

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Pastor

Organist

August 9, 2026 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles McKenna Chambers & Nora Wolford

Welcome and Announcements

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: Sing praise to God’s name!

Leader: The Lord has done wonderful things for us!

People: The Lord has heaped blessing upon blessing in our lives!

Leader: Come, sing, shout, and give thanks to God.

People: In all our ways, we will continually thank God forever. AMEN.

***Hymn No. 74 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

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

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus’ Name, 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”

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

Ginnie Medlin

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Becky Schneider

Gracious God, your word is very near, on our lips and in our hearts. As this Word is read and proclaimed, by the power of your Holy Spirit, make it become in us the word of faith. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 85:8-13 p. 512

Second Lesson: Matthew 14:22-23 p. 849

Third Lesson: Romans 10:5-15 p. 985

Special Music “How Great Thou Art”

Steve English

Sermon **Beautiful Feet**

Hymn No. 403 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to the Offering

The richness of God's mercy is poured over us every minute of our lives, even when we least expect it. We offer our gifts and tithes in gratitude for all that God does for and with us, that we might become better servants of the Gospel. AMEN.

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

*Hymn No. 459 "Freely, Freely"

*Benediction

You have been embraced by the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by Jesus to go into this world to offer healing and hope. Go in peace. AMEN.

*Congregational Response *"Pass It On"* p.465

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to ev'ry one, you want to pass it on.*

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

Activities Calendar: August 9, 2026 ~ August 16, 2026

Sunday, August 9

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – R.O.K.

Monday, August 10

6:00 p.m. - Consistory

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:30 p.m. – Sunday School Teacher and Officer Meeting

Sunday, August 16

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead ~

Wednesday, August 19th – Women's Guild cleaning day

Saturday, August 22nd – Salem Ice Cream Social

Monday, August 24th – Brotherhood Fish Fry

1st day of School

Wednesday, August 26th – Sr. Choir and Bell practices start

Sunday, August 30th – Rally Sunday

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Ushers: Holly Bieri and Kris Ingram

Greeters: Linda and Leroy Schnieders



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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.

## 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 August, Mac and Cheese** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Ed Hanauer, David Schubert, and Charlie Roll

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

Alan Meyer, Anjanette Volkart, Becky Zuidervaat, Alan Chambers, Joyce Rohrbach, 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*)

Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marine Reserves, St. Louis*)

Tucker Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Army, Kentucky*)

Walker Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Air Force, Germany*)

## **Senior Choir**

Attention all singers! Practices for the Senior Choir will start on **Wednesday, August 26th at 7:30pm** in the sanctuary. If you are interested in being a part of a wonderful group of dedicated singers, please feel free to join us! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 573-291-1189. Hope to see you there!

Stacy Friedrich, California UCC Choir Director



## **Bell Choir**

Bell practice will start **Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30pm.**

We are needing more bell members. Come join us!

Contact me at 573-291-8919

Becky Schneider, Bell Choir Director

## **Pinto Football Quarterback Club BBQ**

**August 23rd**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm (Dine In or Drive Thru)

At the California High School

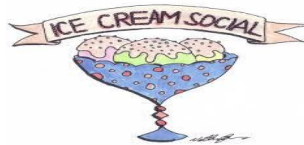
Pork Steak, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Corn & Dessert

\$15 per meal

Tickets available at the door or from any football player.

## **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.

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

# A NOTE FROM THE CONSISTORY.....

## Church Smoke and Fire Protection

The consistory has contracted with Korsmeyer Fire Protection out of Jefferson City to replace the worn-out smoke and fire alarm system installed with the 2003 Friendship Hall construction project. The replacement system will consist of a new controller and sensors located primarily in the education building and parts of the Friendship Hall building. This repair will cost \$5455.00 and will be completed in late July.

