

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO

Rev. Lina Eddy

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Stacy Friedrich

Sr. Choir Director

May 3, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Sophie & Bruce Miller

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: In this season of resurrection, we gather in hope

People: Christ is Risen! Christ is alive among us!

Leader: Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

People: We come trusting in God’s promises.

Leader: In doubt and in faith, in fear and in hope -

All: We come to worship the Risen Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

*Hymn No. 198 (vs 1-2,4-5) Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

Risen Christ, you prepare a place for us and walk beside us even now. When our hearts are troubled, you speak peace. When we are uncertain, you guide us in the way. Open our hearts this day to trust you more deeply and to live as your Easter people. Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise No. 493 “Gloria Patri” (*printed on laminated card in hymnal*)

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

JoAnn Cantriel

Anthem “ I Will Sing Praise”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Mary Burger

Loving God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, we may hear your voice and follow your way. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: I Peter 2:2-10 p. 1058

Second Lesson: John 14:1-14 p. 938

Sermon **Porches, Houses and Rooms**

Hymn No. 210 “Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Invitation to Offering

*Response “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”
(*printed on laminated card in hymnal*)

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, we offer these gifts as signs of our trust in you. Use them to bring hope where there is fear, love where there is division, and light where there is darkness. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Words of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we let our hearts be troubled. We cling to fear instead of trusting you. We lose our way and forget that Christ is the way. We overlook your presence in our daily lives. Forgive us, O God. Renew our trust, restore our hope, and lead us again in the path of love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to **all** who seek to receive the Gift of God in Jesus Christ. This table is spread for you and for all. The inner circle contains white wine. The outer circles contain red grape juice.*

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

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

(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine
Sharing the Elements

*(Please hold the elements until all have been served,
so that we may all commune together.)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Loving God, we thank you for meeting us right where we are. In moments of doubts, you stay with us, in moments of fear, you steady us. In Christ, you remind us that there is always a way forward. For your grace, your presence, and your promise, we are deeply grateful. Amen.

*Hymn No. 431 “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*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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Ushers: Jim Deeken and Doug Dampf

Greeters: Katie Schlup and Grace Meisenheimer



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**Office Hours for Rev. Lina Eddy**

*Wednesday, May 6 ~ 10:30 am to 1 pm*

*Thursday, May 7 ~ 9 am to 11 am*

## Activities Calendar: May 3, 2026 ~ May 10, 2026

### Sunday, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- Communion

5:30 p.m. – Family Night

### Tuesday, May 5th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

11:00 a.m. - Quilters

### Wednesday, May 6th

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:30 p.m. - God's Singers

No Sr. Choir Practice

**Articles & Reports for  
*The Tidings* -  
Due by Friday,  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### Thursday, May 7th

12:00 p.m. – National Day of Prayer at the Courthouse

### Sunday, May 10th Sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Youth Men and Allan Mortenson

R.O.K. Sunday

### *Looking ahead ~*

*Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Consistory at 6 pm*

*Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Baccalaureate Service 7 pm*

*Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Senior Sunday and Kolten Fulks*

*Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, - Rev. Lina Eddy, New Member Sunday and Communion*

*6 pm. – Memorial Service at Cemetery*

*Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day -Church office closed*

*Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – VeggieTale Carnival at 9:30 am*

***Congregational Meeting immediately following  
worship today to vote on flooring project in entry  
and hallway downstairs.***

New Members interested in joining the Church are meeting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Pastor's office with Rev. Lina Eddy.

## **ALL CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT TONIGHT**

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!***



*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Eleanor Scherff, Glenda Meyer

### **All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Alan Meyer, Anjanette Volkart, Becky Zuidervaart, Alan Chambers, Joyce Rohrbach, Judy Kilmer, Cindy Ash, Kris Bieri, Jackie Heather

**California Care:** Jimmy Ford, Amanda Volkart, Ida Barry

**Valley Park:** Jane Burger, Carole Schroeder, Patricia Friedrich

**Heisinger Bluffs:** Charles Goode

**Tipton Oaks:** Diane Jobe, Jo Suggs

**Oak Tree Villa:** Sue Latham

### **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*)

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](http://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.**

### **Food Pantry Items Needed**

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

### **VeggieTale Carnival**

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am -11:30 am**

Age 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Movie: Dave and The Giant Pickle in the Fellowship Hall

Then off to the Carnival in the Friendship Hall

Try your luck at Breaking a Pinata, play various Carnival Games,

Collect Prizes and join in on the cupcake walk.

Contact Ronda Mortenson at 573-694-3933 or Church Office at 573-796-4885.

## **National Day of Prayer**

The California Ministerial Alliance invites you for prayer at the Moniteau County Courthouse on **Thursday, May 7th**. Prayer will begin at 12:05 at the flag pole. Lunch is provided for soldiers and vets, firefighters, emergency responders and all who serve in the Courthouse and City Hall.

## **Annunciation Catholic Church Picnic**

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Family-Style Dinner 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Carry out available

## **Vacation Bible School**

June 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Ages 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Register at [calmo-ucc.org](http://calmo-ucc.org)

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.

# Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant  
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst His  
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of  
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark  
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry To our King im -

glad - ness; God hath brought His Is - ra - el  
 pris - on, And from three days' sleep in death  
 splen - dor, With the roy - al feast of feasts,  
 por - tal, Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal  
 mor - tal, Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars

In - to joy from sad - ness; Loosed from Phar - aoh's  
 As a sun hath ris - en; All the win - ter  
 Comes its joy to ren - der; Comes to glad Je -  
 Hold Thee as a mor - tal; But to - day a -  
 Of the tomb's dark por - tal; "Al - le - lu - ia!"

bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters; Led them  
 of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing From His  
 ru - sa - lem, Who with true af - fec - tion Wel - comes  
 midst the twelve Thou didst stand, be - stow - ing That Thy  
 with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing, "Al - le -


with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.  
peace which ev - er - more Pass - eth hu - man know - ing.  
lu - ia!" yet a - gain To the Spir - it rais - ing.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, while the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and notes. The lyrics are written in the center, between the two staves, and are aligned with the corresponding musical phrases. The lyrics are: "with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters. light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing. in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion. peace which ev - er - more Pass - eth hu - man know - ing. lu - ia!" yet a - gain To the Spir - it rais - ing."


# Now the Green Blade Riseth



1. Now the green blade ris - eth, from the bur - ied grain,  
2. In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
3. Forth He came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;  
Think - ing that He nev - er would a - wake a - gain,  
Je - sus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Je - sus' touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
Quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain, like wheat that spring - eth green.

# Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we  
 2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us; Be the  
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly  
 4. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and

need Thy ten - der care; In Thy pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin de -  
 let us do Thy will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly  
 sin - ful though we be; Thou hast mer - cy to re -

feed us, For our use Thy folds pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos - oms fill.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Hear Thy  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly

bought us, Thine we are; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed  
 chil - dren when they pray; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed  
 loved us, love us still; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed  
 let us turn to Thee; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed

Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
 Je - sus, Hear Thy chil - dren when they pray.  
 Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
 Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee. 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. 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.*