

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb
Mrs. Betty Cobb
Pastor
Pianist

December 27, 2020 ~ First Sunday after Christmas

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come to Bethlehem to behold God and humanity made one.

Here kneel before a child who brings God close.

O Christ, we come, just as we are, to receive you.

**We come to worship you, we come hoping that you will
bless us with your reconciling peace.**

Let us worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn “Away in the Manger”

Prayer of the Day

**Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God,
and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that
in all things we may think and act according to your good
will and may live continually in the light of your Son,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children “Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time

Ginnie Medlin

Special Music

Brenda Oesterly

Prayer for Illumination

Becky Schneider

**As you led Simeon to embrace the infant Jesus, guide us,
Holy Spirit, by your gracious light that we may welcome
your saving Word. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 19:1-6

Second Lesson: Zechariah 2:10-13

Sermon **Countdown to Christmas ... The Promise to Return
Isaiah 65:17-25 & Daniel 12**

Hymn “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Christians, what do you believe?

(Apostles’ Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty...**

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*) Invitation to the Offering
Response “*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn “Joy to the World”

Benediction

Response “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

*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.*

Till we meet . . . till we meet; Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;

Till we meet . . . till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Memory Tree

Additional ornaments have been placed in memory of

Mary Goode, by Charles Goode

Brad Kueffer, by Toni Kueffer & Jessica Connelly

Activities Calendar: December 27, 2020 ~ January 3, 2021

Sunday, December 27, 2020

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, December 30

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Friday, January 1, 2021

New Year's Day – Office Closed

Sunday, January 3, 2021

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

NO ROK / GOD'S SINGERS UNTIL JANUARY 2021

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Job Opportunity – Financial Recording Clerk

If you are interested in applying for the position of financial recording clerk in the California UCC office, please contact a consistory member or the church office (796-4885).

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Don't Miss Out on Hearing from Your Church!

The process to update our contact information for everyone is in progress thanks to a group of volunteers. Current mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are needed. If you were not contacted recently and asked about changes or updates, please contact the church office with your information. An updated contact directory will be published. Up to date information is essential to maintain communication with our Church Family. Thank you for your help!

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

The Family & Friends of Gladys Stauffer

Our Confirmands (2020-2021):

Kya Peck, Hayden Kilmer, Michelle Sedgwick, Brooks Volkart,
Colin Kruger, Bennett Gatlin, Kinleagh Monroe

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaat Charlie Gabert Carol Wolfrum

Jo Suggs Billy Meyer Chris Schoenthal

Judy Kilmer Bill Schacht Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Craig Hall (*Air Force, stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX*)

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Bragg, NC*)

Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe*)

Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC*)

Hayden Grant (*grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL*)

Kyle Hofstetter (*son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA*)

Alexander Ives (*nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg*)

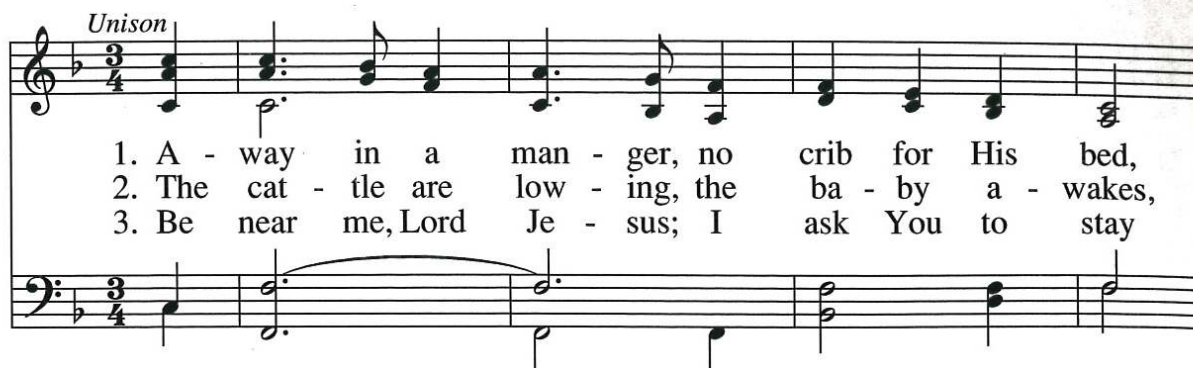
Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marines – Africa*)

Ryan Carel (*nephew of Leroy Schnieders, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC*)

