

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Pastor

Organist

September 20, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Nora Wolford & Bruce Miller

Welcome and Announcements

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise the Holy One! From the rising of the sun until its setting, the name of God deserves our praise!

People: Who is like our God...seated on high?

Leader: Praise the Most High, who observes all things and remembers the poor and those in need.

People: God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels the exalted.

Leader: Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty, who repairs and redeems.

People: The Redeemer pours out love and justice, compassion and conviction, hope and salvation. Praise the Holy One!

***Pledge of Allegiance to American Flag/Christian Flag**

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

"I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe."

*Hymn No. 299 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

*Invocation (unison)

Great God, who gathers us together in spirit and in truth, sanctify our time together. Grant us wisdom and discernment. Open our hearts to receive and to give. Be glorified in our worship and the transformation that moves forward as your people. In your glorious and precious 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)

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

Ginnie Medlin

Scripture Lessons

Kris Ingram

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33: 7-11 p. 743

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

Third Lesson: Romans 13:1-7 p. 1000

Anthem “We Will Glorify”

Bell Choir

Sermon **The Christian and The State**

Hymn No. 366 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

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. 301 “America the Beautiful”

*Benediction

Go out into the world to love and serve the Holy One

In word and in deed

In season and out of season

In trust and in stewardship

Go, faithful servant of God

Go in peace.

*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: Ginnie Medlin and Julie Medlin



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**Activities Calendar: September 20, 2026 ~ September 27, 2026**

**Sunday, September 20**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, September 21**

12:00 pm – Prison Ministry Luncheon hosted by Women's Guild

**Tuesday, September 22**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, September 23**

6:00 – Wednesday Night Meal/Confirmation

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

7:30 – Sr. Choir

**Thursday, September 24**

9:30 a.m. – California Care Center Service

**Sunday, September 27**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

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| <p><b>October Tidings News</b><br/><b>due by</b><br/><b>September 24th</b></p> |
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***Looking ahead ~***

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

Monday, September 28 – Brotherhood

# Wednesday Evening Meals Have Begun!

**Sept. 23 - 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: **Meatballs, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans  
and Fruit Salad**

California Care Service is Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at  
9:30 am. The residents would love to see you there and  
help sing.

## **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.

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.

**Acolyte Training** - Wednesday, September 23 at 5:30 pm or Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> following worship. If you are interested, please contact Courtney Cassil at 573-680-5347 or let the Church office know.

### **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

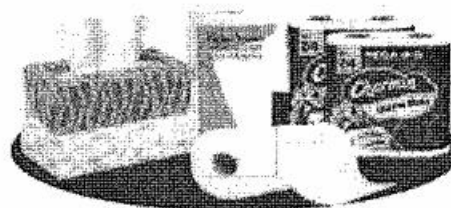
3,379 requested versus 576 shared in 2025

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

4,024 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

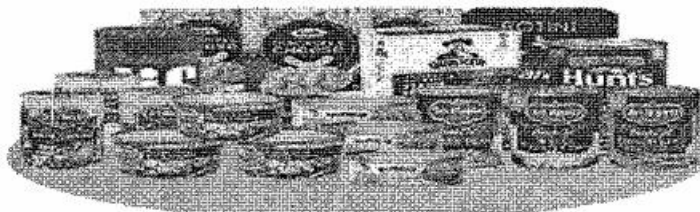
5,695 requested versus 1,983 shared in 2025

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

**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...**

We pray for a pastor who will be a faithful steward of Your Word, leading us into deeper understanding and application of Scripture. Grant us a leader who will shepherd our congregation with humility, love, and grace. Amen.

