



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

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**September 28, 2025 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Youth Sunday**

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Grayden & Rynley Gatlin

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

Conner Brockes

\*Call to Worship

Jaelea Hall

For you, O Lord, are my hope,

**My trust, O LORD, from my youth.**

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

**My praise is continually of you.**

I will hope continually,

and will praise you yet more and more.

**My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,**

**of your deeds of salvation all day long.**

I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD,

I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

**O God, from my youth you have taught me,**

**and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

So even to old age and gray hairs,

O God, do not forsake me.

**All: I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.**

\*Hymn No. 61                      “O How I Love Jesus”                      Carson Kruger

\*Prayer of the Day                      Brenyn Robertson  
**O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

\*Call to Praise                      Rylan Robertson  
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                      Ella Burger

Hymn for Children                      “Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time                      Puppets

Anthem                      “He Made Me Special”                      God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination                      Kalyn Carlock  
**Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons  
*First Lesson:    Leviticus 19:10-18                      Hazel Wolford*  
*Second Lesson: Romans 12: 9-16                      Emma Kissick*  
*Third Lesson:    James 1:22-27                      Megan Carlock*

Sermon                      “Love in Action”  
                                    Romans 12:9-16  
**Kaiden Ingram, Hunter Hall, Cody Schneider,  
Chase Trimble, and Adler Koestner**

Hymn No. 462                      “Jesus Love Me”                      Jess Medlin

*Christians, what do you believe?*                      Brooks Nichols

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

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)                      Emily Burger

Invitation to the Offering                      Bella Fulks

\*Response    “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”

\*Prayer of Dedication                      Bella Fulks

\*Hymn No. 400 “In My Heart There Rings a Melody” Logan Milligan

Camp Update: Meredith Wolford, Jess Medlin, and Lena Bieri

\*Benediction                      Hadley Milligan

\*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

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***The flower arrangement is in honor of***

***Jerry & Verna Wolfrum’s***

***65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary***

***Congratulations!***

## Activities Calendar: September 28, 2025 ~ October 5, 2025

### Sunday, September 28, 2025, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-YOUTH SUNDAY

### Tuesday, September 30, 2025

9:00 a.m.- Prayer Cell

### Wednesday, October 1, 2025

6:00 p.m. – Wed. Night Meal

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

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

### Friday, October 3, 2025

6:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study at the Crossroads

### Sunday, October 5, 2025, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-World Communion Sunday

### *Looking ahead.....*

*October 5 – Sunday School Teacher and Officer Meeting 5:30 pm*

*October 10 – Sr. High Youth Concert at Jeff*

*October 12 – Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Cobb / Sunday School Fall Party*

*October 13 – Consistory 6 pm*

*October 15 – Women's Guild 1pm*

*October 22 - Youth Wednesday Night Meal*

*October 23 – Sr. High Youth Concert at Columbia*

*October 26 – Middle School Fall Party at Bestgens 3pm*

*Sr. High Youth at Ingrams 6pm*

*October 27 – Brotherhood 7 pm*

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.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

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

**Wednesday Evening Meal, October 1 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Oven-Roasted Beef Brisket, Sweet Baby Carrots, Roasted Red Potatoes, 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](mailto: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)







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.

*No R.O.K. December 3, 10, and 17.  
Just God's Singers and Christmas Eve practices*

### **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. Looking ahead, Cake Mix is the food item requested for October. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.



Please Join Us in a

CARD SHOWER  
Celebrating

*Eileen's  
90th Birthday*

On October 3rd

Please send a card with memories,  
old photos and well wishes to:

Eileen Crawford  
102 Linda Lane  
California, MO 65018

# Search Committee Selected

Seven members have been selected for the committee representing both California and Salem UCC. We have also identified 6 alternates who may be called upon during the search process. We will be setting up a kick-off meeting with the 7 people selected for the search committee as soon as possible.

Morgan Opie  
Larry Rohrbach  
Darles Vernon  
Toni Kueffer  
Tammy Kilmer  
Steven Burger  
Ken Wolken-Salem

Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Cobb  
Sunday, October 12, 2025  
following worship

## O How I Love Jesus



1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its  
2. It tells me of a Sav - ior's love, Who died to set me  
3. It tells of One whose lov - ing heart Can feel my deep - est  
4. It tells me what my Fa - ther has In store for ev - 'ry



worth; It sounds like mu - sic in my ear, The sweet - est  
free; It tells me of His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's  
woe; Who in each sor - row bears a part That none can  
day, And though I tread a gloom - y path, Yields sun - shine



