

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

August 23, 2026 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Max Robertson & Lee Bieri

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song No. 244 “Father, I Adore You” (all 3 verses)

*Call to Worship

Leader: If it had not been for the Lord, who reached out to us

People: We would have perished in our own selfishness.

Leader: If it had not been for the Lord, who healed our wounds

People: We would have succumbed to pain and sorrow.

Leader: Praise be to God who reaches out to us, healing and restoring our lives.

People: All thanks be to God for the many ways in which our lives have been blessed. AMEN.

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

*Invocation (unison)

Lord, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction for our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. 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

Anny Roll

Scripture Lessons

Judy Burger

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6 p. 631

Second Lesson: Psalms 138 p. 541

Third Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20 p. 850

Special Music “Praise Ye the Triune God”

Mary Burger and Roberta Pate

Sermon

“A Living Sacrifice”

Text: Romans 12:1, Part 1

Hymn No. 227 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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. 349 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

*Benediction (unison)

O God our Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: give us grace to follow his example and unite us in the service of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Congregational Response

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” p.495

*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: August 23, 2026 ~ August 30, 2026

Sunday, August 23

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, August 24 - 1st day of school

6:30 p.m. – Brotherhood Fish Fry

Tuesday, August 25

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, August 26th

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir Practice

Sunday, August 30

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School- Rally Sunday

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Congregational Meeting following

Looking ahead ~

Tuesday, September 1 – Quilters meet at 10:30 am

Sunday, September 6 – Communion

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 8 – Sunday School Teacher and Officer meeting

Wednesday, September 9th – Wed. night meal, R.O.K./God's Singers,
Confirmation meeting, Bell Choir, Sr. Choir

Sunday, September 13th – R.O.K.

Monday, September 14th – Consistory

Wednesday, September 16 – Women's Guild

Monday, September 21 – 25th - Prison Ministry Week

Monday, September 28 - Brotherhood

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Ushers: Holly Bieri and Kris Ingram

Greeters: Linda and Leroy Schnieders



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## **Pinto Football Quarterback Club BBQ TODAY**

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.

## **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 the Matheny's son.

### **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.

Prayer from Search Committee.....

Dear Lord, we humbly come before You,  
acknowledging our need for a new pastor to lead us.  
You know the heart of our congregation and the  
unique challenges we face. We ask for a shepherd  
who will boldly proclaim Your truth, with love and  
compassion for all. Amen

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Bruce Nichols and Bill Taggart

**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*)

## **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

## **Wednesday Night Meals**

Wednesday evening meals will resume on September 9, 2026. We have two couples and the Consistory signed up thus far, but we are still looking for additional groups or individuals willing to volunteer their time to prepare dinner 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. Even if you are unable to help with a dinner preparation, we encourage all church members and their families, to place their reservation in advance of each meal, so we know how much food to prepare.

## 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/smoke detection system for the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Gym. **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 improvements to our church building.

## 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.

**Moniteau 4-H**  
**Honoring Our Local Heroes**  
**Sunday, September 13th**  
**Latham Memorial Park**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Please join us as we honor those who have given so much!**  
**Veterans, Military, Emergency Service Personnel,**  
**Healthcare Workers, Law Enforcement**

**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.

## Father, I Adore You

Canon Unison

The musical score is written for a Canon Unison in 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature of 4/4. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff, continuing the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

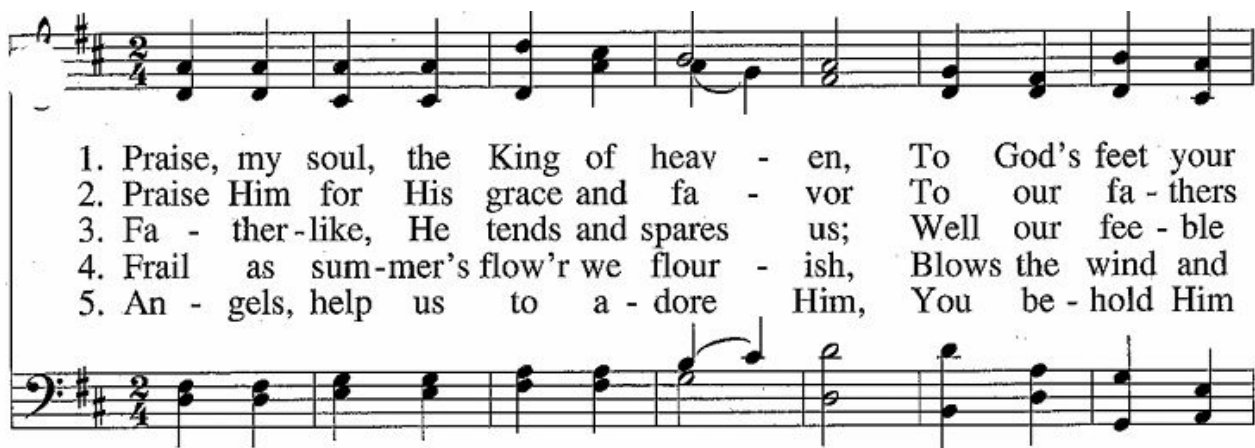
1. Fa - ther, I a - dore You, Lay my life be -

fore You, How I love You.

