



**United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri**

**Rev. Russell Cobb**

**Pastor**

**Mrs. Beth Dampf**

**Organist**

**Mrs. Becky Schneider**

**Bell Choir Director**

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**September 21, 2025 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles      Max Robertson & Amelia Howard

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship**

The heavens are singing, proclaiming God's creation.

**Glory to God, and praise to God's name!**

God's law is perfect; God's teachings are sure.

**Rejoice, O heart; be revived, O soul!**

Christ's way is clear; the way is right.

**May we follow God's path, and live in Christ's light!**

**\*Hymn No. 243    "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Holy and gracious God,**

**You call us to ventures that cannot be foretold – to paths  
we do not know. Be our guide, through your word, and  
feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the  
path of love, joy, and peace. 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 "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time Ginnie Medlin

Anthem "America, the Beautiful" Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination Kris Ingram

**Mighty God, you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts. By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Isaiah 40:28-31 p. 620

*Second Lesson:* Luke 12:22-34 p. 905

Sermon **Rest & Restoration in the Shepherd**  
**Psalm 23:2-3**

Hymn No. 386 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

*Christians, what do you believe?*

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

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

*(printed on laminated card in hymnal)*

Invitation to the Offering

\*Response "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*(printed on laminated card in hymnal)*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn No. 408 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

\*Benediction

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*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. The nursery attendant is **Emma Bestgen**. 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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**Website:** [www.calmo-ucc.org](http://www.calmo-ucc.org)

**Activities: September 21, 2025 – September 28, 2025**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025:**

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

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

**Monday, September 22, 2025:**

12:00 p.m.- Prison Ministry Meal

7:00 p.m. .... Brotherhood Meeting

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025:**

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

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025:**

6:00 p.m. .... Fellowship Meal

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

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

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

4:30 p.m. – Redemption Concert at Cole County Fairgrounds-Sr. High

**Sunday, September 28, 2025:**

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

10:30 a.m. .... Worship – Youth Sunday

**Wednesday Evening Meal, September 24, 6:00 p.m.**

***Pulled Pork, BBQ Beans, Macaroni and Apple Cider Slaw***

**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](mailto:rhonda@calmo-ucc.org)

**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.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

**Family and Friends of:** Joyce Heather, Teresa Dunham Rich, Roger Borgmeyer

**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*)

## **Pastor and Search Committee Update**

We are still working on the transition plan for the Pastor and organizing the Search Committee. We plan to have more information available for the congregation next Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please see one of the Consistory members.



It is that time of year again when we prepare for the Christmas season. It will be here before you know it. On Sunday, October 5 following the church service, there will be a pizza party and Christmas Play meeting. At this meeting the cast will be chosen. All participants who would like to be a part of the Christmas Eve Service are invited to attend. We will be performing the Christmas Letter's Musical on Christmas Eve. The choir will include members of all ages. Please support this beautiful program with attending our Planning Meeting. For more information contact Cressida Gattermeir.

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

1,454 requested versus 1,893 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."

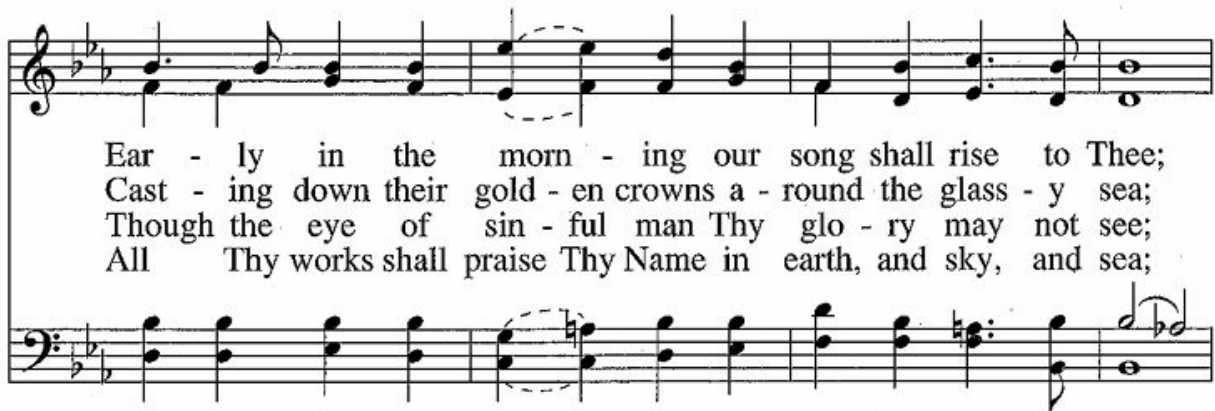
- ☐ 2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)
- ☐ 2 rolls paper towels (good quality)
- ☐ 12 double/mega rolls of toilet paper as 3 packages of 4 or 2 packages of 6 (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)



