

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

October 4, 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Charley Medlin & Amelia Howard

Choral Opening Sr. Choir

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Psalm 98 read by Pastor Matheny

*Hymn No. 359 “Blessed Assurance”

*Invocation (unison)

Heavenly Father, we come into Your presence today with joyful and grateful hearts.

Thank You for your grace that brought us together and for the gift of life and breath.

Lord, we quiet our minds and open our spirits to You.

You are holy, mighty, and worthy of all our praise.

As we lift our voices in song and worship, fill this place with Your Holy Spirit.

Draw us closer to Your heart, chase away every distraction, and let our praise be a sweet aroma to You.

Take first place in our midst today.

In Jesus’ mighty 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 - **Special Letter of Greeting to Pastor Matheny**

Rohrbach Quartet

The Jericho Road

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

Pastor Matheny

Anthem

Fly Away Medley

Sr. Choir

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

Rev. John Schindler in Concert

*Benediction

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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Ushers: Jay Bestgen & Tara Meisenheimer

Greeters:



**Pastor Matheny 414-241-6648**

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*Website: www.calmo-ucc.org*

**Activities Calendar: October 4, 2026 ~ October 11, 2026**

**Sunday, October 4**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, October 5**

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

**Tuesday, October 6**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

10:30 a.m. – Quilters meet

**Wednesday, October 7**

6:00 – Wednesday Night Meal/Confirmation

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

7:30 – Sr. Choir

**Sunday, October 11**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Communion/ R.O.K. Sunday

4:30 p.m. – Sunday School Fall Party at Sweet Water

***Looking ahead ~***

Monday, October 12 – Consistory

Wednesday, October 21 – Guild

Monday, October 26 – Brotherhood

Saturday, October 31 – Fall VeggieTales

**TODAY** we are celebrating the 48th anniversary of Rev. Matheny's ordination ceremony. Welcome to John Schindler, Pastor Matheny's friend and to Pastor Matheny's son.

**Rev. John Schindler**

John grew up in Liberia, West Africa, a son of missionary parents. Upon returning to the states his family settled in Stevensville, a small community in southwest Michigan. After high school John attended Taylor University and Trinity Seminary. He then served as a church planting pastor in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he met Pastor Matheny. During his years of ministry, he has traveled throughout much of the United States, Liberia and other African nations plus to other countries overseas. His rich dynamic voice and messages in song will be an inspiration to you.

**FFA BBQ TODAY** from 11-1:30pm  
Drive Thru only at the High School  
Tickets available in the line

**Wednesday Evening Meals**

**There are still spots available to help bring desserts or help provide the meal. Sign up on the bulletin board.**

**If you are coming to a meal,**

**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)

**October 7 - 6:00 p.m.**

The menu is: **Chicken Alfredo w/veggies, Cavatini, Salad, Garlic Bread and Fruit**

## Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of October, Cake Mix** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

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 9, 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!



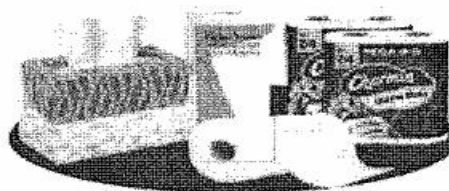
### Missouri Paper Product Pack

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

4,014 requested versus 1,894 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush (in original package)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle of body wash (15-22 oz.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 washcloth</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hand towel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 deodorant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 razors (disposable)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 comb (large) OR brush</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle travel skin lotion (1-3 oz.)</li> </ul> |
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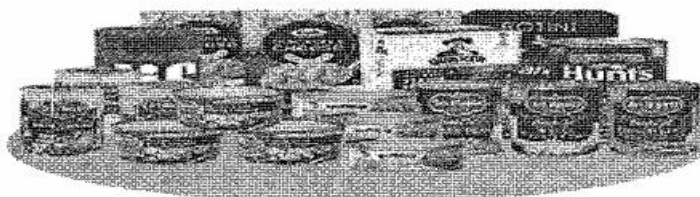
### Missouri Family Food Box

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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 pkgs. macaroni &amp; cheese</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of vegetables</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar peanut butter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can pasta sauce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of oatmeal packets (10 count any flavor)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pound pasta</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans tuna</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans chicken</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of fruit</li> </ul> |
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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 pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Eileen Crawford and Ricky Kendrick

