



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

**Rev. Russell Cobb**  
**Mrs. Beth Dampf**  
**Mrs. Stacy Friedrich**

**Pastor**  
**Organist**  
**Sr. Choir Director**

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**October 12, 2025 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles                      Nora Wolford & Lee Bieri

Choral Opening

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. 359      “Blessed Assurance”

\*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 – “Gloria Patri” *(printed on laminated card in hymnal)*

Invitation to Children’s Time

# “Jesus Loves Me”

# Carla Clennin

Sr. Choir

# Baby Dedication – Genevieve Amber Ann Lundeen

Parents -Allison and Rodney Lundeen

Godparents – Bryan Wolford and Kristal Charles

Pastor: Do all of you here this morning promise your love, support, counsel & care to the one about to be blessed and her parents?

**Congregation Respond: “We Promise.”**

Dave Gattermeir

**These are your words, O God. Humble us to speak their weight. Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us to live their call. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

# Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Psalm 136:1-9 p. 540

*Second Lesson:* Revelation 21:22-27 p. 1086

Sermon      **The Ultimate Homecoming**  
**Psalm 23:6**

## Hymn No. 45 “There’s a Wildness in God’s Mercy”

Affirmation of Faith – The Statement of Faith  
(printed on inside of 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

## **RECOGNITION OF THE END OF MINISTRY**

**Leader**

On November 7, 2018, this local church called Russell Cobb to serve as Pastor.

**Pastor**

I thank the California United Church of Christ, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 7 years.

**Leader – *For all those who are able, please stand.***

Do you, the members and friends of the California United Church of Christ release Russell Cobb from the duties of Pastor?

**People**

**We do, with the help of God.**

**Leader**

Do you offer your encouragement for his ministry soon to begin as Pastor of the Moniteau Evangelical Advent and St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Jamestown?

**People**

**We do, with the help of God.**

**Leader**

Do you, Russell Cobb, release this local church, from turning to you and depending on you?

**Pastor**

I do, with the help of God.

**Leader**

Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

**Pastor**

I do, with the help of God.

**Leader**

Let us pray.

**ALL**

**God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

**\*Hymn No. 476 “When We All Get to Heaven”**

\*Benediction

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*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



**Wednesday Evening Meal, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and Rolls

## **Please 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)

## **Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) TODAY**

after children's time until the end of the worship service for **Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Calendar: October 12, 2025 ~ October 19, 2025

### Sunday, October 12, 2025, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

-Farewell dinner for Pastor Cobb following worship

3:30 p.m. – Sunday School Fall Party

### Monday, October 13, 2025

6:00 p.m. - Consistory

### Tuesday, October 14, 2025

9:00 a.m.- Prayer Cell

### Wednesday, October 15, 2025

1:00 p.m. – Women's Guild

6:00 p.m. – Wed. Night Meal/Confirmation

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

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

### Sunday, October 19, 2025, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**November Tidings  
News due by  
Thursday,  
October 23, 2025**

*Looking ahead.....*

*October 22 - Youth Wednesday Night Meal-Taco Bar*

*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.

# **ALL CHURCH FALL PARTY**

(SPONSORED BY THE CALIFORNIA UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL)

**WHERE: California UCC**

**WHEN: TODAY**



*3:30 P.M. – Gathering-Games*

*4:30 P.M. – Hayride*

*5:30 P.M. – Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs*

**BRING YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS!**

## **Food Pantry Items Needed**

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

*Read the Bible on your phone. YouVersion Bible 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:** Lilah Adams

**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*)

We rejoice with Allison and Rodney Lundeen on the dedication of their daughter, **Genevieve Amber Ann Lundeen**  
Genevieve's sponsors are Bryan Wolford and Kristal Charles

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Historical Committee would like to display pictures of all our Veterans in the cabinet by the Church office. If you would like to have a picture displayed, please drop it off at the Church office by November 6th. Pictures will then be available for pick-up after December 5th.

# Blessed Assurance




1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light, Vi-sions of  
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my




fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.  
bring from a - bove Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.  
look - ing a - bove, Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my



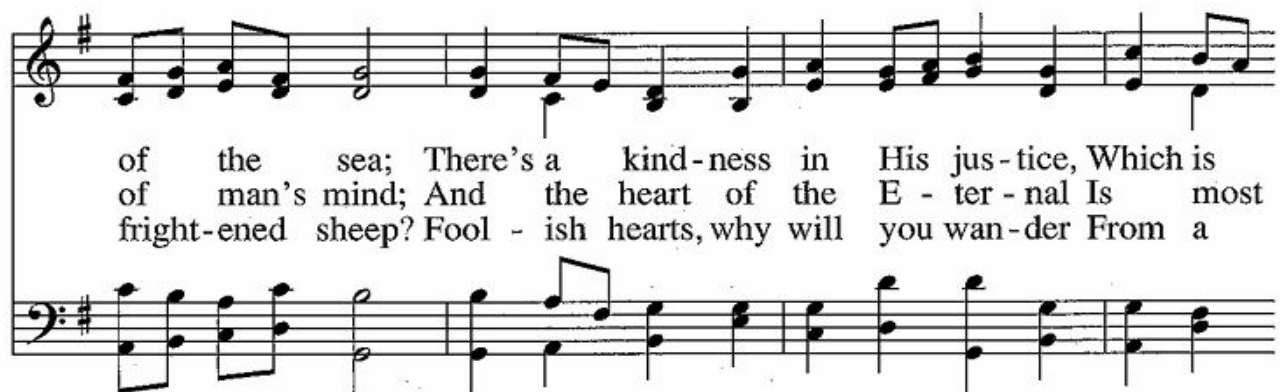
Musical score for the first system of a hymn. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry, this is my

