United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Russell Cobb Mrs. Beth Dampf

Pastor Organist

August 31, 2025 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*All those who are able, please stand.

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Nora Wolford & Brynna Hall

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

I will praise the Lord at all times.

I will constantly speak His praises.

I will boast only in the Lord.

Let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness.

And, let us exalt His name together!

*Hymn No. 206 "He Lives"

*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, increase our faith as we gather as your people. Grace us this hour with your abounding love, joy, peace and strength so that we may we stand up and stand fast in our faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise - "Gloria Patri" (printed on laminated card in hymnal)

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children "Deep and Wide"

Deep and wide, Deep and Wide

There's a fountain flowing deep and wide;

Deep and wide, Deep and wide

There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

Children's Time Puppets

Special Music Beth Dampf

Prayer for Illumination

Toni Kueffer

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Luke 14:25-33 p. 887 Second Lesson: I Corinthians 9:22-27 p. 996

Sermon Bearing the Fruit of God's Spirt: Self-Control Galatians 5:22-25

Hymn No. 368 "Trust & Obey"

Christians, what do you believe?

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

(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

*Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (printed on laminated card in hymnal)

- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn No. 445 "Make Me a Servant"
- *Benediction

*Congregational Response - "Here I Am, Lord"

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night,

I will go, Lord, if You lead me,

I will hold Your people in my heart.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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A **Nursery** is available just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Kya Peck.** 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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Activities: August 31, 2025 – September 7, 2025

Sunday, August 31, 2025:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m..... Worship

<u> Monday, September 1, 2025: Labor Day – Offices Closed</u>

Tuesday, September 2, 2025:

9:00 a.m. Prayer Cell

6:00 p.m.... Playschool Open House

6:30 p.m....Sunday School Teacher and Officer Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2025:

6:00 p.m.....Wednesday Night Meal

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

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

Thursday, September 4, 2025:

8:00 a.m. Playschool starts

Sunday, September 7, 2025:

9:30 a.m... Sunday School

10:30 a.m.... Worship - Communion

Looking ahead -

Sept. 8 - Consistory meeting - 6 pm

Sept. 13th - VeggieTales - 9:30 am

Sept. 14th – Evangelism Committee Meeting following worship

Sept. 17th - Women's Guild – 1pm

Sept. 19th - Chalk the Walk 6:30 pm

Sept. 20th - Ham and Turkey Festival

Sept. 22nd - Brotherhood

Wednesday Evening Meal, Sept. 3 - 6:00 p.m.

Smoked Pork Loin, Red Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and 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

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Charles Velazquez (Dolores Burger's brother-in-law), Diane (Henry) Jobe, Michael and Tammy Rex, Becky Zuidervaart, Bill Schacht, Jenine Baker, Alan Chambers, Courtney Cassil, 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 (spouse- Jasmine Ash and son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, Great Lakes Naval Base, North Chicago, IL)

Derek Meyer (grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Italy)

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

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

Sound Booth

The Consistory is still searching for Sound Booth help. Please reach out to any Consistory Member to get the details on how you can help out! It is easier than you think!

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the month of August, Dry Beans is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer at the California UCC to place your food items.

Today, Sunday, August 31st is Kya's last Sunday as Nursery Attendant.

We wish her well in her future endeavors. The Consistory is still taking applications for a Nursery Attendant. 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.

Attention Middle School Youth and Parents

Please join us for a short organizational meeting **TODAY**, Sunday, August 31st immediately following church downstairs in the Friendship Hall. This group will include grades 5th to 8th grade. We plan to meet Sunday, September 14th at 3pm and October 26th. Parents watch your emails for details. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Kilmer, or Connie Bestgen. Hope to see you there!

Fellowship Hall

We have completed improvements in the Fellowship Hall consisting of painting, wallcovering, new lights and window coverings. This would not be possible without the help of many volunteers. Check it out and enjoy the new look of the Fellowship Hall!

The Consistory

Moniteau 4-H Honoring Our Local Heroes Sunday, September 7 Latham Memorial Park 1:00 p.m.

Please join us as we honor those who have given so much! Veterans, Military, Emergency Service Personnel, Healthcare Workers, Law Enforcement



Chalk the Walk Friday, September 19 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

All are welcome to join this outdoor event to create colorful, chalk creations on the sidewalk in front of our Church property. Share messages or pictures of inspiration and beauty with visitors who'll attend the Ham & Turkey Festival.

