

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Pastor

Organist

June 28, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Lee Bieri & Max Robertson

Gathering Chorus No. 20 “ I Love You, Lord”

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our shield; he is our refuge and our guide.

People: Though the storms of life swirl and the winds of change howl, we look to the heavens.

Leader: The Lord is with us, a very present help in times of trouble.

People: Let us fix our eyes on the faithful God of the prophets. Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn No. 9 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and ever-present God, just as you were with Elijah and Elisha, you are with us today. We step forward in faith, asking for a double share of your Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to see your mighty works, and grant us the courage to take up the mantle of your calling. As we gather, fill this place with your presence, your power, and your peace. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. 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 “B-I-B-L-E” (sing twice)

The B-I-B-L-E,

Yes, that’s the book for me;

I stand alone on the Word of God,

The B-I-B-L-E

Children’s Time

Puppets

Special Music

Kolten Fulks

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Mary Burger

Holy God, this is the time when we quiet our hearts and our minds, to pay attention to what you have to say to us today. Fill us with your Word, and give us understanding by your Holy Spirit, that having heard your Word, we may live lives worthy of you and please you in every way. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 77:1,2 and 11-20 p.507

Second Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1,2 and 6-14 p. 319-320

Sermon

Prophets Today

Acts 1: 7-8 p. 947

Hymn No. 228 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to the Offering

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 432 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Benediction

Leader: As you leave this place, remember that the same Spirit who rested upon the prophets lives in you. Go forth with confidence, knowing that God goes before you to make a way.

People: We go with courage, trusting in the Lord to guide our steps and equip us for the work ahead.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

*Congregational Response *"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

Activities Calendar: June 28, 2026 ~ July 5, 2026

Sunday, June 28

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, June 30

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Friday, July 3rd- Church office closed

Saturday, July 4th – Holiday- Parade at 9 am

Sunday, July 5th- Communion

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead ~

Monday, July 6th – Sunday School Teacher and Officer Meeting at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 7th - Quilters meet 11am

Monday, July 13th – Consistory meeting 6 pm

Wednesday, July 15th – Women’s Guild 1pm

Saturday, July 25th – Rohrbach Sing-a-long and Potluck

Monday, July 27th – Brotherhood 7pm



Ushers: Jay Bestgen and Tara Meisenheimer

Greeters: VanDee and Patrick Miller



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250th Fourth of July Parade

If you are interested in riding on the church float, walking or handing out candy, let the church office or Amy Howard know. The parade starts at 9 am on **Saturday, July 4th** at the Concrete Plant by Cargill and ends at the Fairgrounds. Come join this historical event as America celebrates 250 years!

Rohrbach Sing-A-Long and Potluck Dinner

Saturday, July 25th , 6 p.m.

Bring your favorite dish and come join the singing. All are welcome!

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of June, Cereal** is the food item requested. Looking ahead to **July, Rice** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

Check out the flooring project that was approved and completed for the downstairs entry way. Thanks for your patience as the project was completed!

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

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

California Care: Jimmy Ford, Amanda Volkart, Ida Barry

Valley Park: Jane Burger, Carole Schroeder, Patricia Friedrich

Heisinger Bluffs: Charles Goode

Tipton Oaks: Jo Suggs

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker, Naval Base, San Diego, CA*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army - Europe*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Italy*)

Blake Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Drum, NY*)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to the crew leaders, helpers, VBS students, decorators, all who donated items, and all who contributed money to support Vacation Bible School!!! Also, thanks to the Brotherhood for frying fish. A **Huge Thanks** to Ronda Mortenson and Toni Kueffer for organizing this year's Bible School and to Ronda and Allan for the countless hours they contribute to make VBS a memorable experience.

Dear friends at California UCC,

We wish to say thanks to you for again hosting the Lake Area Community Orchestra in California. You are very welcoming to the orchestra and the community by providing a great place for us to perform in the California community. And, special thanks to Norman Rohrbach for again arranging for the concert and assisting in setting up for it.

And, many thanks to the Women's Guild for providing the treats following the concert. This was a great time of fellowship for those who attended.

Blessings to you.

Gene Moll
Lake Area Community Orchestra

Prayer from the Search Committee...

Prayer for Guidance:

"Heavenly Father, we come before You seeking Your divine guidance and wisdom as we search for a new pastor to lead our church. Grant us discernment to recognize the candidate whom You have chosen to shepherd and guide us. Help us find a pastor who is filled with the Holy Spirit, dedicated to Your Word, and committed to nurturing our congregation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

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.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To God's feet your
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers
3. Fa - ther-like, He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, Blows the wind and
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore Him, You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Who, like
in dis - tress; Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er, Slow to
frame He knows; In His hands He gen - tly bears us, Res - cues
it is gone; But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him; Dwell - ers



me, God's praise should sing? Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
us from all our foes. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
dures un - chang - ing on; Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
all in time and space, Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!



