

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Pastor

Organist

August 16, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Sophie and Bruce Miller

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song No. 146 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

***Call to Worship**

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: We gather together to worship the Holy One in unity!

Leader: How very good and powerful it is when we commit to the kingdom of God!

People: We gather together to discern God’s will and declare God’s reign!

Leader: How very good and hopeful it is when we reconcile and repair our brokenness and bless one another!

People: We gather together to love and to serve! Praise the Holy One!

***Hymn No. 355 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

***Invocation (unison)**

Gracious and Healing God, in your presence, we find the fullness of joy, love and life. Expand our vision and write a new way forward upon our hearts. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We need your comfort and conviction. We trust

your provision and power. As we come near to you, we affirm your goodness and the goodness within us. Receive our presence and our dreams of the world you help us make possible. 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

Carla Clennin

Hymn No. 250 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Scripture Lessons

Carla Clennin

First Lesson: Psalms 133 p. 539

Second Lesson: Isaiah 56:1-7 p. 636

Third Lesson: Matthew 15:21-28 p. 849

Special Music

Emma Kissick

Sermon “**Persistant Faith**”

Hymn No. 361 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to the Offering

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 430 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*Benediction

As you go with the assurance that God goes with you
Invite others near to share the blessings of God through
abundance, reconciliation, and hope.

*Congregational Response *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” p.497*
Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

Activities Calendar: August 16, 2026 ~ August 23, 2026

Sunday, August 16

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, August 19

9:00 a.m. – Women’s Guild Cleaning Day

Saturday, August 22nd

4:00 p.m. - Salem Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 23

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead ~

Monday, August 24th – Brotherhood Fish Fry

1st day of School

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

Sunday, August 30th – Rally Sunday-Congregational Meeting

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Ushers: Holly Bieri and Kris Ingram

Greeters: Linda and Leroy Schnieders



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### **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.

**October 4, 2026**, will be the 48th anniversary of Rev. Matheny's ordination ceremony. Please join us that day for a "Camp Meeting Sunday" service to celebrate the anniversary. The choir will perform a medley of songs of significance to Rev. Matheny. We will be joined by guest speaker John Schindler as well as members of the Matheny family.

### **Playschool Items**

There are various items remaining as a result of the closure of the Playschool program. These items will be located in the back area of the Fellowship Hall area of the church until August 31, 2026. If there are any items that would be of use to you, please feel free to take them home with you before that date. All remaining items will be disposed of on September 1, 2026.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Terry Carlson and Jerry Hall

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

Janice Anderson, 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*)

Prayer from Search Committee.....

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your wisdom and guidance as we search for the shepherd You have chosen for our church. You know our needs, our challenges, and the vision You have placed before us. Lead our search committee with clarity, unity, and discernment. Protect us from haste or discouragement, and help us to trust Your perfect timing. Prepare the heart of the one You are calling, and prepare our hearts to receive them with love and grace. May this process draw us closer to You and to one another, so that together we may serve Your kingdom faithfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **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

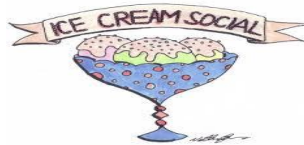
Pork Steak, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Corn & Dessert

\$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.

# Congregational Meeting- Sunday, August, 30th

A congregational vote will be held in the sanctuary immediately after the service on August 30, 2026 regarding the suggested improvements to the fire system in the church. **Detailed information is below.** Please contact Jay Bestgen if you have additional questions regarding the suggested updates. We hope you can join us for this vote on vital updates to our church building.

## A NOTE FROM THE CONSISTORY.....

### Church Smoke and Fire Protection

The consistory has contracted with Kormeyer 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 Kormeyer 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.

### **Wednesday Night Meals**

Wednesday evening meals will resume on September 9, 2026. We are still looking for groups or individuals willing to volunteer their time to prepare for a selected week. All food expenses are paid by the church. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the gym. The Wednesday night meal program is an important component to the outreach and activity efforts of the church. This is a time of great fellowship but it also takes the stress out of having to plan dinner before attending Wednesday night activities. We encourage all church members and their families to attend!

### **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. 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.

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.

# Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look

The first line of the musical score is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

face,  
full in His won - der - ful won - der - ful face, And the  
face,

The second line of the musical score continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A long note in the melody is tied across the bar line.

things of earth will grow strange - ly dim In the

The third line of the musical score continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

light of His glo - ry and grace.