You're welcome to bring your personal chalk. Some chalk will be provided.

Ham & Turkey Festival Parade Saturday, September 20

Join the fun to ride or walk in the parade - greeting and tossing candy to the community! Please watch updates on Facebook or via text for time and location to meet.



VeggieTales

Saturday, September 13th

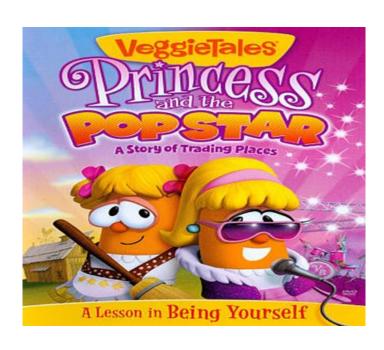
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
United Church of Christ
Come Join Us in the Fellowship Hall for
VeggieTales Movie Presentation
Princess & the PopStar

Please Pre-Register below so that we are sure to have enough snacks, and goodie bags for each child in attendance.

You may return the form to UCC Church office, or contact Ronda Mortenson by email rkmort60@gmail.com or call 573-694-3933

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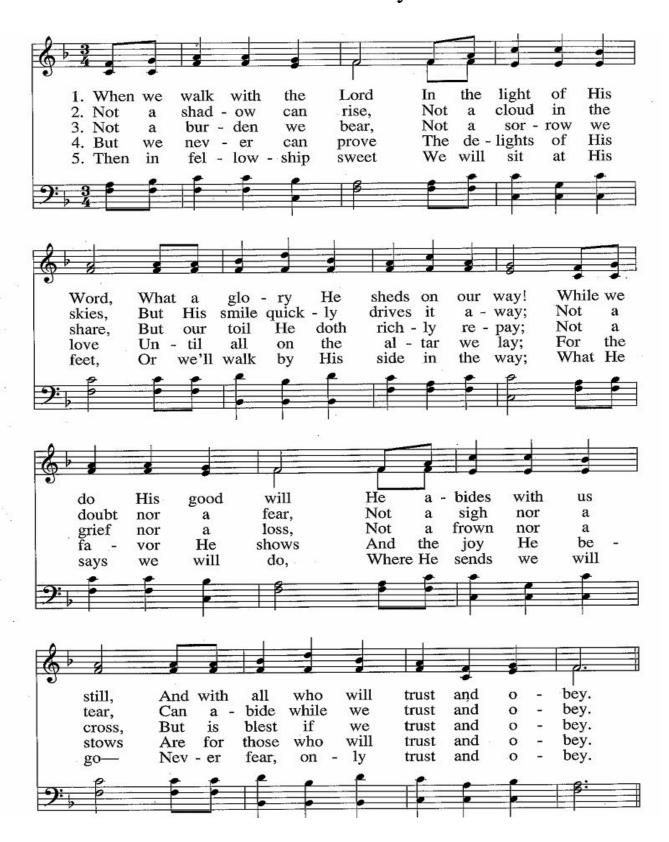
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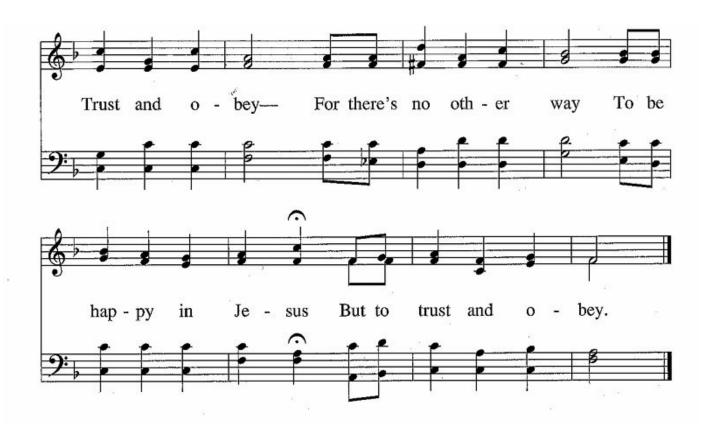






Trust and Obey





Make Me a Servant



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.

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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.

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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.

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Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.
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