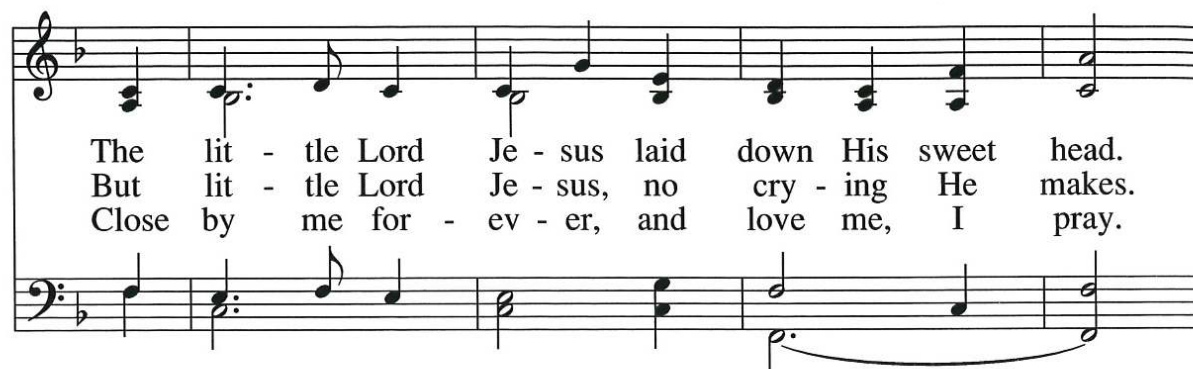
Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Fort Bragg, NC*)

Away in a Manger

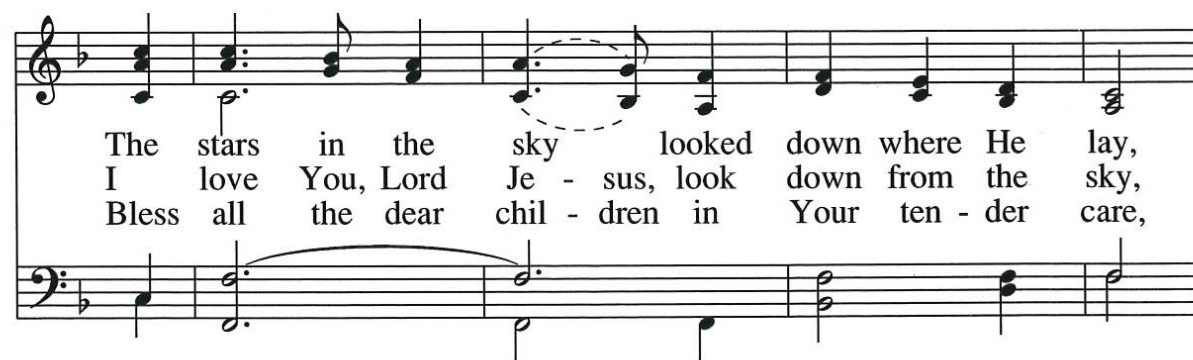
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1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for His bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask You to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

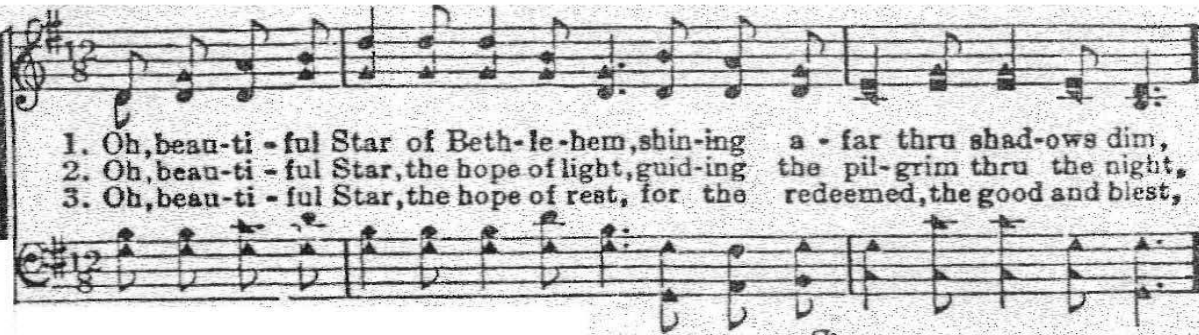


The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
I love You, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Your ten - der care,

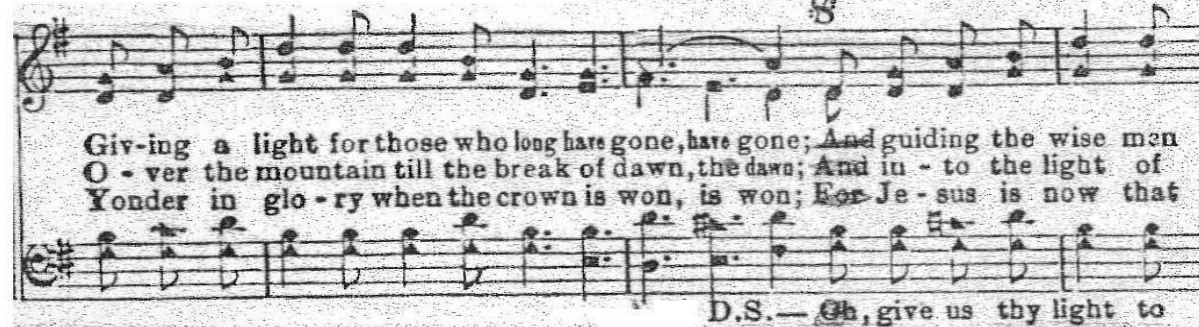


The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And fit us for heav - en to live with You there.

