

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

October 18, 2026 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles McKenna Chambers & Brynna Hall

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing to the Holy One, all the earth. Declare God's glory!

People: Great is the Holy One, who made the heavens and the earth.

Leader: Sing a new song unto the Holy One. Join with all creation in praise and reverence!

People: We witness God's marvelous works among the peoples.

Leader: Worship the Holy One, all the earth! Declare God's sovereignty!

People: Rejoice and be glad! God is great!

*Hymn No. 58 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Invocation (unison)

Sovereign and Radiant God, you go before us and invite us to meet you. Today, we gather in your presence as a community. You gift us "the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places." We respond as you call us by name. We come to know you as you invite us to be known, by you. Receive our worship and form us as your people in justice, truth, righteousness, compassion, and love. Be glorified among us and through us, 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

Holly Bieri

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Mary Burger

**Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that
distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read
and proclaimed. And open our hearts to be transformed to
be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience.
Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalms 96:1-9 p. 519

Second Lesson: Matthew 22: 34-46 p. 857

Third Lesson: I Thessalonians 1:1-10 p. 1029

Anthem

“Glorify thy Name”

Bell Choir

Sermon

“Thanksgiving”

Hymn No. 323 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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.154 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Benediction

*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.

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 18, 2026 ~ October 25, 2026

### Sunday, October 18

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

3:00 p.m. – Youth Hayride at Bestgen's house.

### Tuesday, October 20

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

### Wednesday, October 21

1:00 – Women's Guild

6:00 – Wednesday Night Meal/Confirmation

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

7:30 – Sr. Choir

### Sunday, October 25

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

### *Looking ahead ~*

Monday, October 26 – Brotherhood

Saturday, October 31 – Fall VeggieTales

November *Tidings*  
News Due by Friday,  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Youth Group Hayride, (Grades 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**TODAY** 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.

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 21 - 6:00 p.m.**

The menu is: **Pizza, Pasta, Salad and Desserts**

**Sponsored by Consistory**

Prayer from the Search Committee...

We ask for a leader who will model servant leadership and inspire us to follow Your example. Lord, we trust that You will guide our search and bring forth the perfect pastor to shepherd our flock. In Your precious name, we pray. Amen.

## *Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Jimmy Pate, Jim Bell, Michael Lehman, Rosie Strobel, Mark Fairley, Donna Truman, Paula Selk, Gary Sparks, and Chase Walker

**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*)

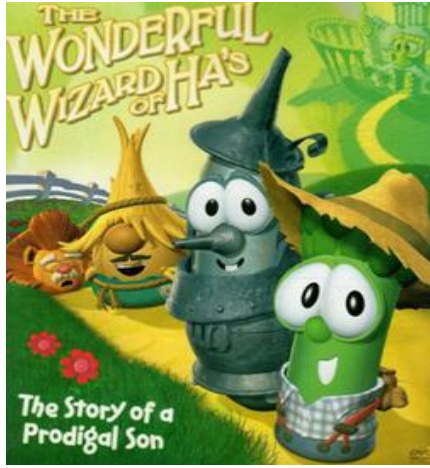
Blake Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Drum, NY*)

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*)



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.

