

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich **Sr. Choir Director**

September 14, 2025 ~ Fourteenth 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

Wait for the Lord;

Be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Wait for the Lord.

We wait for the Lord.

*Hymn No. 65 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

*Prayer of the Day

We praise you, O God, for you shower your grace upon us and have treated us with mercy. Now, in unity, we worship you. Open our hearts and our minds so that we might glorify you with our voices. 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

“Jesus Loves Me”

Children's Time

Anthem *“Yes, My Jesus Loves Me”*

Prayer for Illumination

Grant us the grace, O Lord, to trust you with all our hearts, and to listen for your word that can break through our stubbornness and help us hear your voice. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16 *p.744*

Second Lesson: John 10:11-18 *p. 933*

Sermon **Walking with the Shepherd**
 Psalm 23

Hymn No. 52 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

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. 59 “Jesus, Name above All Names”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response –“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” p. 497
(Verses 1 and 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. 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.

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) TODAY

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.

Middle School Youth Event – TODAY

The MS Youth Group will be having an activity on Sunday, September 14th. Please drop your MS youth off at the California City Pool at 3pm. Cost to swim is \$3. The youth will eat at the church at around 4:45 and will be ready to be picked up at the church at 5:30. Reach out to Connie Bestgen or Tammy Kilmer with questions.

Activities Calendar: September 14, 2025 ~ September 21, 2025

Sunday, September 14, 2025, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship - *Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)*
- Evangelism Committee Meeting following worship

3:00 p.m. - Middle School Youth Event

Tuesday, September 16th

9:00 a.m. - Prayer Cell

Wednesday, September 17th

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

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 practice

Friday, September 19th

6:30 p.m. - Chalk the Walk

Saturday, September 20th- Ham and Turkey Festival

9:30 a.m. - Ham and Turkey Parade

Sunday, September 21st, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Looking ahead ~

Sept. 22nd - Brotherhood

Sept. 28th - Youth Sunday

Wednesday Evening Meal, Sept. 17 - 6:00 p.m.

Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy and Cinnamon 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

Family and Friends of: Teresa Dunham Rich

Confirmands: Lena Bieri, Megan Carlock, Royce Everett, Logan Milligan and Meredith Wolford

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Charles Velazquez (Dolores Burger's brother-in-law), Diane (Henry) Jobe, Michael and Tammy Rex, Becky Zuidervaat,
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*)

Second Phase of Floor Cleaning

The upstairs bathrooms, choir room, and downstairs by the kitchen and bottom of both stairways are scheduled to be clean on **Thursday, September 18 and Friday, September 19th**. They should all be ready to walk on by Sunday morning, September 21st. We appreciate your patience as we continue to make some improvements.

The Consistory.

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of September, Cereal** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.



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.

The flower on the altar is in celebration of the birth of

Wells Warren Ratcliff, son of
Dylan and Taylor Ratcliff
born September 2, 2025

Congratulations!

Seeking Search Committee Members

As a result of Pastor Russ's decision to answer the call of Moniteau and St. Paul's Evangelical Churches, we are asking for volunteers to assist in the search for our next minister for California and Salem UCC.

We have a few individuals who have expressed interest thus far and would like to have a total of 6-8 members, with a couple alternates available through the process, which we expect to take between 6 months to one year.

Please contact Rhonda in the Church Office or a Consistory member if you are interested in the very important service for our Churches.

Please respond by Friday, September 19th.

The Consistory

Rev. Cobb: rev.cobb@calmo-ucc.org; 573-489-7891 (cell phone)

Church office 573-796-4885 / Website: www.calmo-ucc.org

rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

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, 2025. 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 18, 2025.**

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**

4,454 requested versus 1,665 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

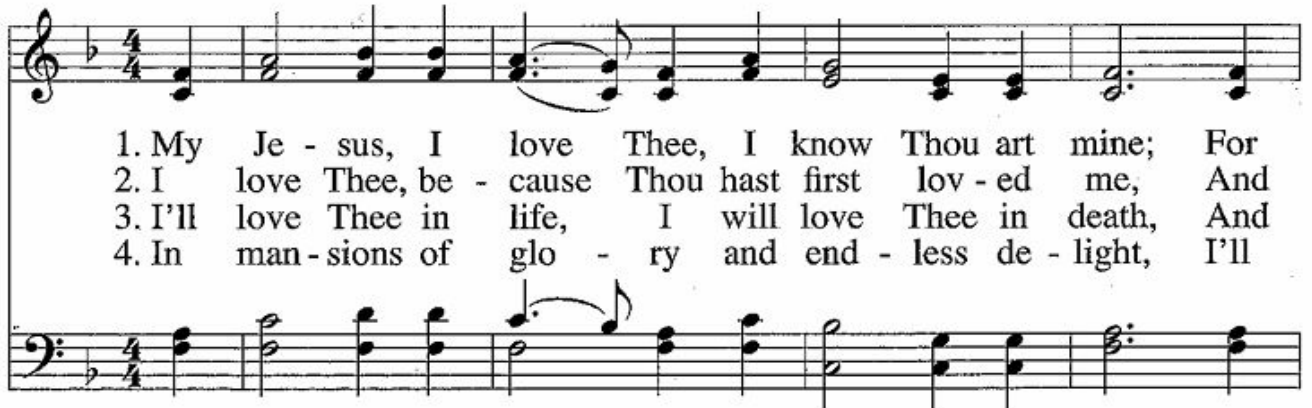
Estimated
Pack Value**\$21**

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)




