

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

September 13, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Lee Bieri & McKenna Chambers

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

People: We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.

Leader: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

People: Bring us to the time of healing.

Leader: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

People: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence. AMEN.

***Hymn No. 243 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

***Invocation (unison)**

Lord, we come into your presence this morning with the busy schedules of summer activities crowding our lives. Our souls need to be fed and yet we seem powerless to find nurture and feeding that will sustain us. Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts this day to hear your words of hope and healing for us. 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)

Time of Greeting

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children “Jesus Loves the Little Children” p.166

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,
All the children of the earth, they are precious from their birth,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Children’s Time

Holly Bieri

Scripture Lessons

Toni Kueffer

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21 p. 45

Second Lesson: Psalms 103: 8-13 p. 522

Third Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35 p. 852

Anthem “Anchored to the Rock”

Sr. Choir

Sermon Text: Romans 12:14-21 p. 987

Sermon **Peace Making**

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**

You have been given every good gift for proclaiming God’s presence and God’s love. The world is thirsting for this good news. People struggle for words of hope and peace. As you have been blessed, now go to be a blessing in God’s Name. AMEN.

***Congregational Response**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” – p.580

God be with you till we meet again;

By His counsels guide, uphold you,

With His sheep securely fold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

***Extinguishing of the Candles**

***Postlude**

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Ushers: Jim Deeken & Doug Dampf

Greeters: Morgan and Bryce Opie



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**Activities Calendar: September 13, 2026 ~ September 20, 2026**

**Sunday, September 13**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- R.O.K.

**Monday, September 14**

6:00 p.m. - Consistory

**Tuesday, September 15**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, September 16**

1:00 p.m. - Women's Guild

6:00 – Wednesday Night Meal/Confirmation

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

7:30 – Sr. Choir

**Saturday, September 19 – Ham and Turkey Festival**

**Sunday, September 20**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

***Looking ahead ~***

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

Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – California Care Worship Service

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Youth Meeting

Monday, September 28 - Brotherhood

**Wednesday Evening Meals Have Begun!**

**Sept.16 - 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: **Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes,  
Vegetable Medley and Breadsticks**

**Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)**  
**TODAY, 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**  
**TODAY, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**At the Latham 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.

Mark your calendars, **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – 3 to 5 pm-Middle School Youth Back to School Party. Watch for more details from Connie or Tammy.

**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.

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.

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

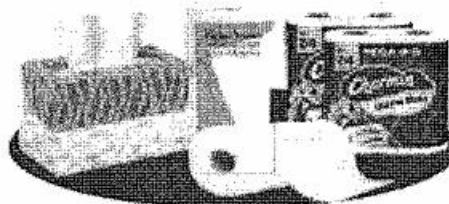
3,379 requested versus 576 shared in 2025

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

4,042 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

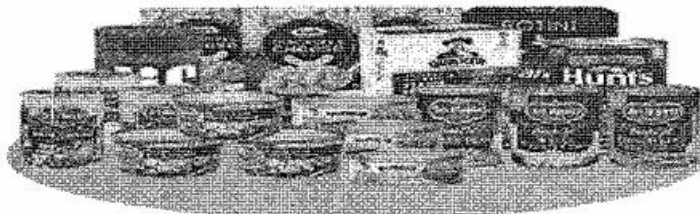
5,665 requested versus 1,083 shared in 2025

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: Maxine (Christian) Thompkins

**Confirmands:** Weston Brandes, William Kissick,  
Maci Kueffer, Camden Lawson and Sophia Miller

**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*)

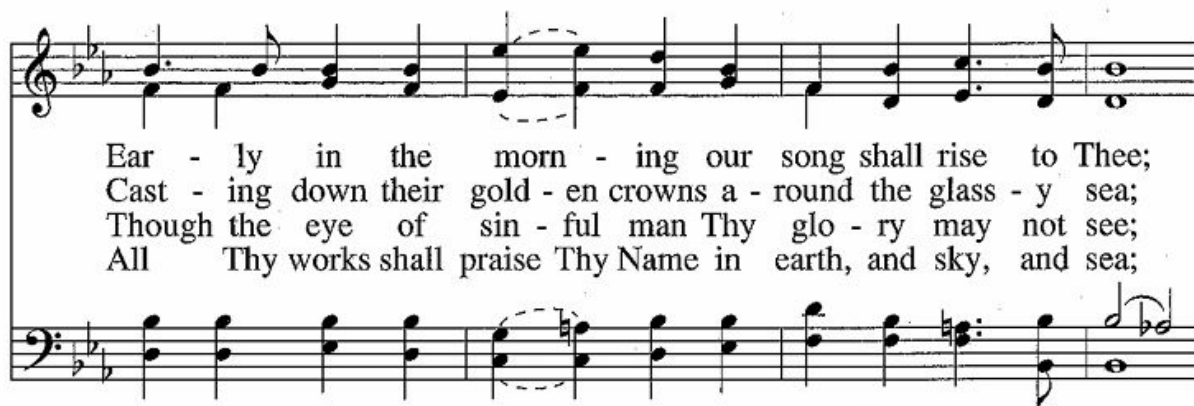
Prayer from the Search Committee...

