



United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Pastor

Organist

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October 11, 2026 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebrating World Communion

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles      Bruce Miller & Sutton Lawson

Choral Opening      Sr. Choir

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Today we gather around God's table from near and far

**People: We are the People of God!**

Leader: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

**People: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!**

Leader: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

**People: We are One in God's Spirit!**

Leader: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

**People: For we are the people of Redemption!**

Leader: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

**People: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!**

**\*Hymn No. 484 "The Church's One Foundation"**

**\*Invocation (unison)**

**We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers. We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service. We serve our God in this community and throughout every land. Let us serve by**

**working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred. The Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!**

**\* 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      “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

Anny Roll

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

David Gattermeir

**Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Lessons**

*First Lesson:*      Psalm 25:1-9      p. 476

*Second Lesson:*      John 17:20-23      p. 941

Anthem

“Hold On to the Rock”

Sr. Choir

Sermon Text: I Corinthians 10:14-17      p. 997

Sermon

**May We All Be One**

**Invitation to the Offering**

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

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious God, we confess that we let our hearts be troubled. We cling to fear instead of trusting you. We lose our way and forget that Christ is the way. We overlook your presence in our daily lives. Forgive us, O God. Renew our trust, restore our hope, and lead us again in the path of love. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Know that God loves you. From the very beginning God’s loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God loves you like a parent embracing you. God watches over you, guiding you each day. On behalf of Jesus Christ, our Savior: you are forgiven; forgive others. You are restored; restore others. You are reconciled with God; be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

## 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 – Hymn No. 524

Sing 1<sup>st</sup> verse as the bread is being passed - *“Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.”*

Sing 2<sup>nd</sup> verse as the wine is being passed – *“ Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.”*

*(Please hold the elements until all have been served,  
so that we may all commune together.)*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader: God of every nation and generation, gather us into the great company of your people – those who have gone before us, those who worship beside us, and those we may never meet in this life. Until the day when every people and every nation are gathered into your eternal feast, keep us faithful to one another and to you.

**People: Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace.**

**All: One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope.**

**One table. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 501 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

\*Benediction

Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. 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

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Ushers: Jay Bestgen & Tara Meisenheimer

Greeters: Brett & Kendra Hall

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**Activities Calendar: October 11, 2026 ~ October 18, 2026**

**Sunday, October 11**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

**Monday, October 12**

6:00 p.m. - Consistory

**Tuesday, October 13**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

## **Wednesday, October 14**

6:00 – Wednesday Night Meal/Confirmation

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

7:30 – Sr. Choir

## **Sunday, October 18**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

### ***Looking ahead ~***

Wednesday, October 21 – Guild

Monday, October 26 – Brotherhood

Saturday, October 31 – Fall VeggieTales

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**

**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 14 - 6:00 p.m.**

The menu is: **Tacos & all the fixings and desserts!**

**Sponsored by Middle School Youth**

## Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

### TODAY

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.

### *Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Paula Selk, Gary Sparks

**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*)

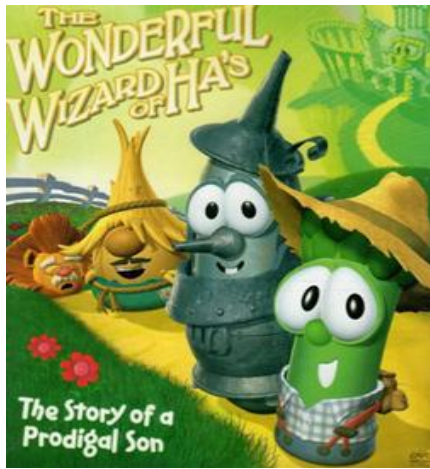
# TODAY

Come join us today at Sweetwater for the UCC Fall Party located about 2 miles north of church, at 28390 Hwy O 65018. Arrive at 4:30, hayride at 5:00 and dinner / games to follow.

**Youth Group Hayride**, (Grades 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** 3:00–5:00 pm at Jay and Connie Bestgen's House. Bring a pumpkin to paint and a blanket for the hayride. There will be corn hole set up too. Hot dogs, chips and smore's provided.

Prayer from the Search Committee...

We pray for a pastor who will faithfully teach and preach Your Word, leading us in spiritual growth and discipleship. Grant us a shepherd who will provide comfort and guidance during times of trial, and who will rejoice with us during times of celebration.