During the evaluation of the problems with the current system, it was recognized that we do not have smoke detectors in the ceiling of the gym or the sanctuary. We are concerned that without proper early smoke detection in these two areas, a fire could progress quite rapidly and do catastrophic damage to our facility estimated at near \$7 million to replace. While we believe we have adequate insurance coverage, we would rather be able to quickly address a fire situation that is starting than rebuild after the damage is done. Our deductible alone for fire is \$50,000.

Due to these missing elements of fire protection, primarily in the gym and sanctuary, and the fact that the wiring in the original sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and basement are quite aged, we have received a bid from Korsmeyer Fire Protection to install additional smoke and heat detectors that will give us a better chance of catching a pending fire.

The bid of \$27,300 would cover installation of additional wired sensors in these high ceilings and heat detectors in the sanctuary, attic and kitchens. This is in addition to the \$5455.00 for the first phase already contracted and includes the wiring and labor to get to these high locations and through the old brick walls and rock foundations.

We believe this investment is a practical and cost-effective approach to early fire detection to minimize the risk of a catastrophic loss. Monitoring would be part of this system and would be performed 24/7 by a third party who notifies the local 911 directly.

The consistory is requesting your comments on this improvement. We plan to schedule a membership discussion and vote in the near future regarding entering into a contract to complete this needed improvement.

Please discuss with your Consistory members and we will schedule a membership meeting in the coming months.

## **Wednesday Night Meals Volunteers Needed**

The Consistory is looking for individuals or groups interested in signing up for a date in the rotation to provide a Wednesday night meal for our church family. We are looking for those interested in providing the labor to prepare the meal as an act of service. The food costs will be paid by the church. This rotation will be separate from the various fundraisers held throughout the year. Sweet Chipotle Catering will continue to be a part of the rotation as well. If interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board to select a date. Wednesday night meals are scheduled to **start Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Lower-Level Lobby Doors**

In an effort to increase the security of our church facility and family, the glass doors to the lower-level lobby will be locked at 10:45 on Sunday mornings beginning in August 2026. If you need to enter the church after that time, please either use the Oak Street entrance at the front of the church or use your key fob to access the locked doors. If you do not have a key fob to access the church, please contact the office to receive one.

## **Janitorial Services**

After 13 years of dedicated service, Doug and Beth Dampf have made the decision to resign as the janitorial provider for the church facility. The Consistory is seeking a new individual or small group interested in taking on this responsibility. This is a paid position. Please contact a Consistory member for details about responsibilities as well as salary details if you are interested in the position.

# I Love You, Lord

Unison F Gm7/F F

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to

Bb F/A Gm7 F/A C7SUS4 C Bb/D C/E

wor - ship You, O my soul re - joice. Take

F Gm7/F F F7

joy, my King, in what You hear, May it be a

Bb F/A FSUS4/G C7 Bb/F F

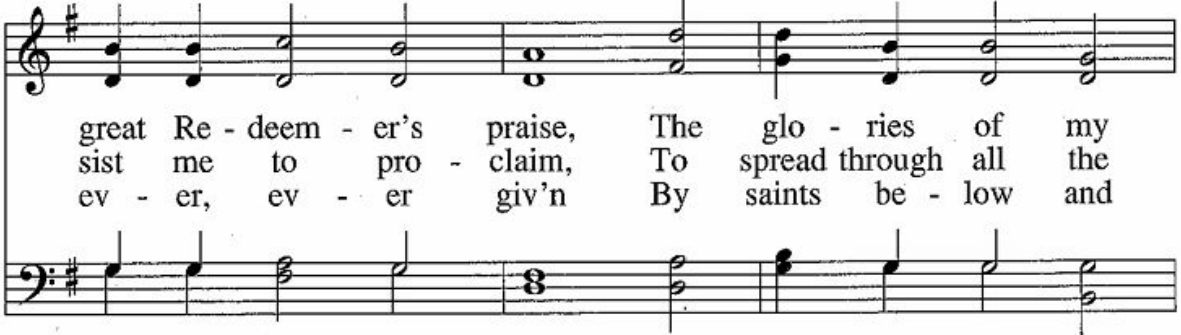
sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

The musical score is written for a unison voice and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano part provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure. The piece concludes with a final sustained chord in the piano part.