Lord, We seek your divine wisdom and guidance. You know the needs of our church and the qualities required in a shepherd to lead us. A pastor who will foster unity between him, our community and congregation. AMEN

# Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty



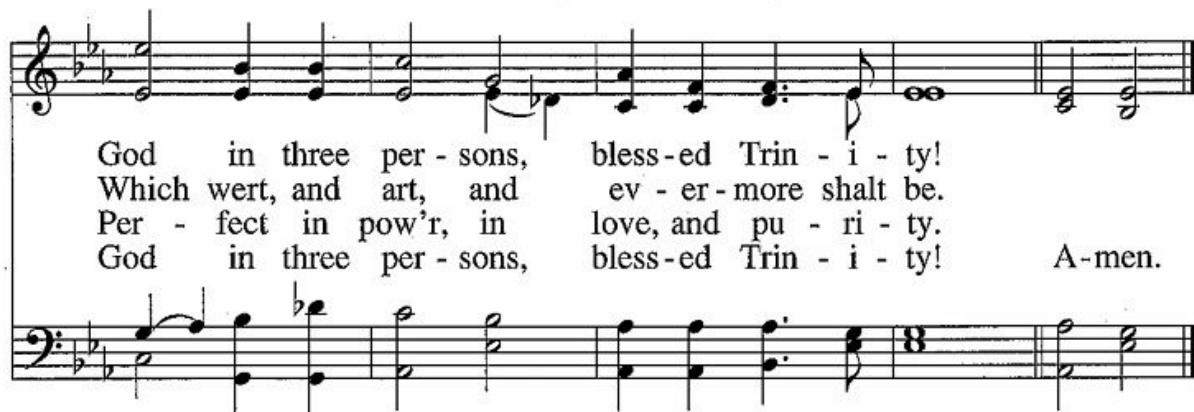
1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;

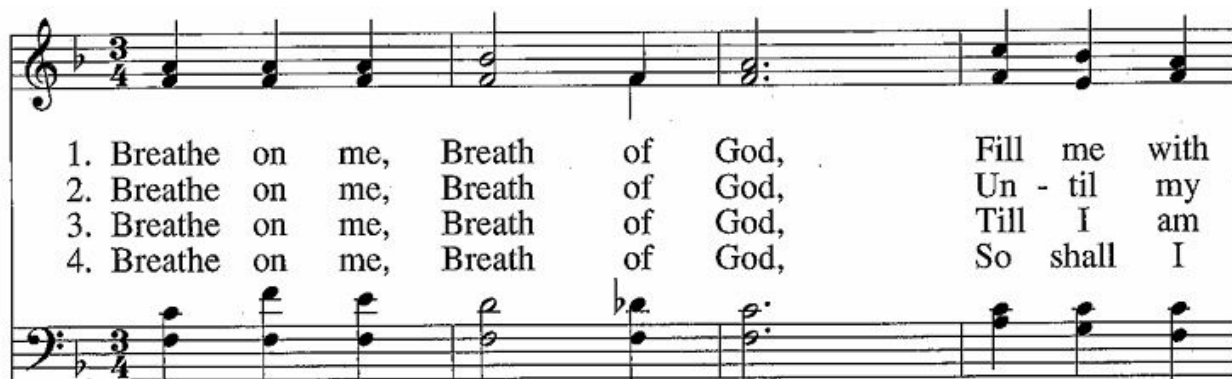


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;  
 Cher-u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