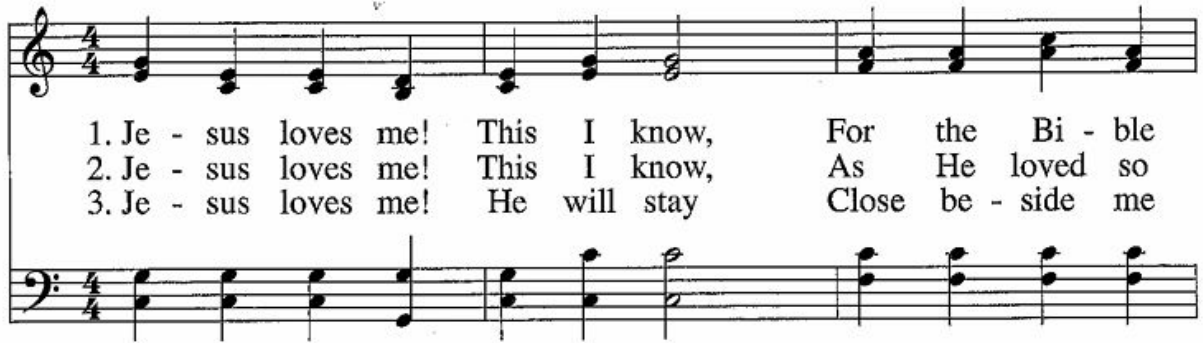
name on earth.  
per - fect plea.  
bear be - low.  
all the way.

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love

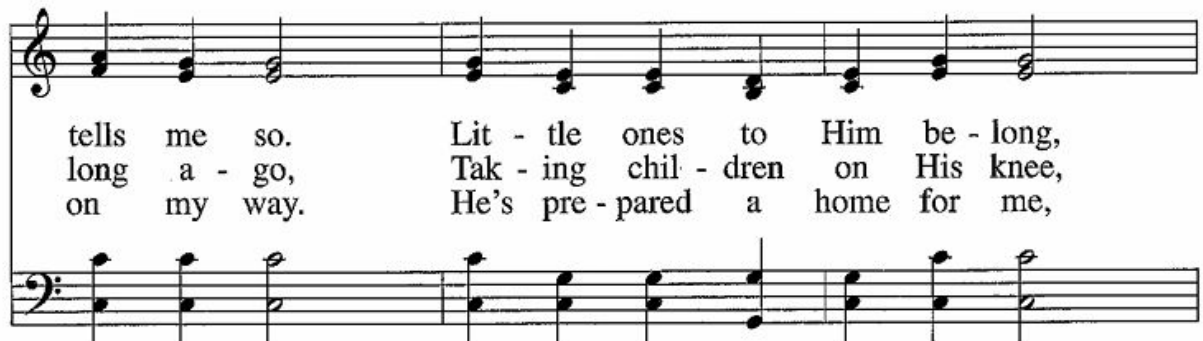


Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus, Be - cause He first loved me!