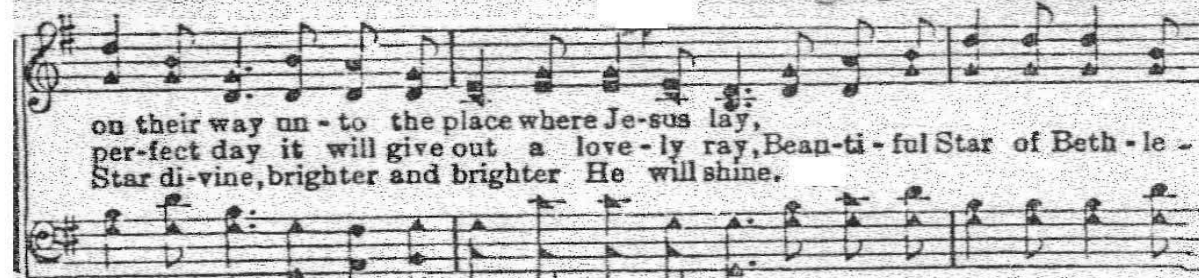
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem



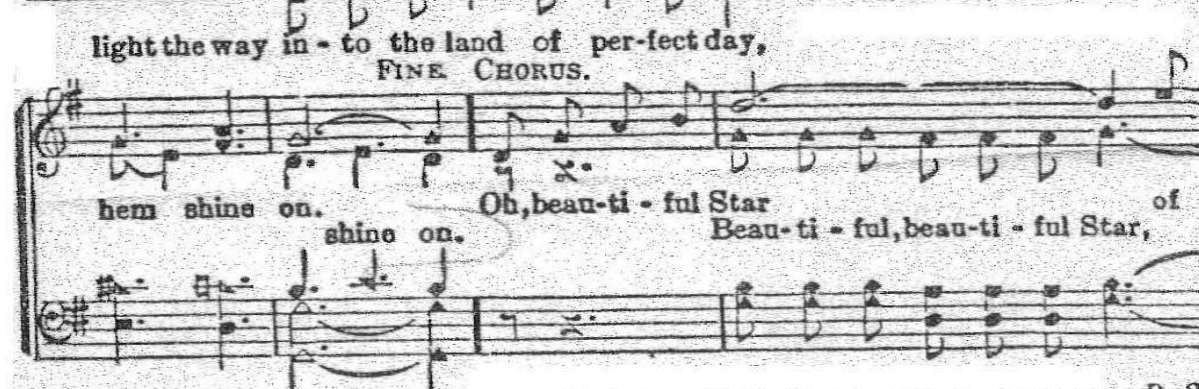
1. Oh, beau-ti - ful Star of Beth-le-hem, shin-ing a - far thru shad-ows dim,
 2. Oh, beau-ti - ful Star, the hope of light, guid-ing the pil-grim thru the night,
 3. Oh, beau-ti - ful Star, the hope of rest, for the redeemed, the good and blest,



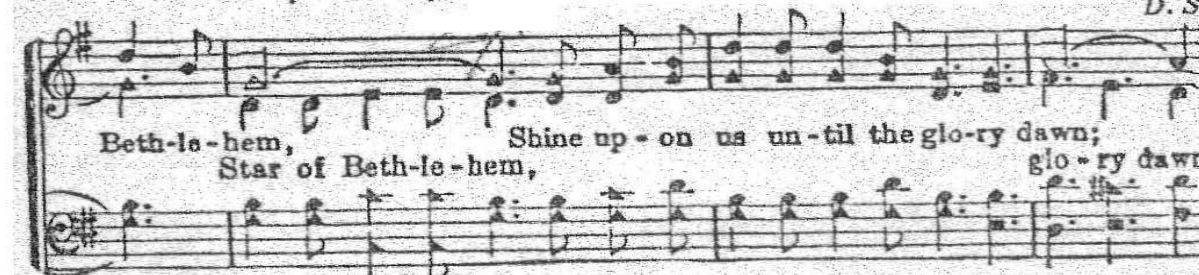
Giv-ing a light for those who long have gone, have gone; And guiding the wise men
 O - ver the mountain till the break of dawn, the dawn; And in - to the light of
 Yonder in glo - ry when the crown is won, is won; For Je - sus is now that
 D.S. — Oh, give us thy light to



on their way un - to the place where Je - sus lay,
 per-fect day it will give out a love - ly ray, Beau-ti - ful Star of Beth - le -
 Star di-vine, brighter and brighter He will shine.



light the way in - to the land of per-fect day,
 FINE CHORUS.
 hem shine on. shine on. Oh, beau-ti - ful Star of
 Beau-ti - ful, beau-ti - ful Star,



Beth-la-hem, Shine up - on us un-til the glo-ry dawn;
 Star of Beth-le-hem, glo - ry dawn;
 D. S.

Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their
 3. No more let sin and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks,
 fest the ground; He comes to make His
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His



pare Him room, And heav'n and na - ture
 hills, and plains Re - peat the sound - ing
 bless - ings flow Far as the curse is
 right - eous - ness, And won - ders of His

And
 Re -
 Far
 And

Second verse: "Let *all* their songs employ"

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sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
 joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
 found, Far as the curse is found, Far
 love, And won - ders of His love, And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

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