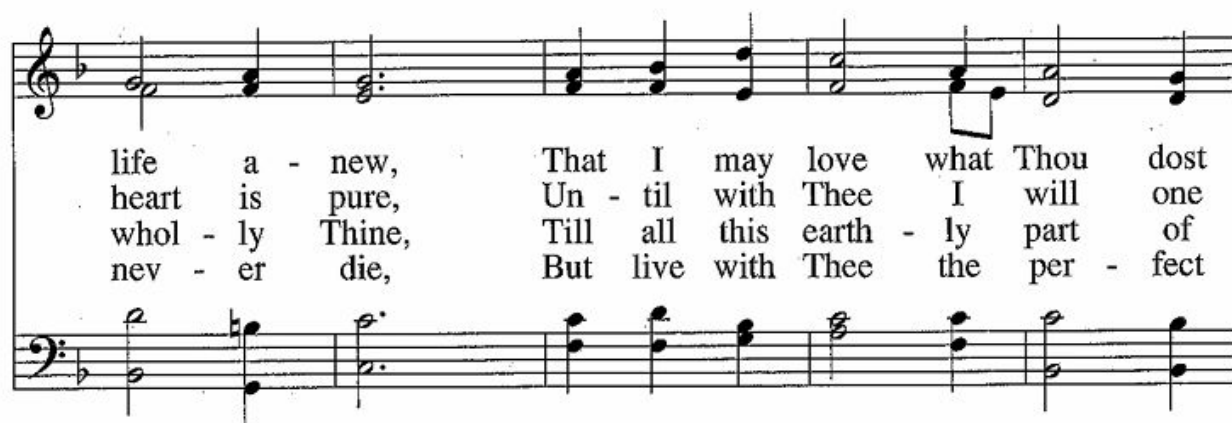


God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A-men.

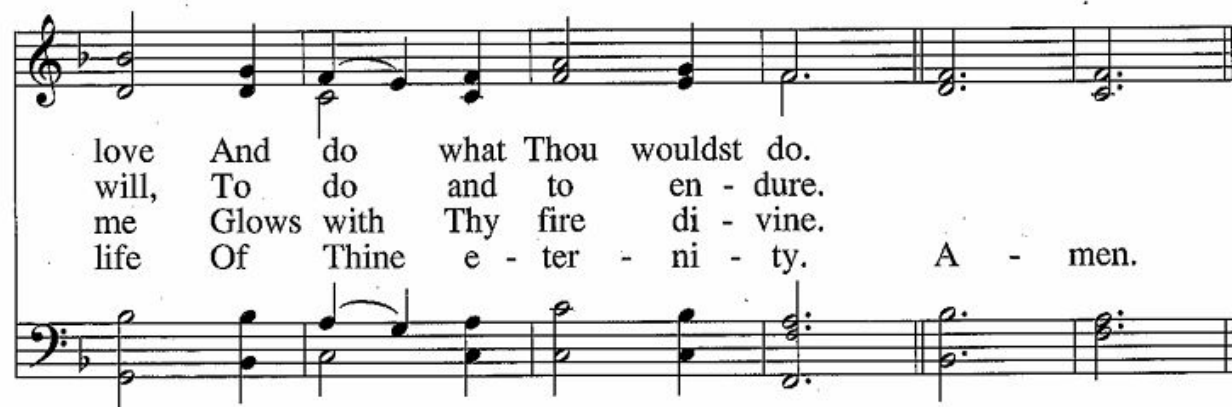
## Breathe on Me, Breath of God



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.

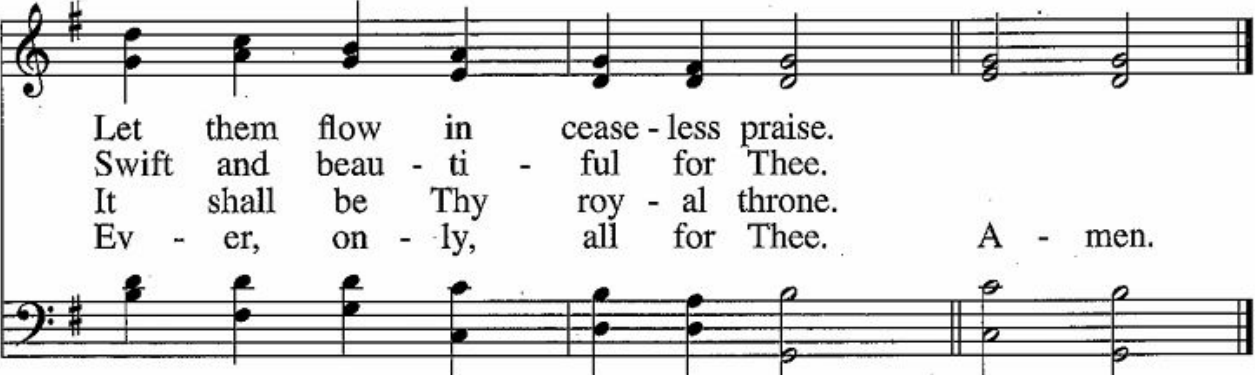
# Take My Life and Let It Be



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.**