# I Love You, Lord

Unison F Gm7/F F

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

B♭ F/A Gm7 F/A C7SUS4 C B♭/D C/E

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

F Gm7/F F F7

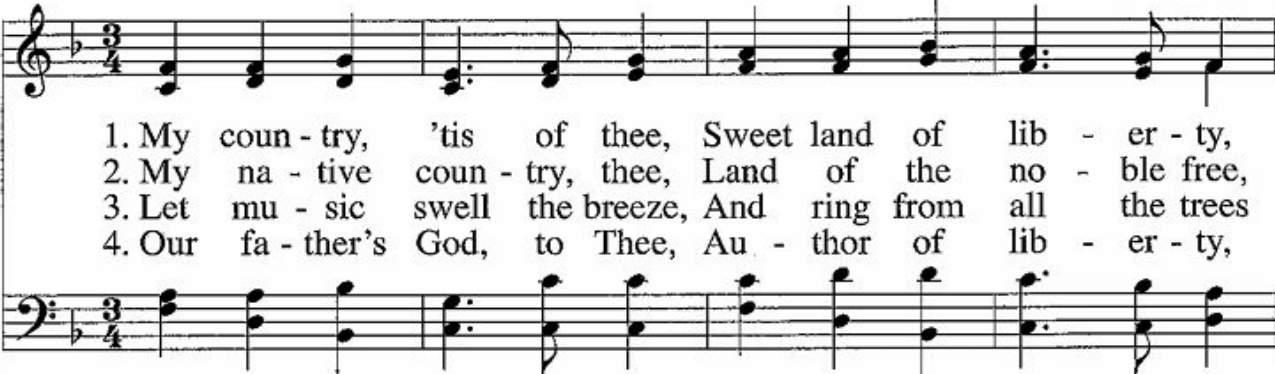
joy, my King, in what You hear, May it be a

B♭ F/A FSUS4/G C7 B♭/F F

sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

The musical score is written for a unison voice and a bass line. It is in the key of F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines.

# My Country, 'Tis of Thee



1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
 2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,  
 3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees  
 4. Our fa - ther's God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



Of thee I sing; Land where my fa - thers died,  
 Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,  
 Sweet free - dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake;  
 To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright



Land of the pil - grim's pride, From ev - 'ry  
 Thy woods and tem - pled hills; My heart with  
 Let all that breathe par - take; Let rocks their  
 With free - dom's ho - ly light; Pro - tect us



moun - tain side Let free - dom ring.  
 rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.  
 si - lence break; The sound pro - long.  
 by Thy might, Great God, our King.

# Have Thine Own Way, Lord

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
 2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
 3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
 4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay!  
 Search me and try me, Sav - ior, to - day!  
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray!  
 Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway!

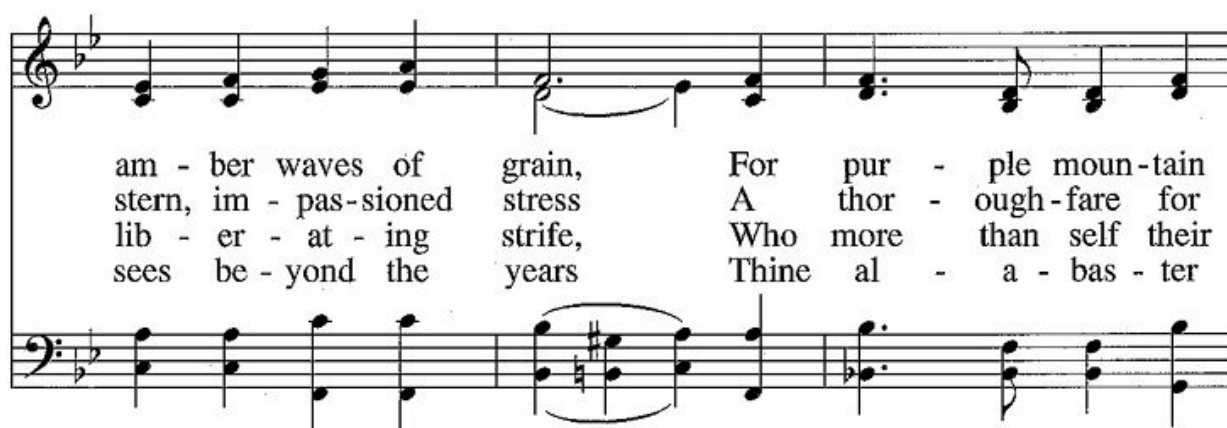
Mold me and make me Af - ter Thy will,  
 Wash me just now, Lord, Wash me just now,  
 Pow - er, all pow - er, Sure - ly is Thine!  
 Fill with Thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see

While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still.  
 As in Thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow.  
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me!