# 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



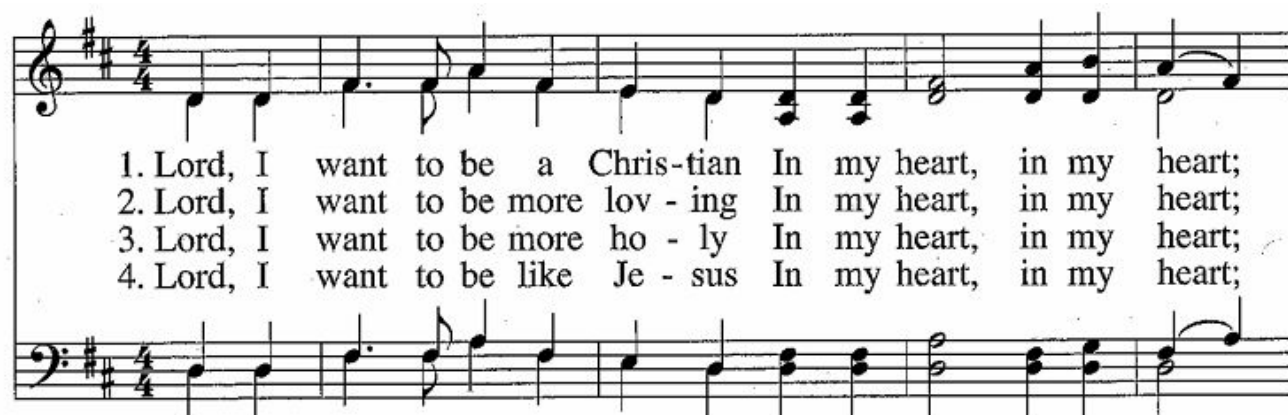
wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him  
an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down-ward  
glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who died, e -  
hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For Thou hast died for me; Thy praise shall



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.



# Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



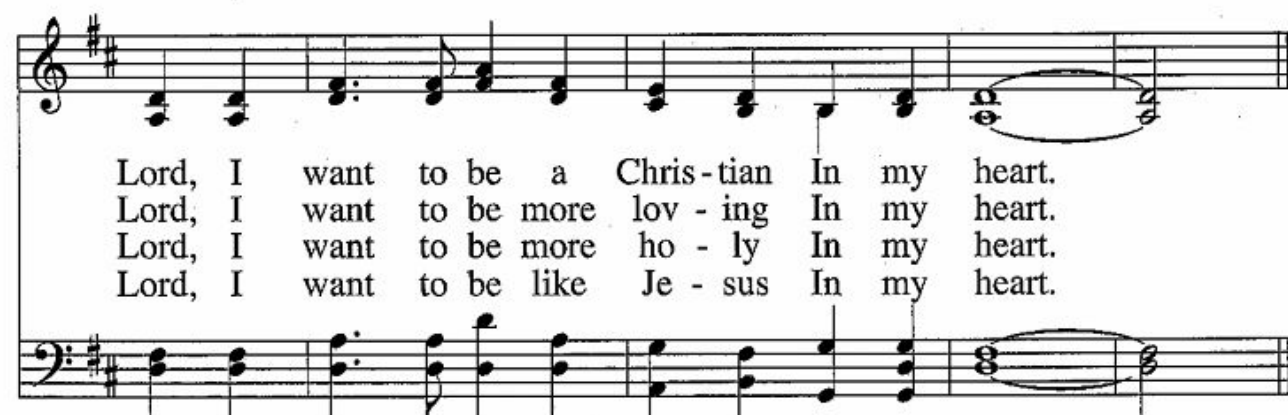
1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, in my heart;  
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my heart;  
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my heart;  
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my heart;



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In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,  
In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,



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# Shine, Jesus, Shine

A Unison D/A A E/A A

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing in the  
 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, From the  
 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright-ness, So our

D/A A E/A D E/D

midst of the dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
 shad - ows in - to Your ra - diance; By the blood I may  
 fac - es dis-play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from

C#m7 F#m7 D E/D C#m7

World, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth You now  
 en - ter Your bright-ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my  
 glo - ry to glo - ry, Mir - rored here may our lives tell Your

F#m7 G ESUS4 E G ESUS4 E

bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.  
 dark-ness, Shine on me, shine on me.  
 sto - ry, Shine on me, shine on me.

A E/G# F#m D A/C# Bm<sup>7</sup>

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the

D/E E<sup>7</sup> D/E E A E/G# F#m D A/C#

Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

Bm Bm/A G E<sup>7</sup>SUS<sup>4</sup> E<sup>7</sup> A E/G#

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er flow,

F#m D A/C# Bmaj<sup>7</sup> D/E E<sup>7</sup> D/E E

flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

A E/G# F#m D A/C# Bm E<sup>7</sup> A

Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

## 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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