United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Russell Cobb Mrs. Beth Dampf

Pastor Organist

August 3, 2025 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*All those who are able, please stand.

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Camden & Sutton Lawson

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

We are children of God, learning to walk

Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

*Hymn No. 281 "Count Your Blessings"

*Prayer

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Anny Roll

Special Music

David and Cressida Gattermeir

Prayer for Illumination

Carole Barbour

O God, may the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be pleasing in your sight, our Rock and Redeemer.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 145:13-21 p. 545

Second Lesson: Romans 2:1-8 p. 978

Sermon Bearing the Fruit of God's Spirit: Kindness Galatians 5:22-25

Hymn No. 354 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Any Christian who wishes to know the presence of Christ and share in the community of God's people is invited to receive the Sacrament.

The inner circle contains white wine. The outer circles contain red grape juice.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we pray together The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

(Please hold the elements until all have been served, so that we may all commune together.)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are members of his body. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the Body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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.

^{*}Hymn No. 445 "Make Me a Servant"

^{*}Benediction

*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.

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 to place your food items.

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) Sunday, August 10th

after children's time until the end of the worship service for **Grades K-3rd grade**. We will have a Bible story video, 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.

Activities: August 3, 2025 – August 10, 2025

Sunday, August 3, 2025:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

7:00 p.m.Worship at the Fairgrounds

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

9:00 a.m..... Prayer Cell

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

Sunday, August 10, 2025:

9:30 a.m.... Sunday School

10:30 a.m.... Worship – Sunday R.O.K.

Looking ahead ~

August 11th- Consistory Meeting

August 17th - Rally Sunday for Sunday School

August 20th - Women's Guild

First Day of School

Sr. Choir Practice starts

August 23rd - Salem Ice Cream Social

August 25th -Brotherhood

August 27th – Bell Choir Practice starts

Read the Bible on your phone. <u>YouVersion Bible</u> app. You can download this app for free at the app store.



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Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: David Reed

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

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)

Seeking a Nursery Attendant-

The Consistory will be 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.

NEED HELP WITH EXTRA CHORES?

High school youth are available to help anyone in the congregation to raise money for their future mission trip. They can mow lawns, pull weeds, plant flowers, anything to help. Just let Kris or Dyan Ingram know when, where, and what needs to be done and they will contact the high school youth and their families. Donations are appreciated.

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!

Senior Choir

Attention all singers! Practices for the Senior Choir will start on Wednesday, August 20th at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in being a part of a wonderful group of dedicated singers, please feel free to join us! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 573-291-1189. Hope to see you there!

Stacy Friedrich, California UCC Choir Director



Bell Choir

Bell practice will start <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>August 27th at 6:30pm</u>. New Bell members are always welcome!

Becky Schneider, Bell Choir Director

Painting, Drywall Repair & Wall Covering

Starting **Monday, August 4**th, we will be completing some painting in the Fellowship Hall, Old Classroom and Kitchen Area. In addition, we will be covering some paneling in the Fellowship Hall starting **August 11-14**th. Once this work is complete, we plan to replace the ceiling lights in the old kitchen. We will also make repairs to the four classrooms upstairs as a result of last winter's ice storm. This will consist of drywall repair and painting. The schedule for this work hasn't been set yet. If you have any questions, please see one of the Consistory members. Thank you for your patience as we clean up the Fellowship Hall which is commonly used for Playschool, R.O.K., VeggieTales, Bible School, Sunday School, Women's Guild and Brotherhood meetings as well as various other gatherings throughout the year.

Count Your Blessings









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.

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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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.