The fourth line of the musical score concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and  
2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un -  
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the  
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - eous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But  
chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale My  
whelm-ing floods; When all a - round my soul gives way, He  
Him be found, Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -



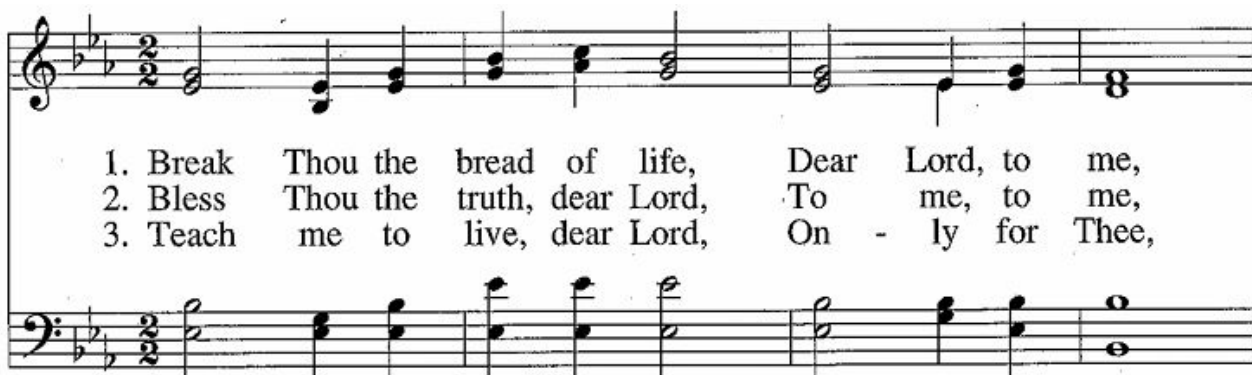
whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand,  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



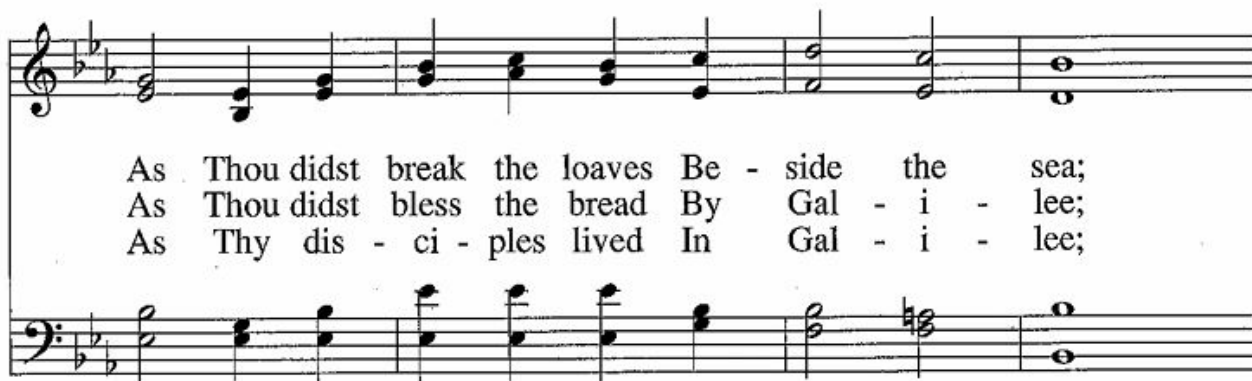
All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.



