

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

September 6, 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Sutton Lawson & Charley Medlin

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: We will sing God’s praises!

Leader: Seek the Lord and God’s strength.

People: We continually seek God’s presence in our lives.

Leader: Remember all the wonderful things that God has done.

People: Praise the Lord! AMEN.

*Hymn No. 58 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Invocation (unison)

Lord, we have gathered here today to hear your word for us. We marvel at the witness of Moses who received your call to liberate your enslaved people. We also struggle with the issues of safety and security that plagued Peter when Jesus set his sights on entering Jerusalem. Be with us this day, guiding our spirits and opening our hearts to hear your forgiveness and call to us. 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

JoAnn Cantriel

Scripture Lessons

Brad Friedrich

First Lesson: Psalms 119: 33-40 p.532

Second Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20 p.852

Special Music

Becky Schneider

Sermon

Love In Action

Sermon Text – Romans 12:9-13

Invitation to the Offering

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, perhaps your voice issuing forth from a burning bush is what we need to shake us from our complacency. We have a hard time comprehending your call to us

because we feel so inadequate to respond in faithful service. So we look to others to do the work. We are happy to support their efforts with our funds and our limited interest. Now, Lord, we need to take the next step into actual service to you. Forgive our slowness of action and heart, O Lord. Quicken our spirits to accept the call you have for us. Give us courage and strength to do your will and help others in need. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

In the power of the burning bush, in the quiet stillness, in the everyday noises of living, God is calling to each one of us, telling us to trust in the gifts with which God has bestowed on us. You are beloved and blessed by God to be a blessing to others. Rejoice!

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)

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

*Hymn No. 446 “Jesu, Jesu”

*Benediction

Go...in the peace of Christ.

Live...in the love of Christ.

Hope...in the name of Christ.

And rest...in the abiding presence of Christ,

Who is among us in our coming and our going.

*Congregational Response “*Freely, Freely*” – p. 459

“Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.

Go in My name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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Ushers: Jim Deeken & Doug Dampf

Greeters: Bryce and Morgan Opie



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## Activities Calendar: September 6, 2026 ~ September 13, 2026

### Sunday, September 6

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Communion

### Monday, September 7- Labor Day Holiday

Church office closed

### Tuesday, September 8

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

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

### Wednesday, September 9

6:00 – Wednesday Night Meal

6:30 – Confirmation Meeting/R.O.K. and God's Singers/  
Bell Choir

7:30 – Sr. Choir

### Sunday, September 13

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship - R.O.K Sunday

### *Looking ahead ~*

Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Consistory

Wednesday, September 16 – Women's Guild

Monday, September 21 – 25<sup>th</sup> - Prison Ministry Week

Monday, September 28 - Brotherhood

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.

# **Wednesday Evening Meals Are Starting!**

## **Sept. 9 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Please sign up** on the clip board at the office window  
or at the back of the sanctuary.

Or by 4:00 Monday: Call the church office (796-4885)

Email Rhonda: [rhonda@calmo-ucc.org](mailto:rhonda@calmo-ucc.org)

This week's menu is: **Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Patties,  
Scrambled Eggs and Cinnamon Rolls**

## **Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)**

**Sunday, September 13, 2026**

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 September, Tuna** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

## **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**

### **Prison Ministry Week – September 21 to 25**

Brotherhood is looking for help with drinks, sides and desserts for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that week. If you are willing to bring one or more, there is a sign- up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary as well as downstairs on a clipboard in the window sill. Contact Rob Barbour for questions.

**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.

### **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.

Please join the Women's Guild in supporting the

# **Festival of Sharing**

The Women's Guild invites you to put together one of the kits that are most needed in Missouri. Please deliver your kit to the church no later than

**October 1, 2026.** Monetary gifts are also appreciated. Please indicate on check or envelope that your donation is for Festival of Sharing. All will be delivered to the Sharefest Location on **October 17, 2026.**

We thank you for prayerfully considering to help our group!





## Missouri Paper Product Pack

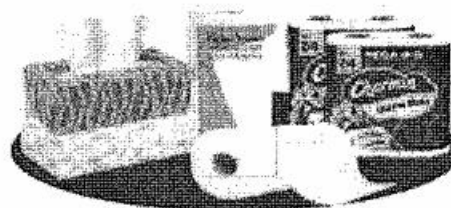
3,379 requested versus 576 shared in 2025

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$23

**Instructions:** Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. Label the trash bag "Missouri Paper Products Pack."

- ☐ 2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)
- ☐ 2 rolls paper towels (good quality)
- ☐ 12 double/mega rolls of toilet paper as 3 packages of 4 or 2 packages of 6 (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)



## Missouri Personal Hygiene Pack

4,024 requested versus 1,884 shared in 2025

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$30

**Instructions:** Tighten lids and place all items in a large zipper storage bag (2-2.5 gallon). Place completed packs in boxes labeled with "Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs" and the quantity on the exterior.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 hand towel                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush (in original package)    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 deodorant                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle of body wash (15-22 oz.)     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 razors (disposable)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.)          | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 comb (large) OR brush               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 washcloth                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle travel skin lotion (1-3 oz.) |