# *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.

# His Eye Is on the Sparrow

*Solo on stanzas is optional*



1. Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows  
 2. "Let not your heart be trou - bled," His ten - der words I  
 3. When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, When - ev - er clouds a -



come?  
 hear;  
 rise,  
 Why should my heart be lone - ly  
 And rest - ing on His good - ness,  
 When songs give place to sigh - ing,



And long for heav'n and home When Je - sus is my  
 I lose my doubt and fear. Though by the path He  
 When hope with - in me dies, I draw the clos - er



por - tion? My con - stant Friend is He: His  
 lead - eth But one step I may see: His  
 to Him; From care He sets me free. His

eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me. His  
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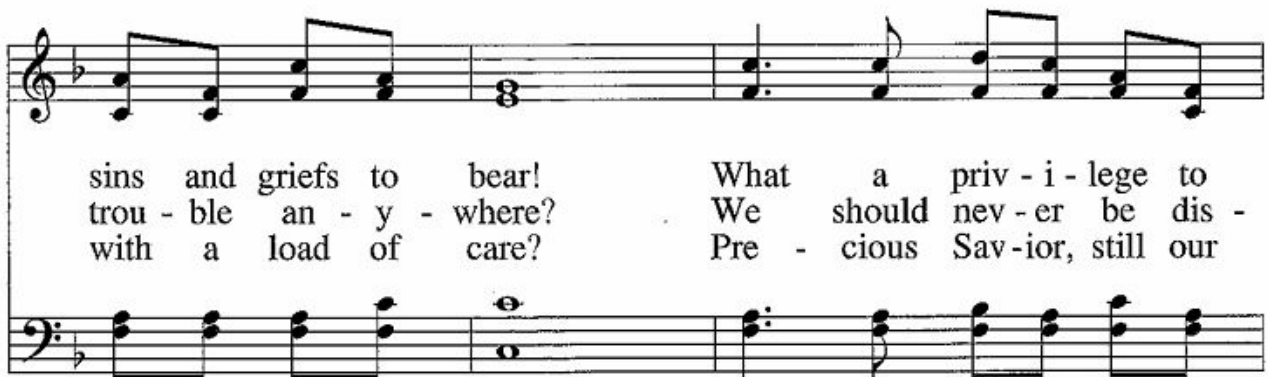
I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free;

For His eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.

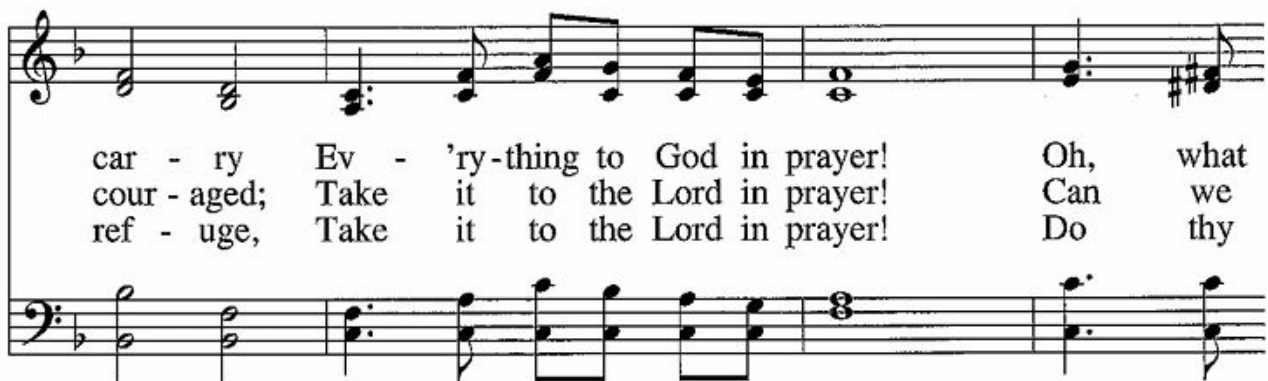
## *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there  
3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, Cum - bered



sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to  
trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis -  
with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our



car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what  
cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we  
ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy



peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we  
find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows  
friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in

bear, All be - cause we do not car - ry  
 share? Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness;  
 prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee,

Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. 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.

## 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.**