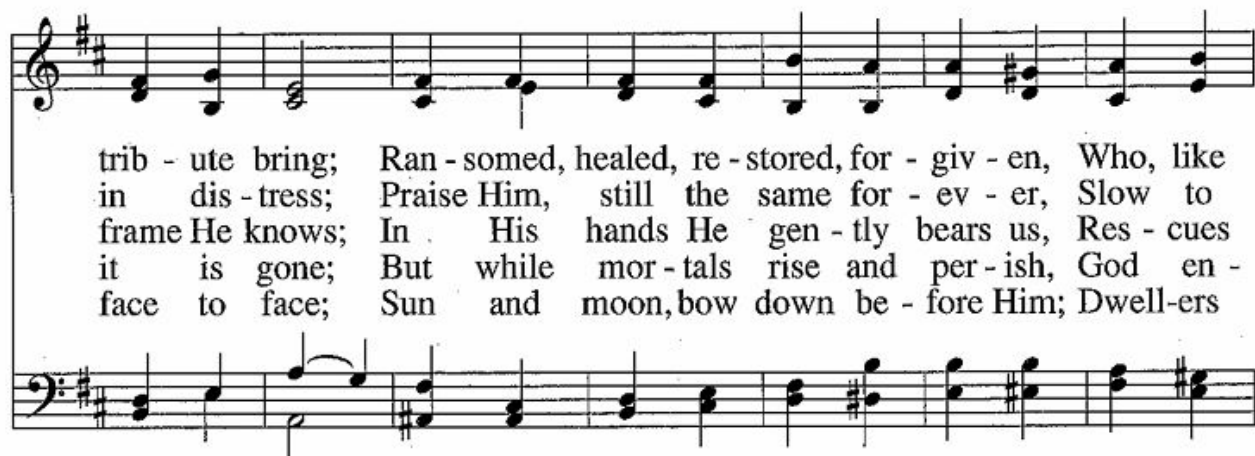
2. Jesus  
3. Spirit

MARANATHA  
6.6.4

**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.

## Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with  
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my  
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am  
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I

life a - new, That I may love what Thou dost  
 heart is pure, Un - til with Thee I will one  
 whol - ly Thine, Till all this earth - ly part of  
 nev - er die, But live with Thee the per - fect

love And do what Thou wouldst do.  
 will, To do and to en - dure.  
 me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
 life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

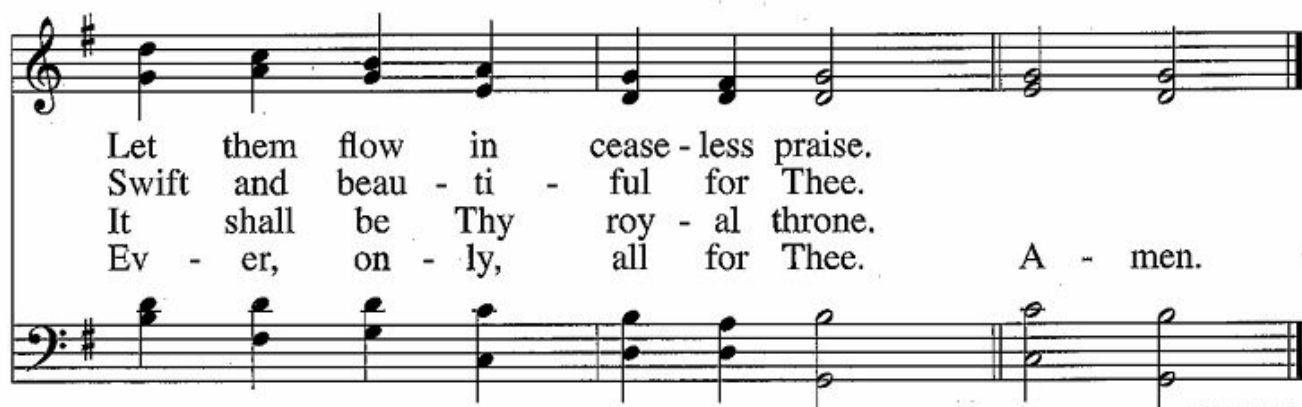
## Take My Life and Let It Be



1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse  
 3. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no  
 4. Take my love: my Lord I pour At Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days,  
 of Thy love; Take my feet, and let them be  
 long - er mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
 treas - ure store; Take my - self, and I will be



Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 It shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
 Ev - er, on - ly, all for 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.**