Come Join us at the California United Church of Christ

101 North Oak Street

**Saturday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am – 11:00**

Age 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Matinee & Snacks featuring: The Wonderful Wizard of Ha's

Make a Scarecrow, play Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin,  
Roll-A-Pumpkin and Pass the Pumpkin

Do the Monster Dance then take home a Special Treat

Register: contact Ronda Mortenson 573-694-3933 or Church Office  
573-796-4885

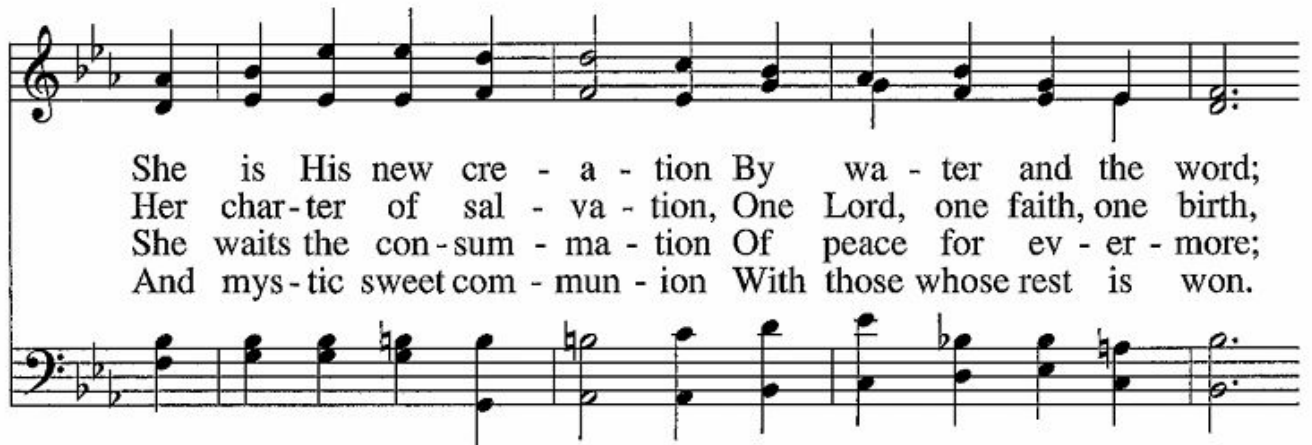
## **Food Pantry Items Needed**

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.

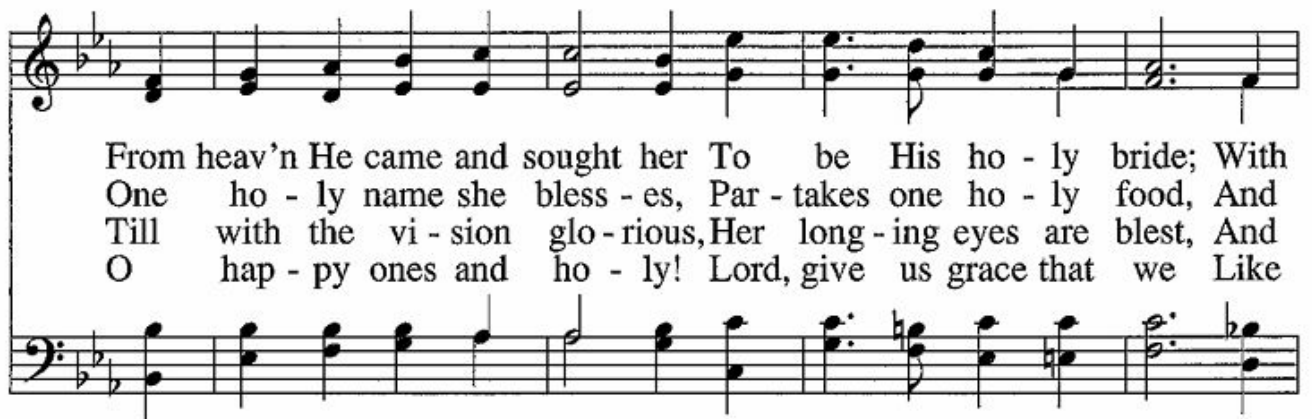
# The Church's One Foundation



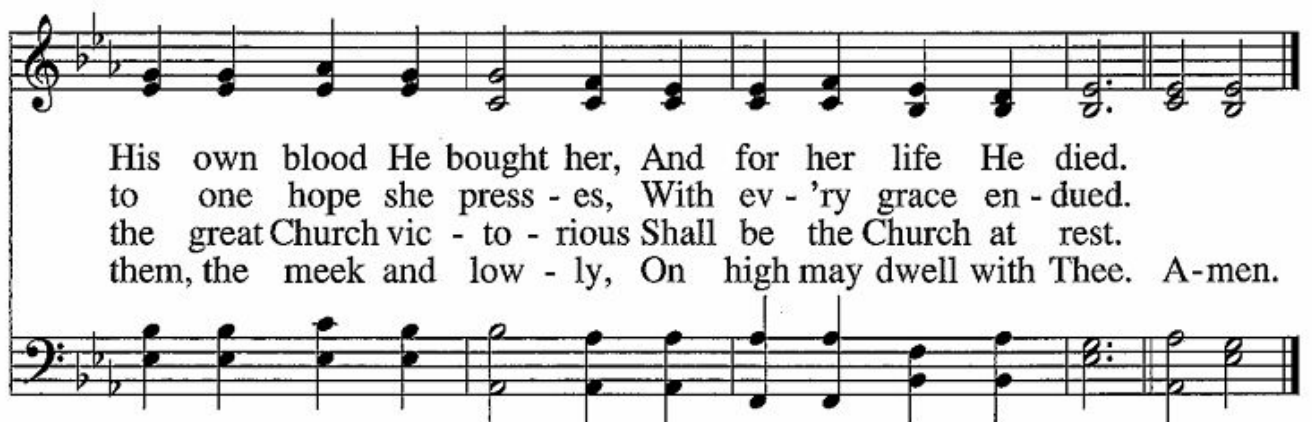
1. The Church-'s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,  
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for ev - er - more;  
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride; With  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest, And  
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we Like

