

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Michael Matheny **Guest Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Becky Schneider **Bell Choir Director**

April 19, 2026 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Bryнна Hall & Charley Medlin

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come home to the Lord, for His arms are open wide.

People: We come to the God who is full of mercy and grace.

Leader: When we were lost, He sought us.

People: When we were far off, He welcomed us near.

Leader: Let us worship the Father who rejoices over His children.

People: Let us praise the God whose love never lets us go.

***Hymn No. 22** **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

***Prayer of the Day (unison)**

Merciful Father,

we come before You with grateful hearts,

for You are kind, patient, and full of compassion.

When we wander, You seek us.

When we turn back, You receive us with joy.

**Draw near to us in this time of worship,
and remind us again of Your unfailing love.
Teach us to trust in Your grace,
to repent with humble hearts,
and to rejoice in the mercy You freely give;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Hymn for Children “Praise Him, Praise Him” p. 6 verse 1

*Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love; Praise Him, praise Him,
all ye little children, God is love, God is love.*

Children’s Time

Rev. Michael Matheny

Anthem

“Resonance”

Bell Choir

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

David Gattermeir

Gracious God,

send Your Holy Spirit upon us

as Your Word is read and preached.

Open our ears to hear Your truth,

open our hearts to receive Your mercy,

and open our lives to respond in faith and obedience.

Help us to see ourselves in this story

and to see even more clearly

the greatness of Your love for sinners.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Luke 15:11-32

Sermon **The Waiting Father**

Hymn No. 368 “Trust and Obey”

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. 27 “How Great Thou Art”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Because He Lives” (chorus only) p.204

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;

Because He lives all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

*Postlude

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Office Hours for Rev. Lina Eddy

Wednesday, April 22 ~ 1 to 3 pm

Thursday, April 23 ~ 9 am to 11 am

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) - TODAY

after children's time till the end of the worship service All the kids 4 years old and up are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Ronda Mortenson.

You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

Food Pantry Items Needed

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

Mark your Calendars

Cabinet Meeting – April 26th at 2:00 pm

The Middle School Youth Fellowship is planning to go to Jetz Trampoline Park at the Lake of the Ozarks on **Sunday, April 26th**. We will meet at the church at 3p.m. Watch for details in your email.

ALL CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT MAY 3rd

Potluck supper. Come any time after 5:30, eat at 6:00,

followed by entertainment and bingo (prizes for the winners).

Bring your favorite dishes to share. Drinks and table service provided by the Brotherhood.



***LET'S HAVE A FUN FAMILY
GET TOGETHER!***



A BIG thank you to all who generously donated the ham, sausage, eggs and cinnamon rolls for the Easter Breakfast! Approximately 140 people were served.

Activities Calendar: April 19, 2026 ~ April 26, 2026

Sunday, April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Potential new members meet following worship

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

6:30 p.m. – God's Singers and Bell Choir

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

Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Brenda Oesterly

2:00 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting

Looking ahead ~

Monday, April 27th – Brotherhood at 7pm

Sunday, May 3 – Family Night sponsored by Brotherhood-eat at 6pm

Monday, May 4 – Sunday School Teacher and Officer's meeting at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 5 – Quilters

Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day

Monday, May 11 - Consistory at 6pm

A special Thank You to my Church Family for all the wonderful cards I received for my 85th Birthday. You made my day! Mary Burger

High School Seniors

The Ivan Dameron Memorial Service Scholarship Application can be found in the Church Office and must be completed and returned by Thursday, April 30th! This scholarship will be awarded at the Baccalaureate Service and is sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance.

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.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: *David Decker and Lanny Strickfaden*

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Anjanette Volkart, Charles Velazquez (Dolores Burger's brother-in-law), Diane (Henry) Jobe, Becky Zuidervaart, Jenine Baker, Alan Chambers, Courtney Cassil, Joyce Rohrbach, Jo Suggs, Judy Kilmer

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, Army, Ft. Drum, NY*)

Camp Aurora

Summer 2026 Dates



Senior High Camp July 5 - 11

Junior High Camp July 12-17

Junior Camp July 19-24

Primary Camp July 26-29

Register online at www.campaaurora.org.

Completed forms and a check for ½ of the Early Registration Fee payable to the UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL must be turned in to Cinda Scheidt or the Church Office **BEFORE 11:00 am on May 24, 2026.**

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.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry,
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re -
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus, Which the morn - ing

Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee,
 flect Thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee,
 ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us,

O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
 Broth - er love binds man to man. Ev - er sing - ing,

sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness,
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain,
Teach us how to love each oth - er,
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward

Fill us with the light of day!
Call us to re - jice in Thee.
Lift us to the joy di - vine.
In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His
 2. Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the
 3. Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we
 4. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His
 5. Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His

Word, What a glo - ry He sheds on our way! While we
 skies, But His smile quick - ly drives it a - way; Not a
 share, But our toil He doth rich - ly re - pay; Not a
 love Un - til all on the al - tar we lay; For the
 feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He

