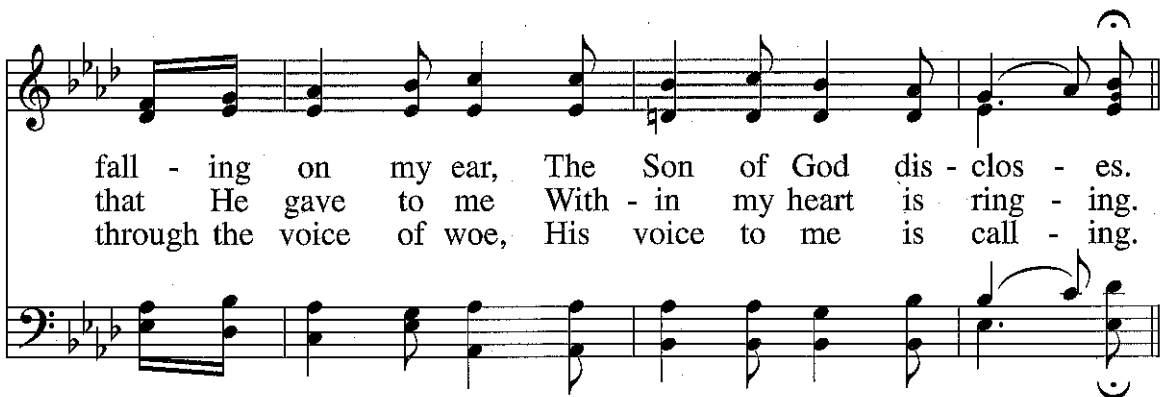
In the Garden



1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the



dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear,
sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy
night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go—



fall - ing on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
that He gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
through the voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.



And He walks with me, and He talks with me,

And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share

as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

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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