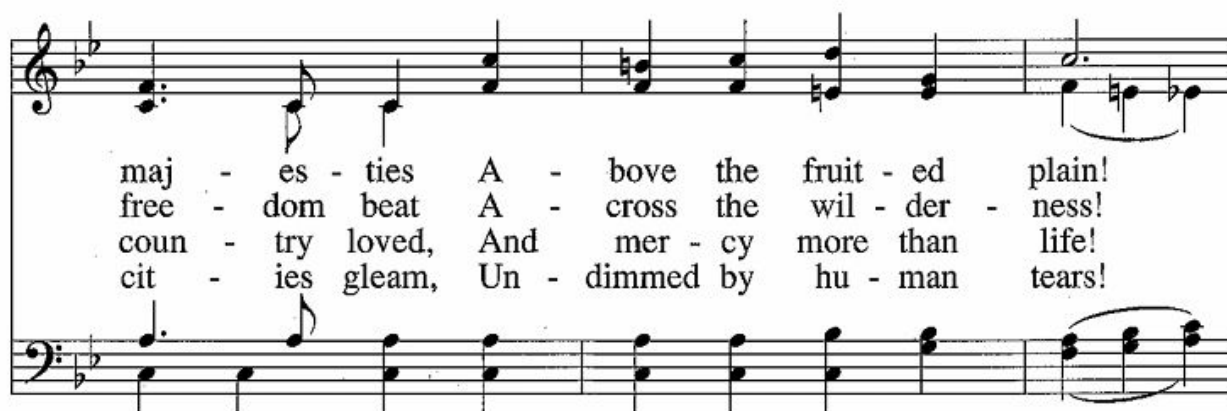
# America the Beautiful



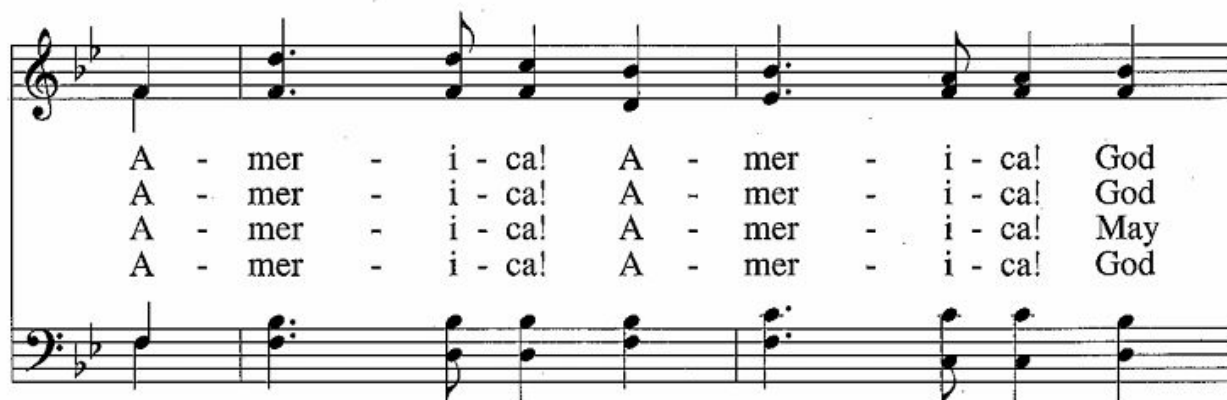
1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For  
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose  
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In  
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That



am - ber waves of grain, For pur - ple moun - tain  
 stern, im - pas - sioned stress A thor - ough - fare for  
 lib - er - at - ing strife, Who more than self their  
 sees be - yond the years Thine al - a - bas - ter



maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
 free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!  
 coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!  
 cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God

shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with  
mend thine ev - 'ry flaw, Con - firm thy soul in  
God thy gold re - fine, Till all suc - cess be  
shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with

broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.  
self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.  
no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

## 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.**