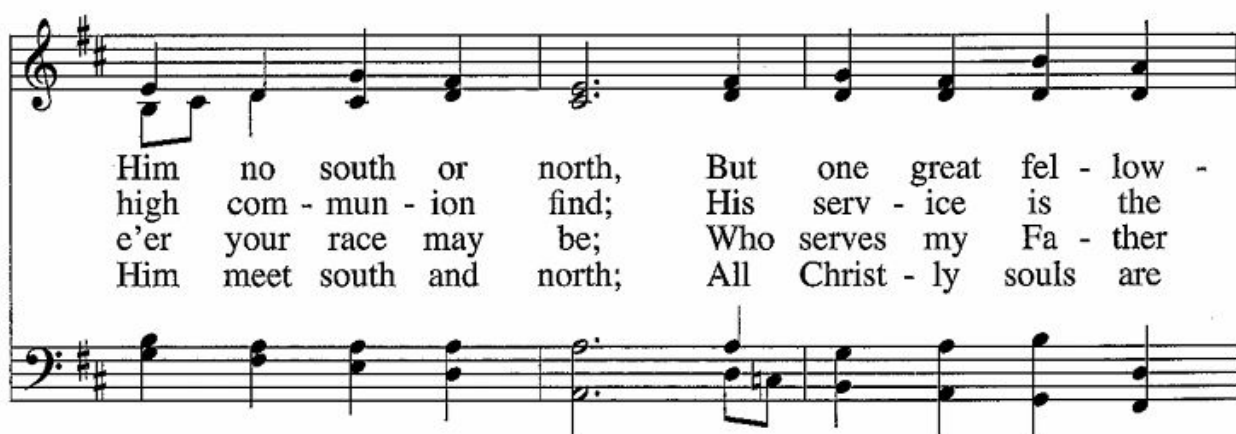


His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A-men.

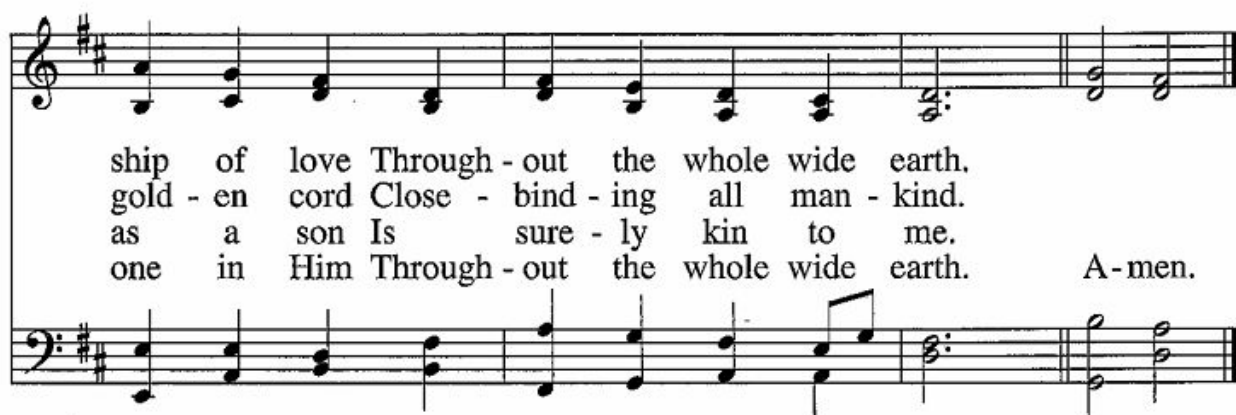
# In Christ There Is No East or West



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In  
 2. In Him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their  
 3. Join hands, then, broth - ers of the faith, What -  
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In



Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
 high com - mun - ion find; His serv - ice is the  
 e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
 Him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord Close - bind - ing all man - kind.  
 as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth. 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.*  
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