**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*)

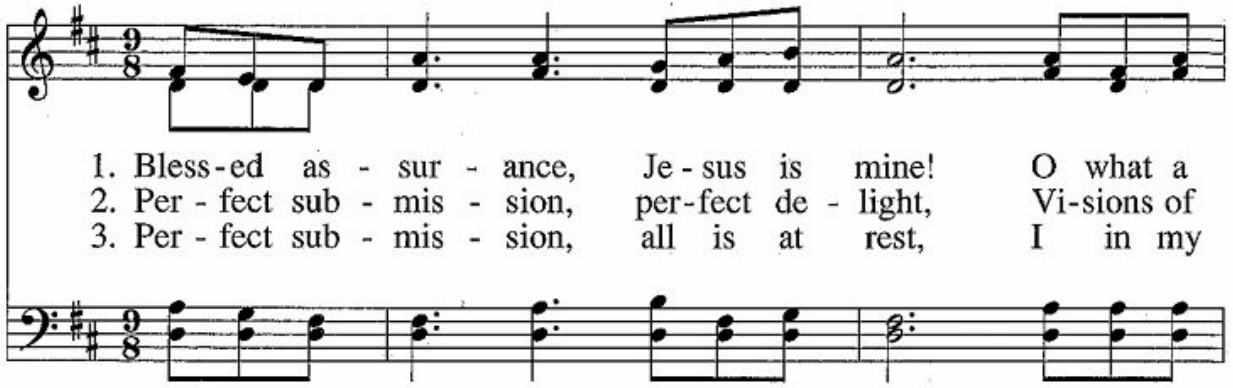
Walker Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Air Force, Germany*)

Philip Crawford (*nephew of Brett and Kendra Hall, Army National Guard-  
overseas*)

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

Lord, we ask for someone who will equip and empower us to carry out Your mission in our community. Lord, bless our search process and open doors to reveal the right candidate. May Your will be done in all things. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

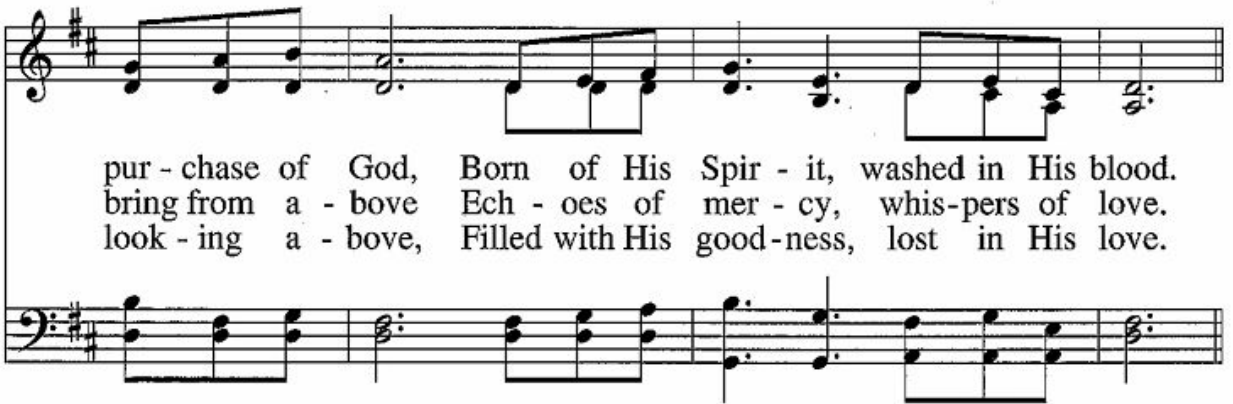
# Blessed Assurance



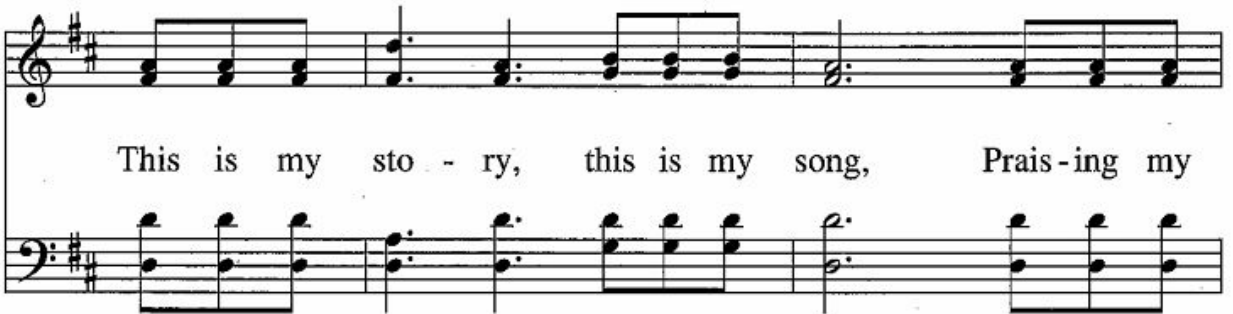
1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light, Vi-sions of  
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.  
bring from a - bove Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.  
look - ing a - bove, Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my

Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## 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.**  
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