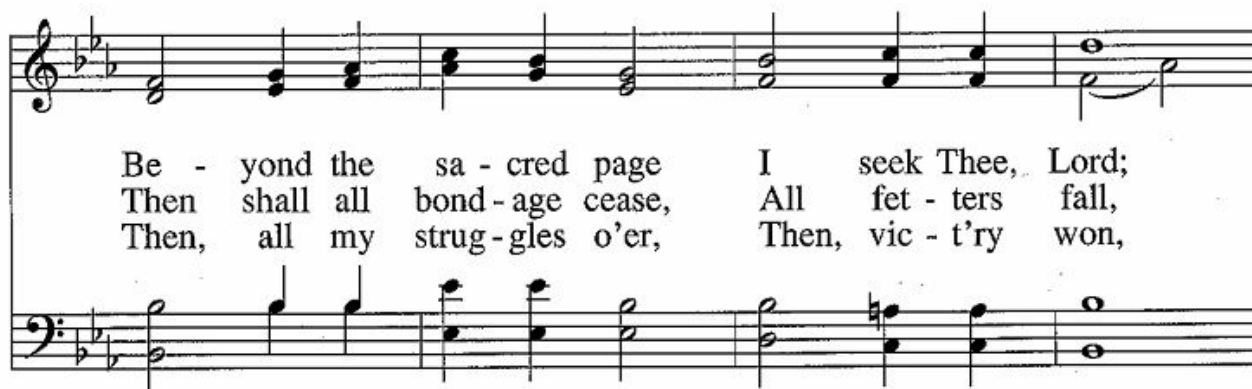
# Break Thou the Bread of Life



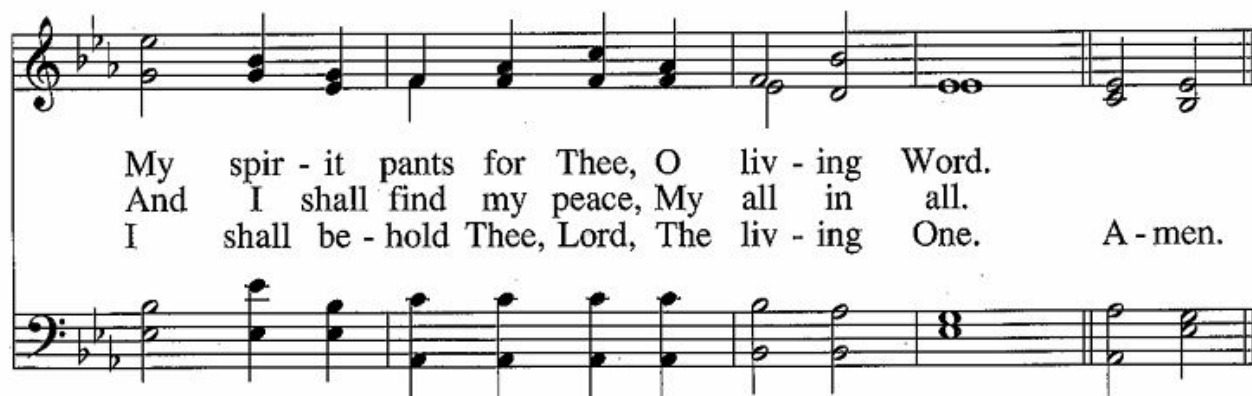
1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,  
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,  
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for Thee,



As Thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;  
As Thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;  
As Thy dis - ci - ples lived In Gal - i - lee;

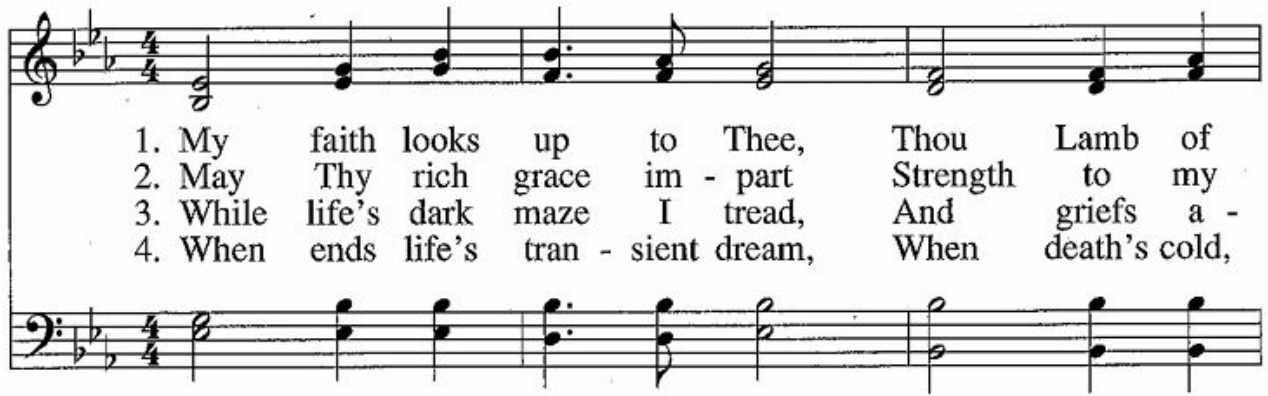


Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek Thee, Lord;  
Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,  
Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,



My spir - it pants for Thee, O liv - ing Word.  
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.  
I shall be - hold Thee, Lord, The liv - ing One. A - men.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of  
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my  
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -  
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me  
 faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast  
 round me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness  
 sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way; Oh, let me  
 died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and  
 turn to day; Wipe sor - row's tears a - way; Nor let me  
 then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re-move; Oh, bear me



from this day Be whol - ly Thine.  
 change - less be, A liv - ing fire.  
 ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
 safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul. 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.*  
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