My Jesus, I Love Thee



1. My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For
2. I love Thee, be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me, And
3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll



Thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign; My
pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I
praise Thee as long as Thou lend - est me breath; And
ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright; I'll

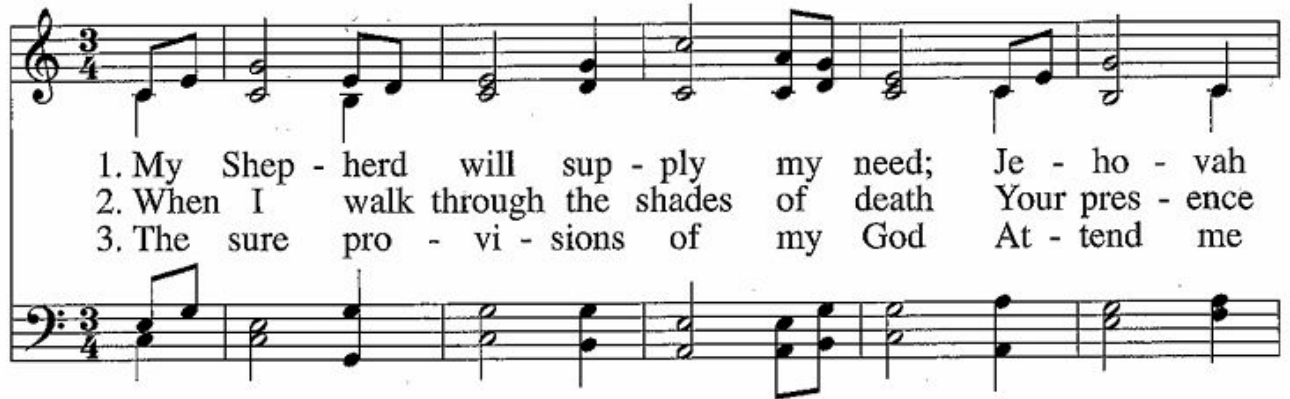


gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art Thou; If
love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow; If
say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow; "If
sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow; "If