Musical score for the second system of a hymn. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

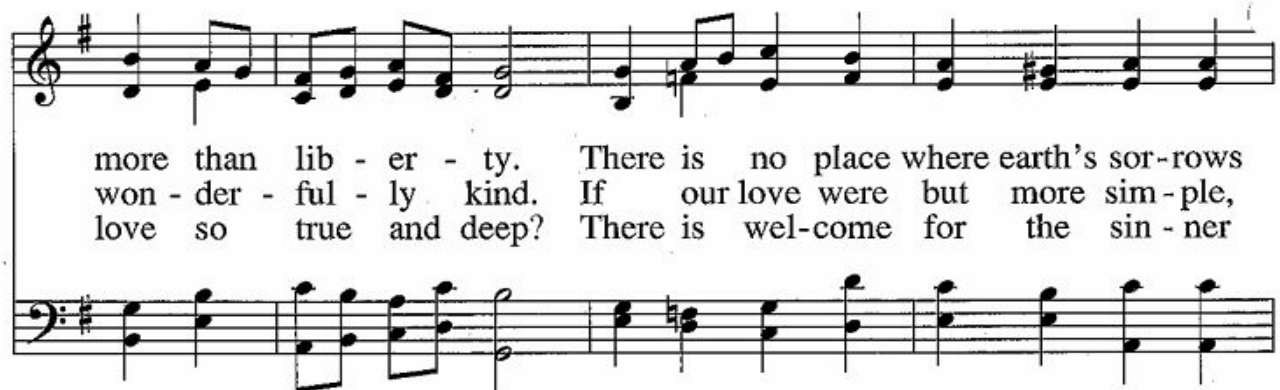
# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



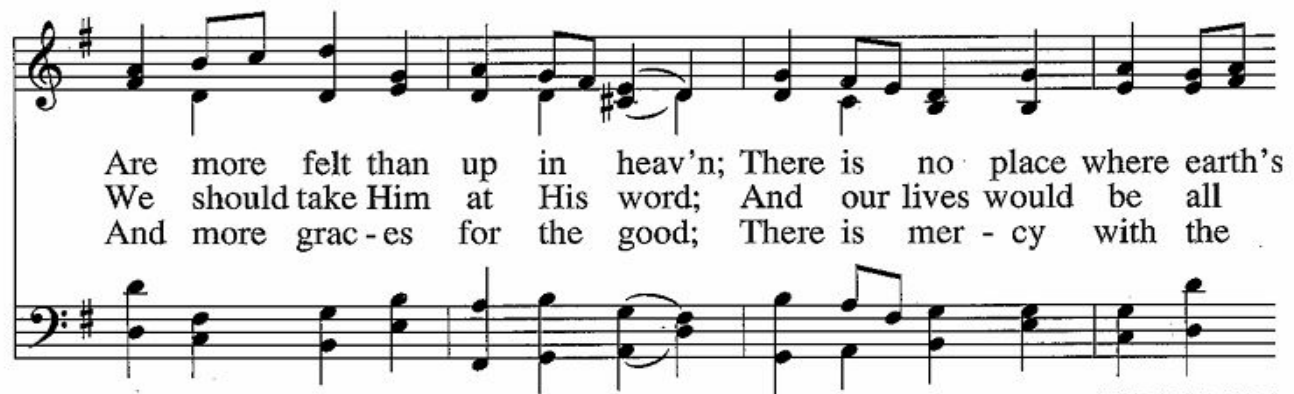
1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness  
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure  
 3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of



of the sea; There's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, Which is  
 of man's mind; And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most  
 fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der From a




more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's sor-rows  
 won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more sim-ple,  
 love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the sin-ner





Are more felt than up in heav'n; There is no place where earth's  
 We should take Him at His word; And our lives would be all  
 And more grac-es for the good; There is mer-cy with the

fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
sun - shine In the sweet - ness of our Lord.  
Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in His blood. A - men.


# When We All Get to Heaven



1. Sing the won - drous love of Je - sus, Sing His  
 2. While we walk the pil - grim path - way Clouds will  
 3. Let us then be true and faith - ful, Trust - ing,  
 4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon His


mer - cy and His grace; In the man - sions  
 o - ver - spread the sky; But when trav - 'ling  
 serv - ing ev - 'ry day; Just one glimpse of  
 beau - ty we'll be - hold; Soon the pearl - y





bright and bless - ed He'll pre - pare for us a place.  
 days are o - ver, Not a shad - ow, not a sigh.  
 Him in glo - ry Will the toils of life re - pay.  
 gates will o - pen, We shall tread the streets of gold.



When we all what a



When we all get to heav - en,



day of re-joic-ing that will be!

When we all

what a day of re-joic-ing that will be! When we all see

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. It contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

shout the vic - to - ry!

Je - sus, we'll sing and shout, and shout the vic - to - ry!

The second system of the musical score consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. It contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

## 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.**