United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny **Pastor**
Mr. Jess Medlin **Organist**
Mrs. Ellen Ash **Pianist**

November 8, 2026 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Amelia & Grady Howard

Choral Opening Sr. Choir

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**
Leader: Praise the name of the Lord.
People: Blessed be the name of the LORD!
Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the LORD.
People: We will bless God's holy name now and evermore.
Leader: The glory of the Lord is high above the heavens, but God raises up the poor and needy on the earth.
People: So we will sing God's praise.
Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 22 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Invocation (unison)
God our Creator, You sustain your creation as the source of life for every precious thing. You have given us more than we could ever earn or deserve, and so we offer you our love and loyalty, for without you, we would not be. Receive our

worship this day, O God. Speak to us in the sounds and silence of this hour, and amaze us with your promise of new life revealed in Jesus Christ, and your power at work in us and among us through the Spirit. 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 Carla Clennin

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Brad Friedrich

Lord, send us your Holy Spirit to give us a fresh understanding of the Scriptures this day. Challenge us and change our lives as we encounter your wisdom and truth, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson:	Psalm 141: 1-2	p. 542
Second Lesson:	Matthew 7: 7-11	p. 840
Third Lesson:	I Timothy 2: 1-8	p. 1034

Anthem "It Is Good To Praise The Lord" Sr. Choir

Sermon **"Holy Hands"**

Hymn No. 351 "As the Deer"

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 (unison)

We bring our gifts to you, O God, in gratitude for all you give us. Bless them and make them a source of healing for a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who sends us out in love. Amen.

*Hymn No. 51 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand"

*Benediction

Go in peace knowing you are loved and cared for by God. Go with confidence and commitment, to serve God in ways large and small for the sake of Christ, our friend and Saviour.

*Congregational Response

"Count Your Blessings" refrain only– p.281

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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Ushers: Larry Schoeneberg and Anny Roll

Greeters: Sue Tuttle and Kathy Roll

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Activities Calendar: November 8, 2026 ~ November 15, 2026

Sunday, November 8
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, November 9
6:00 p.m. – Consistory meeting

Tuesday, November 10
9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, November 11
6:00 – Wednesday Night Meal/Confirmation
6:30 –R.O.K. and God's Singers/Bell Choir
7:30 – Sr. Choir

Sunday, November 15
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead ~
November 18 – Women's Guild
November 19 – California Care Worship Service
November 22 – Totenfest Sunday and Pastor Matheny's farewell day
Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Service at The First Christian Church
November 23 – Brotherhood
November 25 – No Wed. night activities including meal
November 26 – Thanksgiving Day
November 27 – Church office closed
November 29 – First Sunday of Advent-Brenda Oesterly

Special Congregational Meeting

TODAY following the service to update the Congregation on the pastor search status and the upcoming services in 2027.

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.

Sunday, November 22 will be Rev. Matheny's last Sunday. There will be a farewell meal immediately following worship. Food provided by the Church, but if you would like to donate a dessert please sign up or let the church office know. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sancutary and downstairs on the bulletin board and window. Please sign up if you plan to attend the meal on Sunday, Nov. 22 to plan accordingly for food. Thanks.

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Historical Committee would like to display pictures of all our Veterans in the cabinet by the Church office. If you would like to have a picture displayed, please drop it off at the Church office. Pictures will then be available for pick-up after December 4th.

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

November 11 - 6:00 p.m.

The menu is: **Hot Dog/Chili Dog/Nachos and Ice Cream Sundaes**

Ministerial Alliance **Thanksgiving Service**
At the First Christian Church-Sunday, November 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Items Needed

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

Operation Shoebox

Join the Middle School Youth Group for Operation Christmas Child! Pick up a box in the lobby by Friendship Hall and fill it for a child aged 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. We will have a packing party after church on **Sunday, November 15th**, with last-minute items like sunglasses and Bible verse bracelets available. Enjoy pizza afterward.
The MSYF thanks you for your help in this service project! If you have questions, please see Tammy Kilmer or Connie Bestgen.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Lanny Porter

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 Zuidervaart, 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…

Dear God, as we seek a new pastor to shepherd our church, we come before You with grateful hearts for the blessings You have bestowed upon us. We ask for a leader who will have a deep love for You and a strong commitment to prayer and spiritual growth.