Praise Him! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Praise Him! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness!
Praise Him! Wide - ly as His mer - cy flows!
Praise Him! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!
Praise Him! Praise with us the God of grace! A - men.



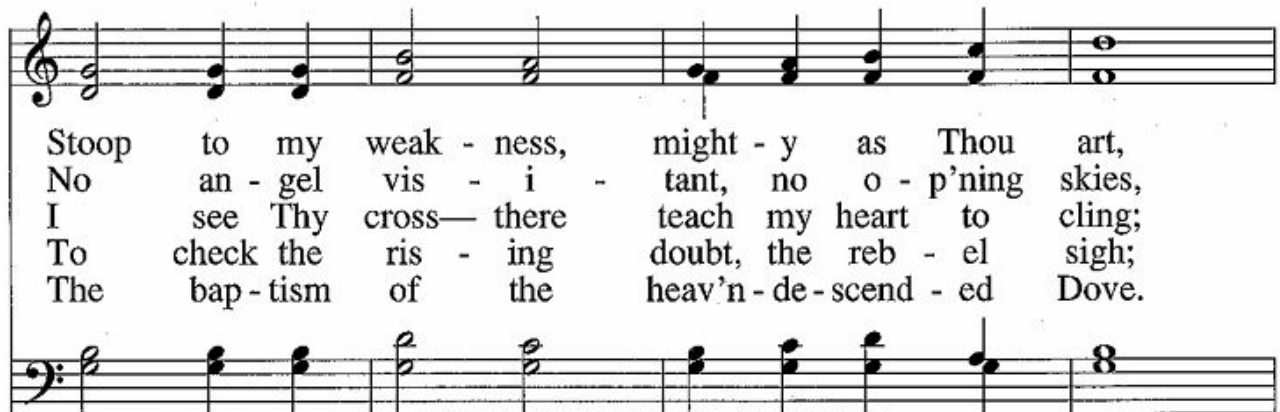
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



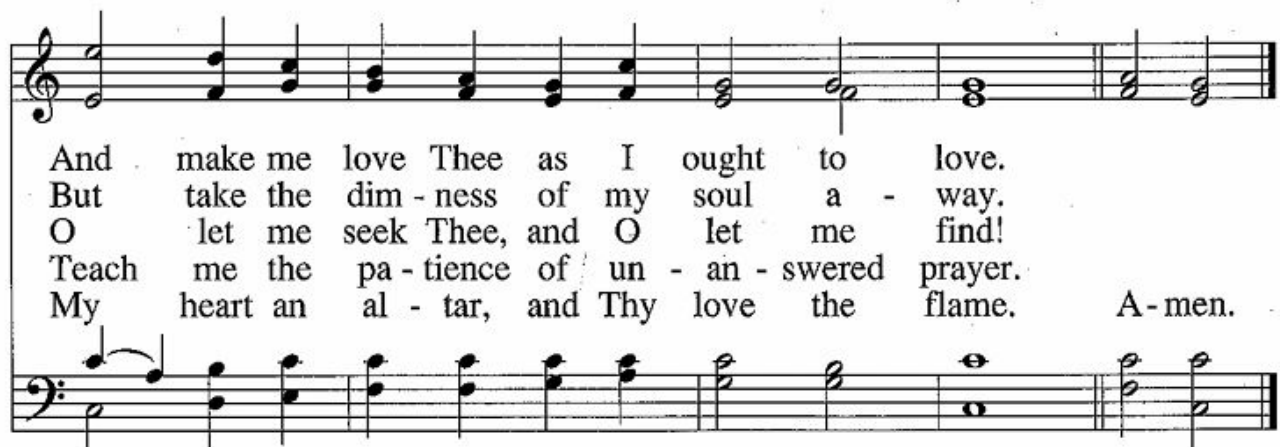
1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et - ec - sta - sies,
3. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
4. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
5. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear:
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,
No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies,
I see Thy cross—there teach my heart to cling;
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
The bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed Dove.



And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame. A - men.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es,

bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no more,
strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield,
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to Thee,

Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ever give to Thee. A - men.

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. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "Feed me till I want no more. Be Thou still my strength and shield. I will ever give to Thee. A - men." The music ends with a double bar line.

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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