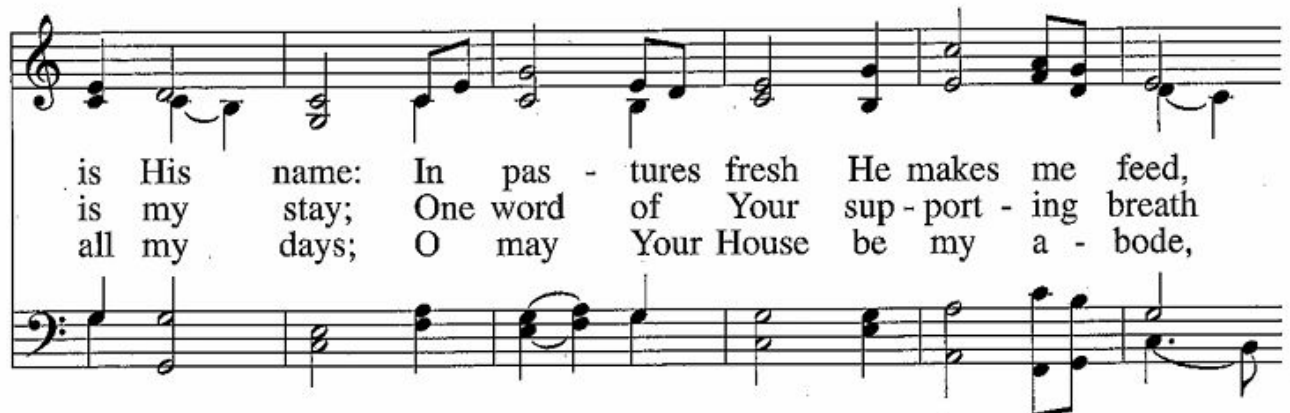


ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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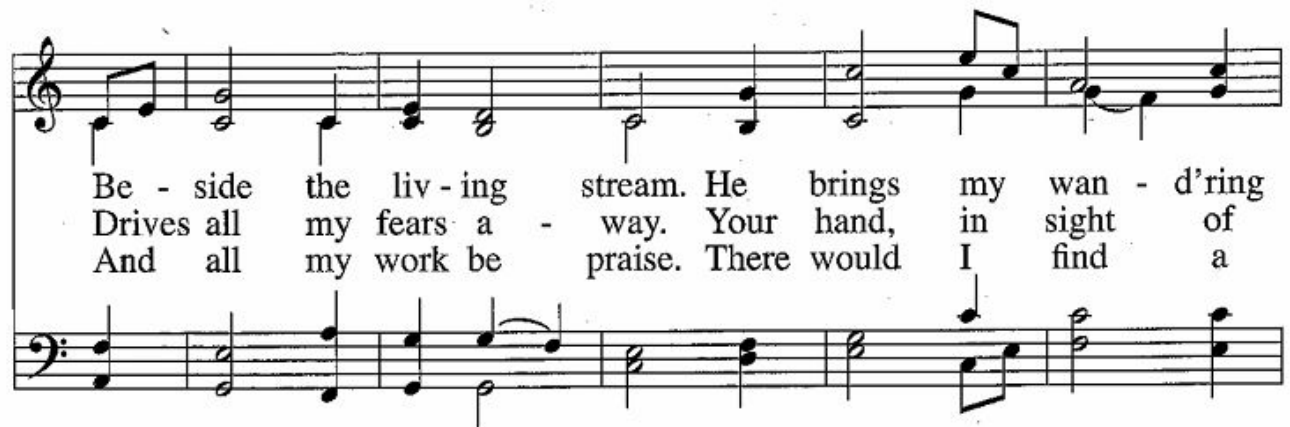
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need



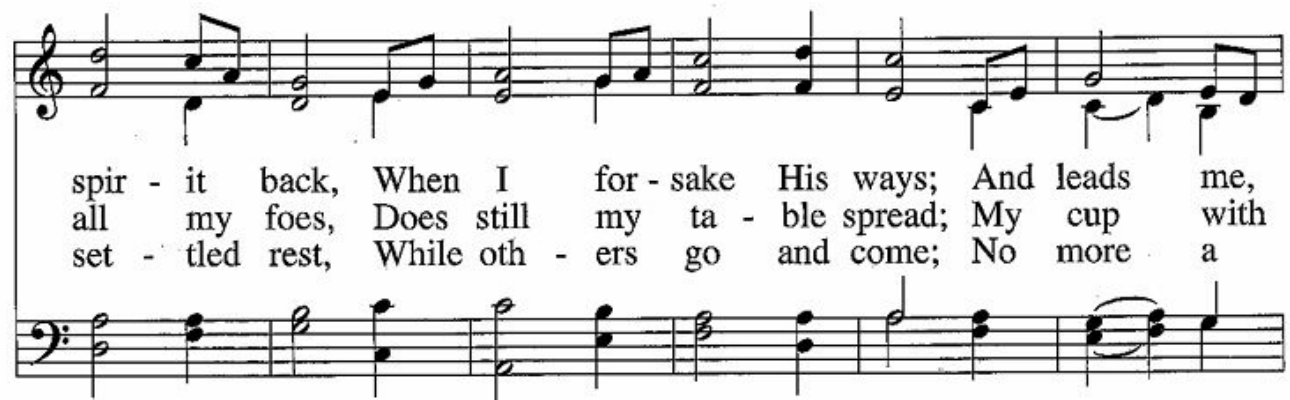
1. My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah
2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres - ence
3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At - tend me



is His name: In pas - tures fresh He makes me feed,
is my stay; One word of Your sup - port - ing breath
all my days; O may Your House be my a - bode,



Be - side the liv - ing stream. He brings my wan - d'ring
Drives all my fears a - way. Your hand, in sight of
And all my work be praise. There would I find a



spir - it back, When I for - sake His ways; And leads me,
all my foes, Does still my ta - ble spread; My cup with
set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come; No more a

for His mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
bless - ings o - ver - flows, Your oil a - noints my head.
stran - ger, or a guest, But like a child at home.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bass staff has a bass clef and the same key signature. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written in three lines, corresponding to the melody. The first line is 'for His mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.' The second line is 'bless - ings o - ver - flows, Your oil a - noints my head.' The third line is 'stran - ger, or a guest, But like a child at home.' The music ends with a double bar line.

Jesus, Name above All Names

Unison

1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
 2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the
 3. Je - sus, Way of sal - va - tion, King of

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -
 branch - es, Son of God, 7
 kings, Lord of lords, the

man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re -
 Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful coun - s'lor, Lord of the
 way, the truth, and the Life, might - y cre -

deem - er, liv - ing Word.
 u - ni - verse, Light of the world.
 a - tor, my Sav - ior and friend.

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.***

Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: **Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: **Lord, have mercy upon us.***