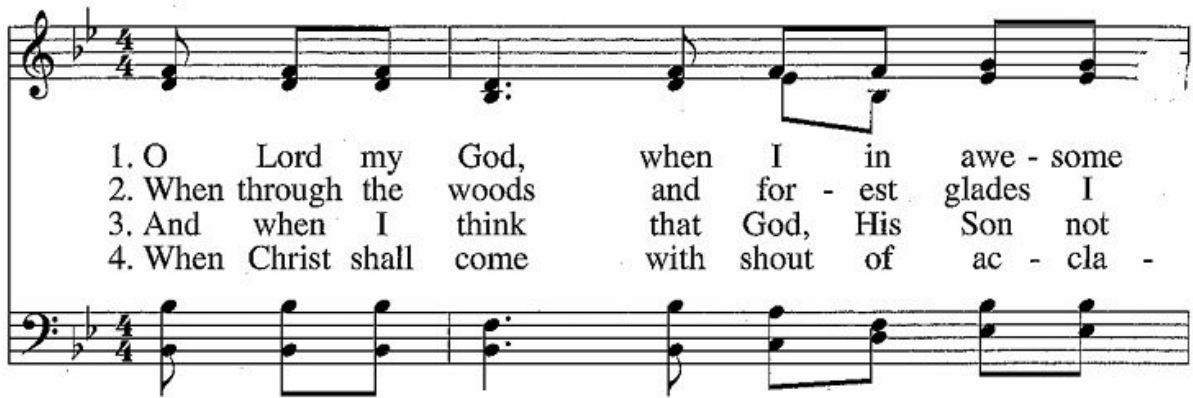
do His good will He a - bides with us
 doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a
 grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a
 fa - vor He shows And the joy He be -
 says we will do, Where He sends we will

still, And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 tear, Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
 cross, But is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 stows Are for those who will trust and o - bey.
 go— Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

Trust and o - bey— For there's no oth - er way To be

hap - py in Je - sus But to trust and o - bey.

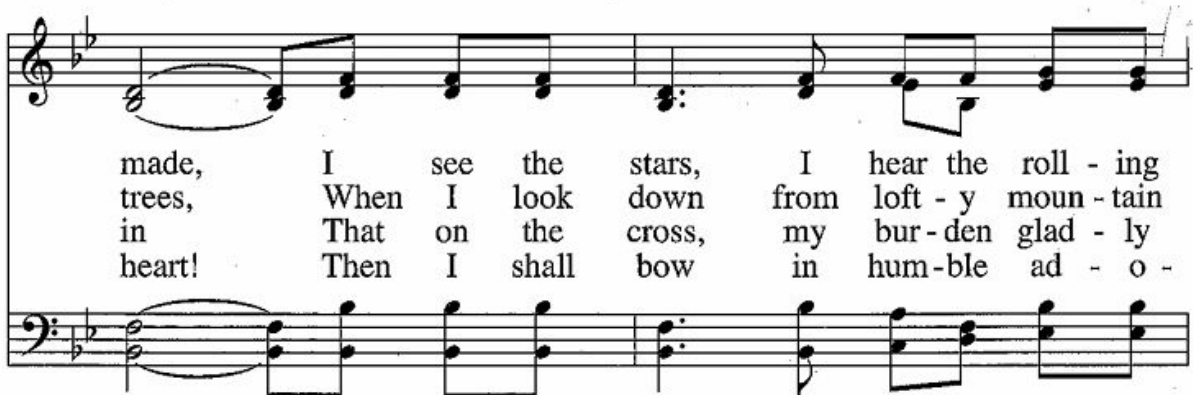
How Great Thou Art



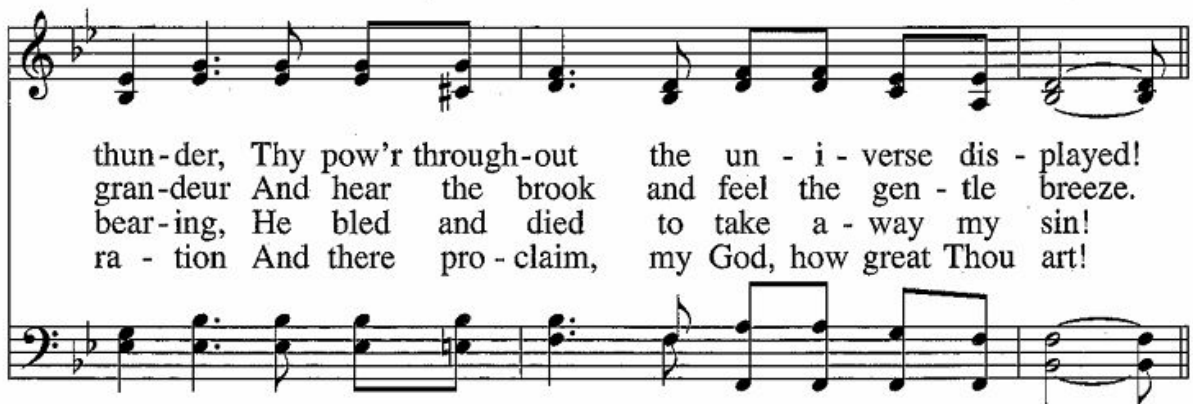
1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I
3. And when I think that God, His Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

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.
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