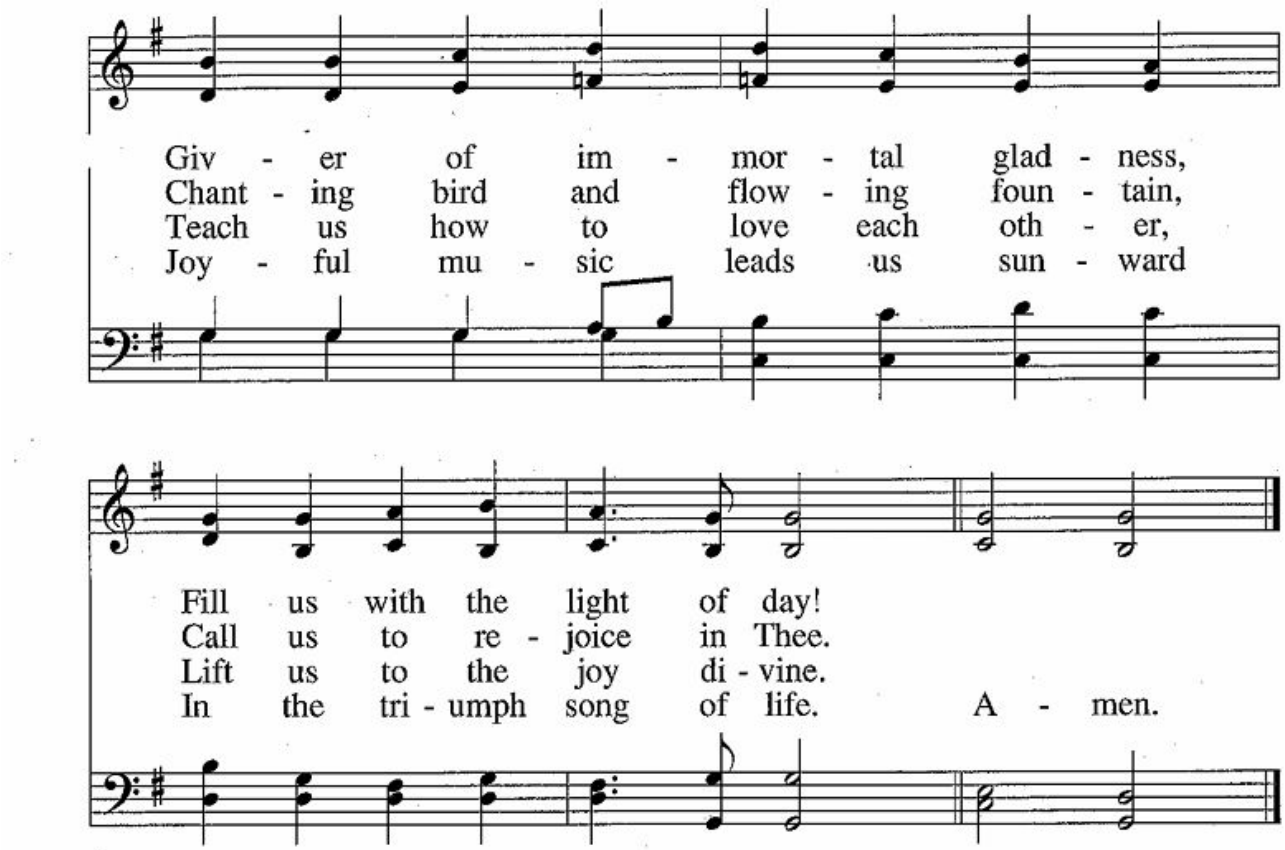
A Nursery is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Emma Bestgen**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

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.