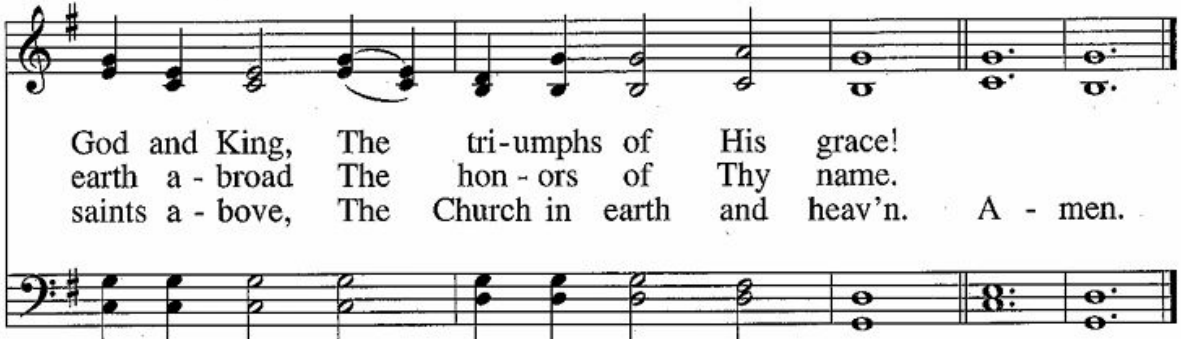
# O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
3. Glo - ry to God and praise and love Be

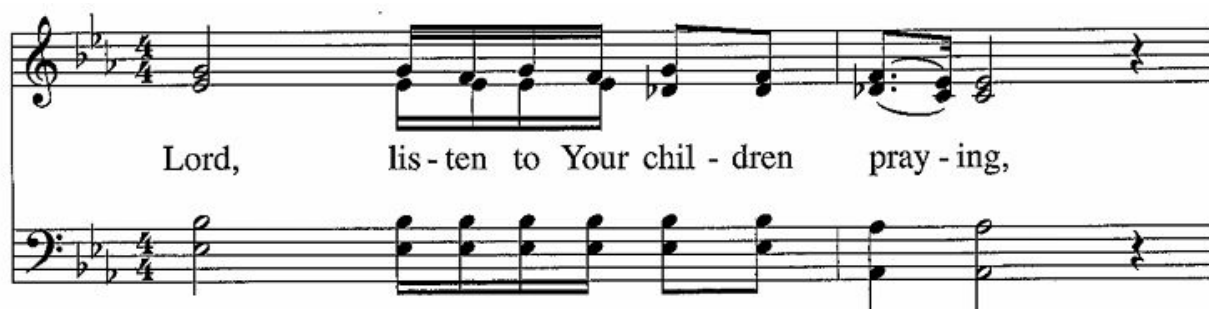


great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
ev - er, ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.  
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n. A - men.

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



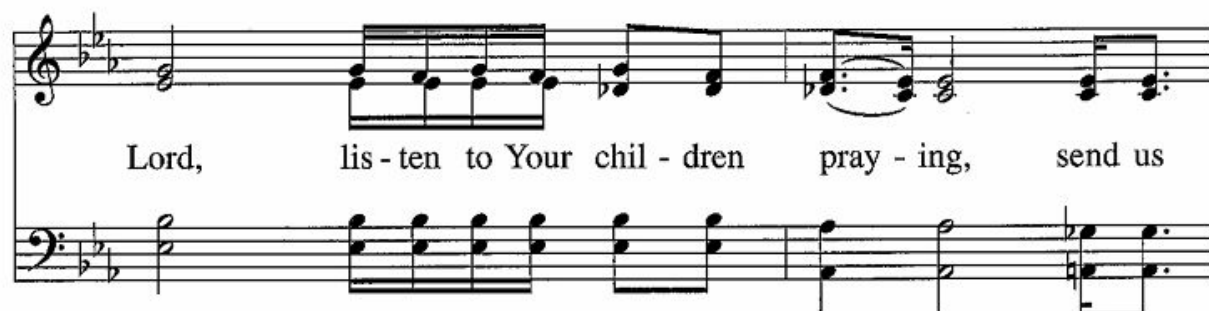
Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing,