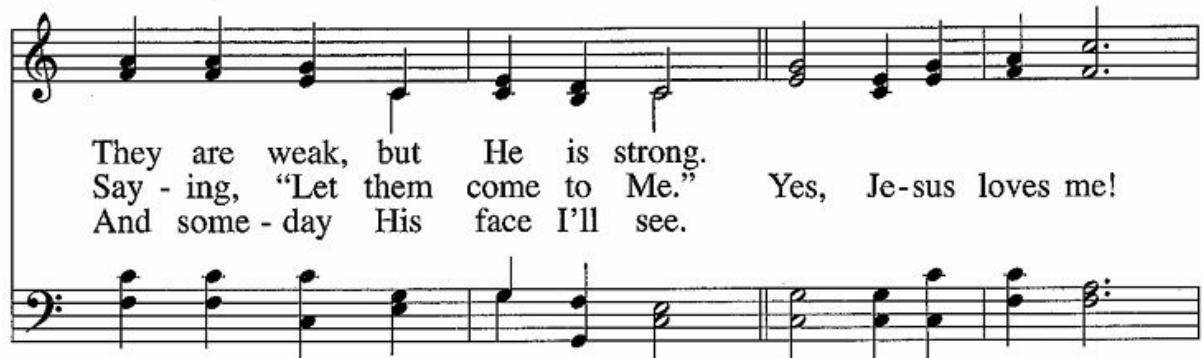
# Jesus Loves Me



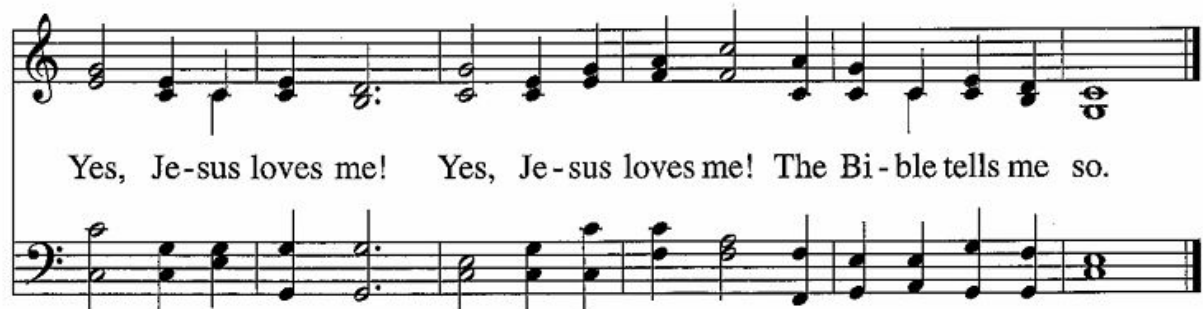
1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble  
2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, As He loved so  
3. Je - sus loves me! He will stay Close be - side me



tells me so. Lit - tle ones to Him be - long,  
long a - go, Tak - ing chil - dren on His knee,  
on my way. He's pre - pared a home for me,

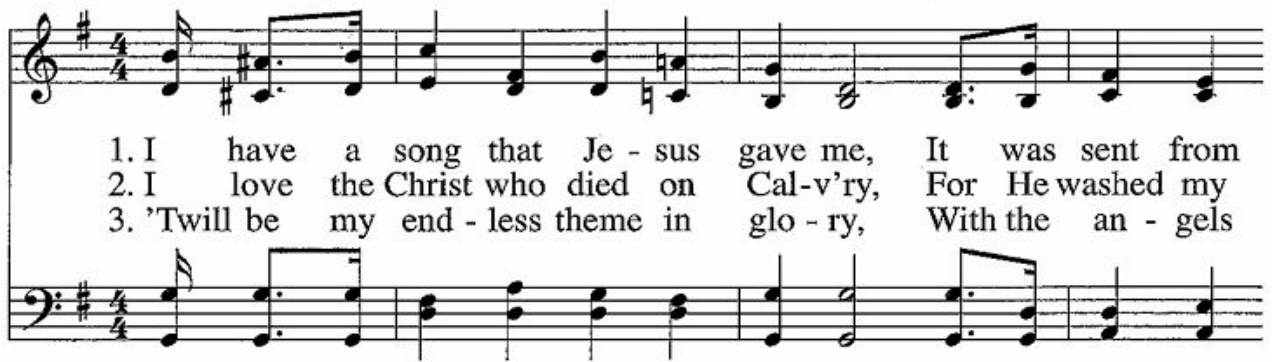


They are weak, but He is strong.  
Say - ing, "Let them come to Me." Yes, Je - sus loves me!  
And some - day His face I'll see.

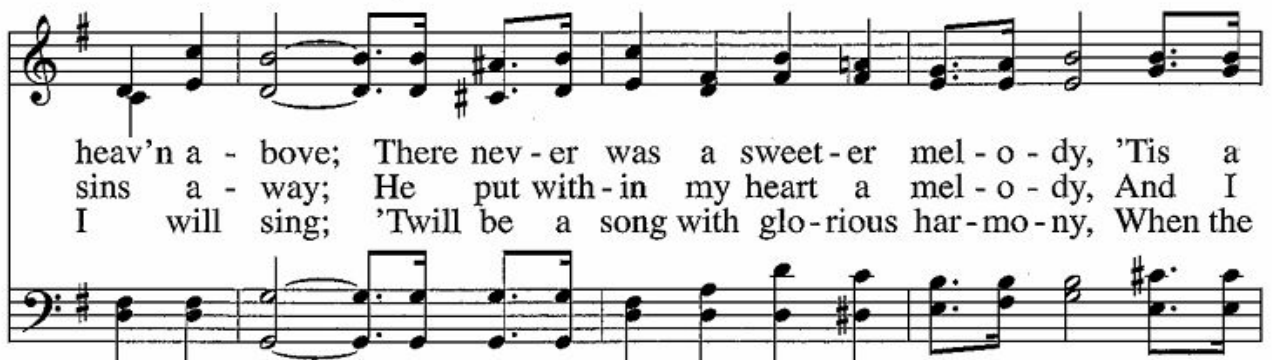


Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

## In My Heart There Rings a Melody



1. I have a song that Je - sus gave me, It was sent from  
2. I love the Christ who died on Cal - v'ry, For He washed my  
3. 'Twill be my end - less theme in glo - ry, With the an - gels



heav'n a - bove; There nev - er was a sweet - er mel - o - dy, 'Tis a  
sins a - way; He put with - in my heart a mel - o - dy, And I  
I will sing; 'Twill be a song with glo - rious har - mo - ny, When the



mel - o - dy of love.  
know it's there to stay. In my heart there rings a mel - o - dy, There  
courts of heav - en ring.



rings a mel - o - dy with heav - en's har - mo - ny; In my heart there



rings a mel - o - dy; There rings a mel - o - dy of love.



## 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.***