

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

**November 24 2024 ~ Reign of Christ
Commemoration Sunday (Totenfest)**

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Georjie Peck & Brynna Hall

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. 243 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

*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 “Count your Blessings” p. 281

(Chorus only and one time)

Children’s Time

Puppets

Anthem

“Give Thanks”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Judy 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: II Samuel 24:18-25 p. 288

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:11-16 p. 1053

Sermon **Church Words: Sacrifice**

Romans 12:1

Hymn No. 191 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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.

Harley Blaine McDaniel

89 years, 10 months, 22 days

Nelson Bochar

82 years, 3 months, 8 days

Richard A. Schroeder

92 years, 1 month, 26 days

Carol Sue Wolfrum

65 years, 7 months, 10 days

Jerry Lee Coale

87 years, 1 month, 17 days

Robert Taylor Barbour

80 years, 4 months, 2 days

Dorothy Liebi Sanders

60 years, 9 months, 2 days

Walter Ernst Wingate

70 years, 4 months, 27 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. 361 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*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: November 24, 2024 ~ December 1, 2024

Sunday, November 24, 2024 Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship - Totenfest

Monday, November 25, 2024

6:30 p.m. – Holiday GriefShare

7:00 p.m. – Brotherhood

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

All activities cancelled

Thursday, November 28, 2024 – Thanksgiving *Church office closed*

11:00 to 1:00 p.m. – CMA Thanksgiving Meal at Nutrition Center

Friday, November 29, 2024 – *Church Office closed*

Sunday, December 1, 2024, First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- Communion

Looking ahead.....Dec. 2nd-GriefShare 6:30 p.m./

Sunday School T&O meeting 7:00p.m.

Dec. 6th – Men’s Bible Study at the Crossroads 6:00 a.m.

Dec. 9th – Consistory 6:00p.m. / Griefshare 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15th - Cantata- Worship services 10:30 a.m. /
Christmas program at Salem 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 16th – GriefShare 6:30 p.m. / Brotherhood Caroling
Dec. 18th – Women’s Guild 12:00pm
Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Program 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 25th - Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God’s World

Family and Friends of Amanda Farris & Dorothy Cook

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 – Nov. 27, 6:00 p.m.

NO MEAL THIS WEEK

Please join us for
LeEtta Dampf's 90th Birthday Celebration
TODAY, Sunday, November 24

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

UCC Fellowship Hall

No gifts please!

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of this joyous occasion!



Please Join Us To Celebrate

*Thanksgiving
Prayer Service*

Snacks & Refreshments served in Church Hall
after the service.

Sponsored by: California Ministerial Alliance

Date	Time
11.24.2024	7:00pm

Annunciation Catholic Church
310 South Mill Street
California, MO 65018



Christmas Eve program "Just a Little Christmas" practice will start Wednesday, December 4 following God's Singers practice. Practice will be 6:30-7:30 on *Wednesday December 11 and 18*. Dress rehearsal will be during Sunday School on *December 22*. Questions please contact Carla Clennin at 573-694-0257 or ckclennc@yahoo.com

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

Giving Tree

The Sunday School is sponsoring this year's Giving Tree on **Sunday, December 1** 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, coats, etc. and they can be placed under the Christmas tree on the stage in the Friendship Hall during the opening. Items will be received through Wednesday, December 4th. These donations are distributed to local elementary students on an as-needed basis 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.

Chicken & Noodle/Chili Fundraiser at the First Christian Church immediately following the Christmas Parade,
Saturday, December 7th.

Free will donation and carry outs available.

"Messiah" Sing-Along
Sunday, December 8, 2024 ~ 4 p.m.
California High School ~ Performing Arts Center

Seeking a Nursery Attendant-

Reagan Cain has decided to resign her position as our Church Nursery Attendant as of the end of the year. The Consistory will be taking applications for a Nursery Attendant that will begin employment on January 5, 2025. Hours are from 9:15 am to 11:30/Noon @ \$40 every Sunday. Applications and job description can be picked up in the church office.

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of November, Cereal** is the food item requested. They have plenty of canned goods at this time. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, the Ministerial Alliance will sponsor Thanksgiving meal from 11:00-1:00 at the California Nutrition Center. If you have a neighbor or family member that would like a delicious Thanksgiving meal, please invite them to partake. If you would like to help serve, they are needing volunteers from 10:00-1:00 p.m.

Media Night for Winter Sports

**(Wrestling, Dance, Cheer, Boys and Girls Basketball)
Tonight, 4 to 6pm at the High School Gym and Commons
Games, Prizes, Photos, Riley the Pinto and Silent Auction
Come get your picture taken with your favorite PINTO!**

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. **Please come to support the youth and help us make decisions about our Church. In addition to the Annual Report, we plan to discuss:**

- Insurance Changes**
- Where we spent your money in 2024**
- Possible capital improvements we have narrowed down that we want your comments on.**

Missouri On a Mission! ***Operation Save The Smokies***

Our mission is to gather essential supplies for our fellow Americans in need. Hurricane Helene devastated West North Carolina. Join us in gathering much needed supplies. See the needs list on the bulletin board downstairs. We also accept monetary donations. Checks should be made payable to "Operation Save the Smokies." 100% of all funds collected go toward the organization to purchase supplies. For questions or additional information please call or text Tara Farmer at 573-821-1484.

A **Nursery** is available 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.