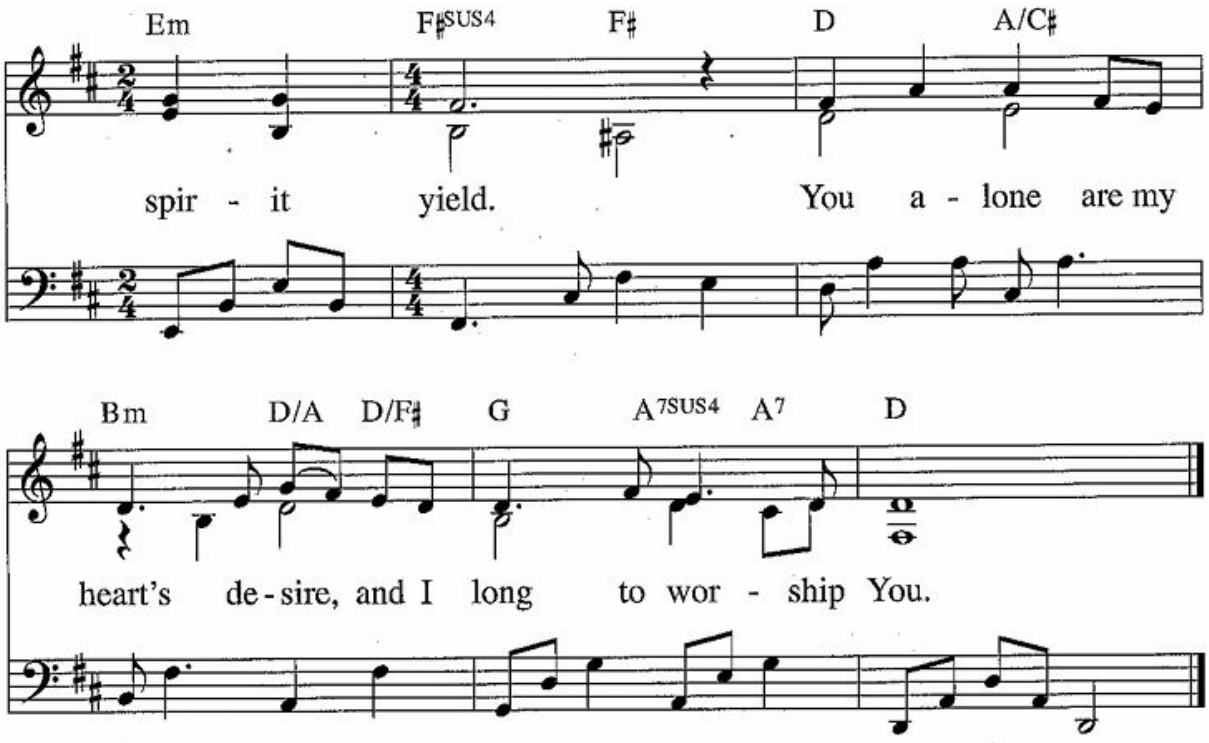
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee




Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness,
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain,
Teach us how to love each oth - er,
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward
Fill us with the light of day!
Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Lift us to the joy di - vine.
In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

As the Deer


Unison
D A/C♯ Bm D/A D/F♯
1. As the deer pants for the wa - ter, So my
2. I want You more than gold or sil - ver, On - ly
3. You're my friend and You are my broth - er, E - ven
G A7SUS4 A7 D G/A A7 D A/C♯
soul longs af - ter You; You a - lone are my
You can sat - is - fy; You a - lone are the
though You are a king; I love You more than
Bm D/A D/F♯ G ASUS4 A7 D
heart's de - sire And I long to wor - ship You.
real joy-giv-er And the ap - ple of my eye.
an - y oth-er, So much more than an - y-thing!
Bm Bm/A G D/F♯ G Bm/F♯
You a - lone are my strength and shield; to You a - lone may my


Em
F♯SUS4
F♯
D
A/C♯
spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
Bm
D/A
D/F♯
G
A7SUS4
A7
D
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship You.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand



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.**
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