## Missouri Family Food Box

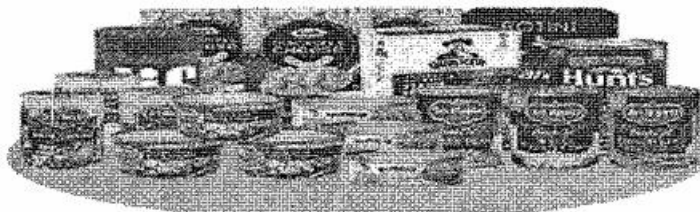
5,695 requested versus 1,983 shared in 2025

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$27

**Instructions:** Place items in a sturdy box, tape and label "Missouri Family Food Box." Please purchase low sodium/low sugar when possible. Include no more than two food box packs per box due to weight.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pkgs. macaroni & cheese                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pound pasta             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of vegetables                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans tuna               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar peanut butter                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans chicken            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can pasta sauce                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of oatmeal packets (10 count any flavor) |                                                    |



*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Gary 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*)

**Prayer from the Search Committee...**

Lord, grant us patience and faith as we wait for Your perfect choice. We entrust our search to You, knowing that You have a plan. In Your mighty name, we pray.

Amen.

# Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics 'Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look' are written below the melody.

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

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics 'face,' are written above the melody, and 'full in His won - der - ful won - der - ful face, And the face,' are written below the melody.

things of earth will grow strange - ly dim In the

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics 'things of earth will grow strange - ly dim In the' are written below the melody.

light of His glo - ry and grace.

The fourth system concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics 'light of His glo - ry and grace.' are written below the melody.

# Crown Him with Many Crowns



1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne; Hark!
2. Crown Him the Lord of love, Be - hold His hands and side, Rich
3. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave, And
4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The po - ten - tate of time, Cre -



how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -  
wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No  
rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save; His  
a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - eff - a - bly sub - lime. All



wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him  
an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward  
glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who died, e -  
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me; Thy praise shall



as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
bends His burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.  
nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

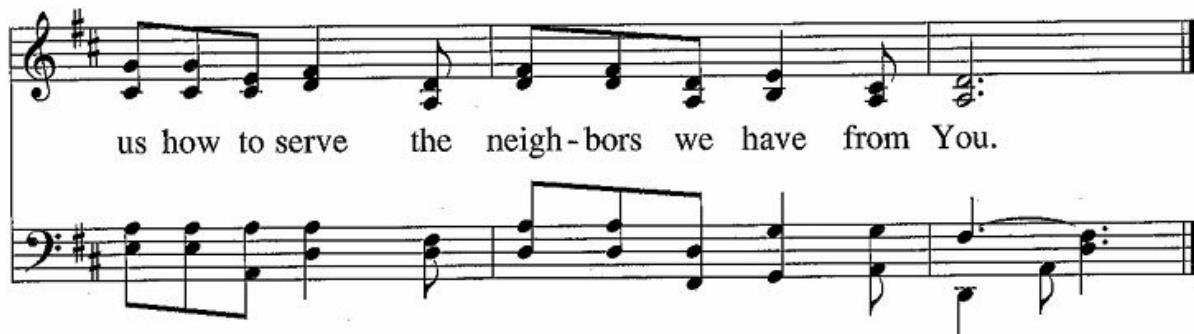


# Jesu Jesu

## Refrain *Unison*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with Your love, show

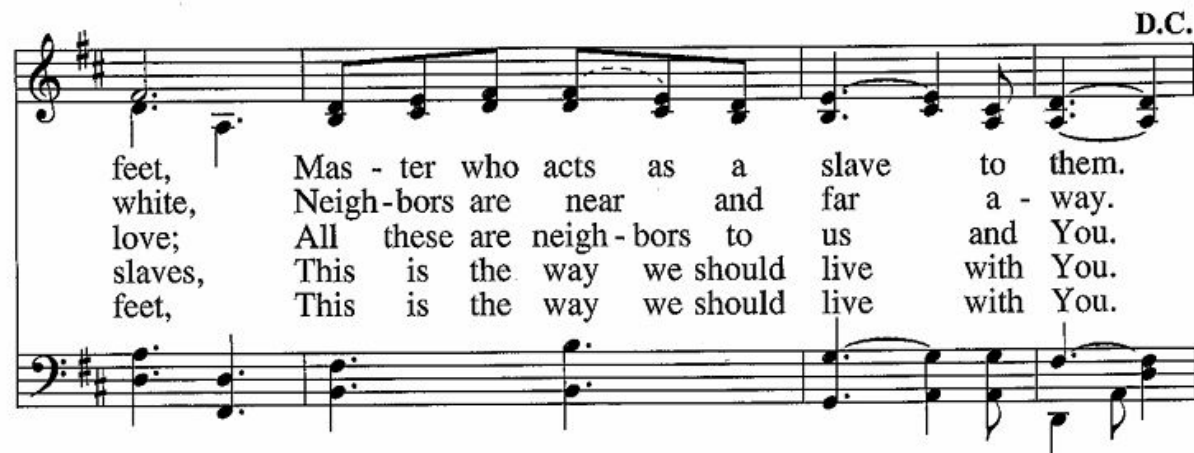


us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from You.

## Verses



1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, Neigh-bors are black and  
3. These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should  
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, Serv - ing as though we are  
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
white, Neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
love; All these are neigh-bors to us and You.  
slaves, This is the way we should live with You.  
feet, This is the way we should live with You.

D.C.

## 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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