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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rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Orders due by tomorrow, November 25th

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 \$15.00 each. Please provide the following information.

By (Name) _____

Phone _____

In Memory of _____

or

In Honor of _____

*Please have this information to the church office, along with a check for \$15.00 made payable to the U.C.C. of California, by **Monday, November 25th.***

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 2. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
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 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And

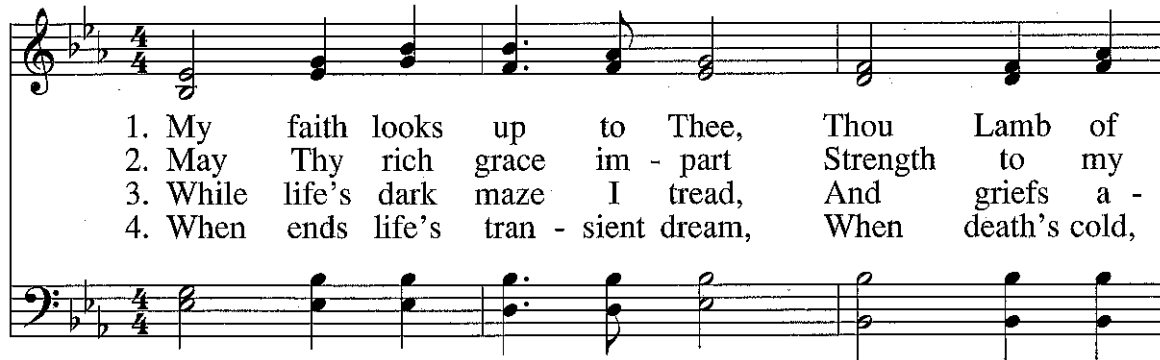
won-drous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To
 won-drous love is this, That caused the Lord of life To
 God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM, While
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, And

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 lay a - side His crown for my soul, for my
 mil - lions join the theme I will sing, I will
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written in the center, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul. soul, To lay a - side His crown for my soul. sing; While mil - lions join the theme I will sing. on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on." The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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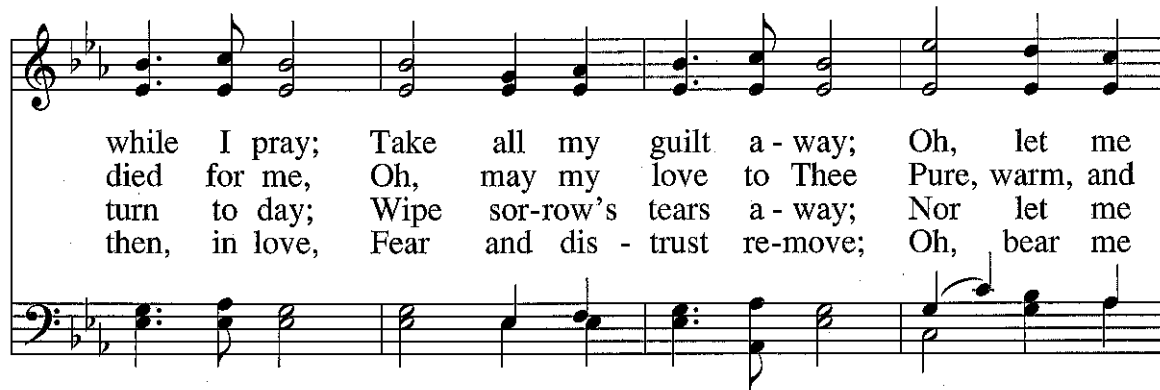
My Faith Looks Up to Thee



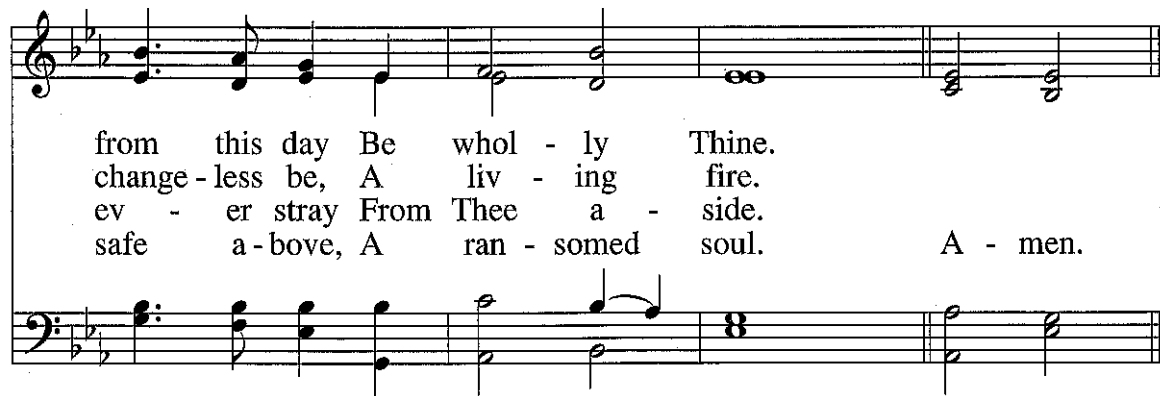
1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of
2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me
faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast
round me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness
sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way; Oh, let me
died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and
turn to day; Wipe sor - row's tears a - way; Nor let me
then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move; Oh, bear me



from this day Be whol - ly Thine.
change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul. A - men.

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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