The first line of the hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing,". The melody features a series of eighth notes in the second measure, followed by a half note in the third measure, and a quarter note in the fourth measure. The bass line consists of a series of eighth notes in the second measure, followed by a half note in the third measure, and a quarter note in the fourth measure.



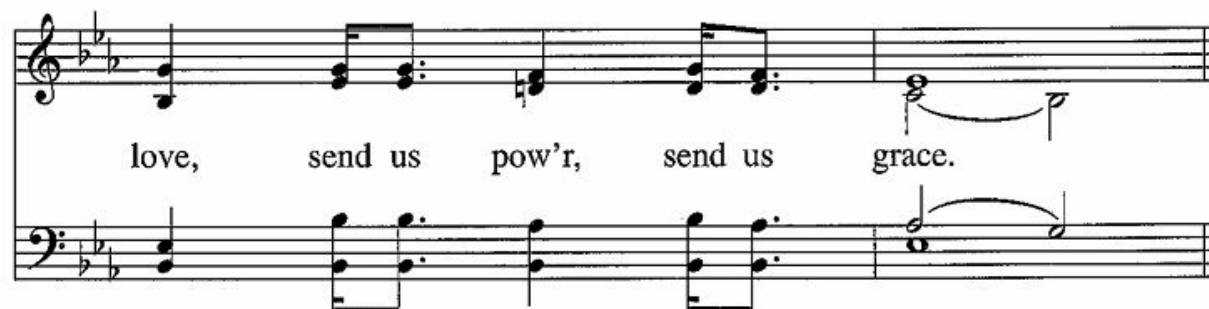
Lord, send Your Spir - it in this place;

The second line of the hymn continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Lord, send Your Spir - it in this place;". The melody features a series of eighth notes in the second measure, followed by a half note in the third measure, and a quarter note in the fourth measure. The bass line consists of a series of eighth notes in the second measure, followed by a half note in the third measure, and a quarter note in the fourth measure.



Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing, send us

The third line of the hymn continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing, send us". The melody features a series of eighth notes in the second measure, followed by a half note in the third measure, and a quarter note in the fourth measure. The bass line consists of a series of eighth notes in the second measure, followed by a half note in the third measure, and a quarter note in the fourth measure.



love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The fourth line of the hymn concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "love, send us pow'r, send us grace.". The melody features a series of eighth notes in the second measure, followed by a half note in the third measure, and a quarter note in the fourth measure. The bass line consists of a series of eighth notes in the second measure, followed by a half note in the third measure, and a quarter note in the fourth measure.

# Freely, Freely

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been  
2. All pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, In

born a - gain in Je - sus' name, And in Je - sus' name I  
earth and heav'n in Je - sus' name, And in Je - sus' name I

come to you, To share His love as He told me to.  
come to you, To share His pow'r as He told me to.

He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,

free - ly, free - ly give. Go in My name, and be -

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of six systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the next two lines. The fourth system contains the next two lines. The fifth system contains the next two lines. The sixth system contains the final two lines. The piano accompaniment is written in the right and left hands. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The score is in a standard musical notation with a key signature of two flats and a time signature of 3/4.

cause you be-lieve, oth-ers will know that I live."

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the lyrics are written below it. The lyrics are "cause you be-lieve, oth-ers will know that I live." The melody starts on a whole note, followed by a half note, and then a quarter note. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The piece 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.**  
*Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.**