

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

July 5, 2026 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Seek first the kingdom of God.

People: And all these things will be added unto you.

*Hymn No. 301 “America the Beautiful”

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

O God, source of all, savior of all, and sustainer of all, we lift our hearts to you now in worship and pray that we might be present as you are present now. Receive our adoration, our confessions, our petitions, and our longings as we offer them in surrender and in hope to you. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we pray and worship. 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

JoAnn Cantriel

Special Music

LeEtta and Beth Dampf

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Carla Clennin

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: Exodus 3:7-10 p.47

Second Lesson: John 8:31-36 p.931

Sermon **Freedom In Christ**

Hymn No. 161 “Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

Invitation to the Offering

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

*Prayer of Dedication

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)

Lord Jesus, I come before You with a humble and grateful heart. Thank You for Your ultimate sacrifice on the cross- Your body broken for me, and Your blood poured out for the forgiveness of my sins. As I partake of these elements, I remember Your great love and Your victory over death. Please cleanse my heart, renew my spirit, and draw me closer to You. Let this sacred moment strengthen my faith, heal my body, and empower me to live a life that reflects Your grace. In Your holy and precious name, I pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 299 “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

*Benediction

To God be the glory,
to God be the glory and honor and power,
the glory and honor and power,
forever and ever,
forever and ever.

Amen

And Amen.

*Congregational Response “*Let There Be Peace on Earth*” p. 308

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, family all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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Ushers: Larry Schoeneberg and Anny Roll

Greeters: Carla Clennin and Larry Rohrbach



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**Activities Calendar: July 5, 2026 ~ July 12, 2026**

**Sunday, July 5**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Communion

**Monday, July 6**

6:30 p.m. – Sunday School Teacher and Officers meeting

**Tuesday, July 7**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

11:00 a.m. – Quilters

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

***Looking ahead ~***

Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Consistory meeting 6 pm

Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Guild 1pm

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Rohrbach Sing-a-long and Potluck

Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood 7pm

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Campers This Week: **Jess Medlin, Kalyn Carlock, Brenyn Robertson**

Family and Friends of: Charlene Schnack and Shirley Hegg

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

Alan Meyer, Anjanette Volkart, Becky Zuidervaat, 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*)

Prayer from the Search Committee...

**Prayer for Unity:**

"Lord, we ask for unity among our search committee and congregation. Help us to put aside personal preferences and agendas, focusing instead on Your will for our church. May we work together in harmony as we seek the right leader."

**Food Pantry Items Needed**

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

## **Rohrbach Sing-A-Long and Potluck Dinner**

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

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

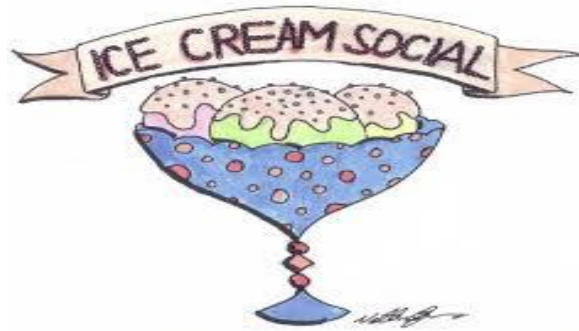
The 17th Annual Moniteau County Back to School Fair will be held from 4–6 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 28, 2026**, at California High School. This event provides free school supplies and resources to students across Moniteau County. They are asking our church to donate boxes of tissues. If you would like to donate boxes of tissues, please bring to the church **by July 17th** or drop them off at the Moniteau County Health Center.

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.

# Salem United Church of Christ Annual Ice Cream Social



Date: Saturday, August 22

Serving 4:00 until 6:30 p.m.

Located on the Salem church grounds  
on Hwy K, east of California

Dining inside and outside, pick your pleasure.



Ice Cream



Drinks  
Sandwiches



Chips  
Cake Walk



Cake

Everyone welcome! Come and enjoy an evening of  
fun, food and fellowship.

# America the Beautiful

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For  
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose  
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In  
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That

am - ber waves of grain, For pur - ple moun - tain  
 stern, im - pas - sioned stress A thor - ough - fare for  
 lib - er - at - ing strife, Who more than self their  
 sees be - yond the years Thine al - a - bas - ter

maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
 free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!  
 coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!  
 cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God

shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with  
mend thine ev - 'ry flaw, Con - firm thy soul in  
God thy gold re - fine, Till all suc - cess be  
shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with

broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.  
self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.  
no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

# Tell Me the Story of Jesus



1. Tell me the sto - ry of Je - sus, Write on my heart  
2. Fast - ing a - lone in the des - ert, Tell of the days  
3. Tell of the cross where they nailed Him, Writh - ing in an -  
*Refrain: Tell me the sto - ry of Je - sus, Write on my heart*



ev - 'ry word; Tell me the sto - ry most  
that are past, How for our sins He was  
gush and pain; Tell of the grave where they  
ev - 'ry word; Tell me the sto - ry most



pre - cious, Sweet - est that ev - er was heard.  
tempt - ed, Yet was tri - um - phant at last.  
laid Him, Tell how He liv - eth a - gain.  
*pre - cious, Sweet - est that ev - er was heard.*



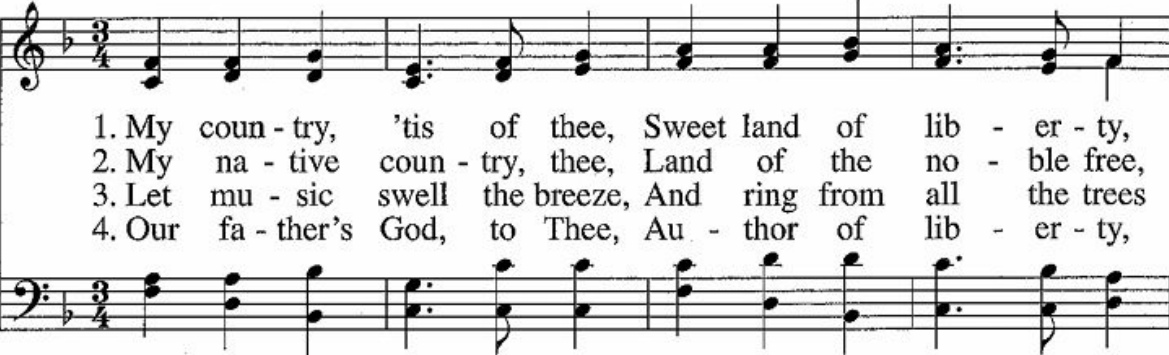
Tell how the an - gels in cho - rus Sang as they wel - comed His  
Tell of the years of His la - bor, Tell of the sor - row He  
Love in that sto - ry so ten - der Clear - er than ev - er I

birth,                    "Glo - ry to God        in the        high - est!  
 bore,                    He        was de - spised        and af - flict - ed,  
 see;                    Stay,        let me weep        while you        whis - per,

*D.C. for Refrain*

Peace        and good        tid - ings        to        earth."  
 Home - less,        re - ject - ed        and        poor.  
 "Love        paid the        ran - som        for        me."

# My Country, 'Tis of Thee



1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,  
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees  
4. Our fa - ther's God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



Of thee I sing; Land where my fa - thers died;  
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,  
Sweet free - dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake;  
To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright



Land of the pil - grim's pride, From ev - 'ry  
Thy woods and tem - pled hills; My heart with  
Let all that breathe par - take; Let rocks their  
With free - dom's ho - ly light; Pro - tect us



moun - tain side Let free - dom ring.  
rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.  
si - lence break; The sound pro - long.  
by Thy might, Great God, our King.

## 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.*

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