



United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

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March 28, 2021 ~ Palm Sunday

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles      Hadley Milligan      Logan Milligan  
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Behold your king comes to you; he is just, he brings  
salvation, he brings peace.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Processional Hymn No. 47    “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of the Day

**May we, who are sometimes swayed by the crowd's  
approval, and who often avoid conflict for fear of its cost  
to us, hold fast to the gospel of peace and justice and  
follow faithfully in your way of compassion and solidarity.  
Amen.**

Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

**And our mouths shall show forth your praise!**

Act of Praise – “Gloria Patri”

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children

“Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time

The Puppets

Anthem

“Hallelujah”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Becky Schneider

**Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Reading:* Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*Second Reading:* Luke 13:22-30

Sermon **Living on God's Mountain ... The Ultimate Choice -  
Matthew 7:13-29**

Hymn No. 393 “Rejoice, The Lord is King”

*Christians, what do you believe?*

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

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

Response “*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Prayer of Dedication

# THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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

## Introduction

## The Covenant

Confirmands, Do you profess Jesus as the Christ and as your Lord and Savior?

**I do.**

Do you wish to take upon yourself full membership in the United Church of Christ of California?

**I do.**

Will you continue to strive to know and do the will of God, as revealed to you in the Scriptures, in prayer, in your life experience, and through the community of faith?

**I will.**

Will you be loyal to this church and to the Church Universal, offering the support of your prayers, your talents, and your resources as well as the gift of your presence?

**I will.**

## The Great Confession

*“I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”*

~ Matthew 16:16

## The Affirmation of the Parents

Will you continue to nurture these young people in their spiritual development, sharing in their joys and burdens, encouraging and challenging them on their journey?

**We will.**

## The Affirmation of the Congregation

Do you, the members of the United Church of Christ of California, willingly and joyfully receive these fellow pilgrims as you would receive Christ? Do you offer to share with them the joys and responsibilities of membership, to continue to pray for them, to nurture them in their spiritual growth, and together with them, to strive to follow God's call to faith and service?

**We do.**

Prayer of the Confirmands

Blessing of the Confirmands

Welcome to the Newly Confirmed by Lexi Hall

Hymn No. 206            "He Lives"

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.*

Extinguishing of the Candles

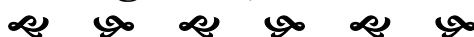
Postlude



**Charlie Gabert** will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 29<sup>th</sup>. His family has asked that we help Charlie celebrate by showering him with cards, notes and pictures.

**Charlie Gabert**

**678 Windmill Ridge Rd., California, MO 65018**



### **CARE Callers Needed**

CARE stands for Contact, Assist, Relate, & Encourage. A CARE caller keeps in contact with 5-7 individuals/families throughout the year. You might call them, text them, write them, or just visit with them at church to see how they are doing and if there is anything the church needs to be praying for in their lives. I have 30 families/individuals that need someone to CARE for them. Please contact Pastor Russ if you are interested.

### **First Christian Church Annual Pork Steak Fundraiser**


Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> ☞ 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Drive Thru – First Christian Church Parking Lot

Pork Steak Meal: \$10 in Advance / \$12 at the Door

Hot Dog Meal: \$5 in Advance / \$6 at the Door

**Beginning on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
**California City Hall Meeting Room**  
**A Christ-Centered 12 Step Support Group**  
**for Men**

 **Celebrate Recovery®**

**Every Friday  
Night**

Overcoming Our Hurts Hangups  
and Habits Together!



Sermon Notes:

**Living on God's Mountain ... The Ultimate Choice -  
Matthew 7:13-29**

**rightnow MEDIA**

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family  
use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link –

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Text Registration Code – Text “RightNow CALUCC “ to 41411

## **Activities Calendar: March 28, 2021 ~ April 4, 2021**

### **Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship (Rite of Confirmation)

7:00 p.m. – HS Youth Group

### **Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:30 p.m. – Grief Share Class

### **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

*All activities cancelled except Sr. Choir.*

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Maundy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. – Worship & Holy Communion

10:00 p.m. – Youth Group (Underground Church activity)

### **Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday**

*(Church Office closed)*

### **Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter**

7:00 a.m. – Worship & Holy Communion

*Breakfast for everyone following the early worship service*

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship & Holy Communion



*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Our Confirmands (2020-2021):

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

**All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Becky Zuidervaat	Charlie Gabert	Carol Wolfrum
Jo Suggs	Chris Schoenthal	Collin Mouse
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, Palm Springs, CA*)  
Ryan Carel (*nephew of Leroy Schnieders, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC*)  
Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Fort Bragg, NC*)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
 Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou has been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

FAITHFULNESS  
 11.10.11.10 with Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

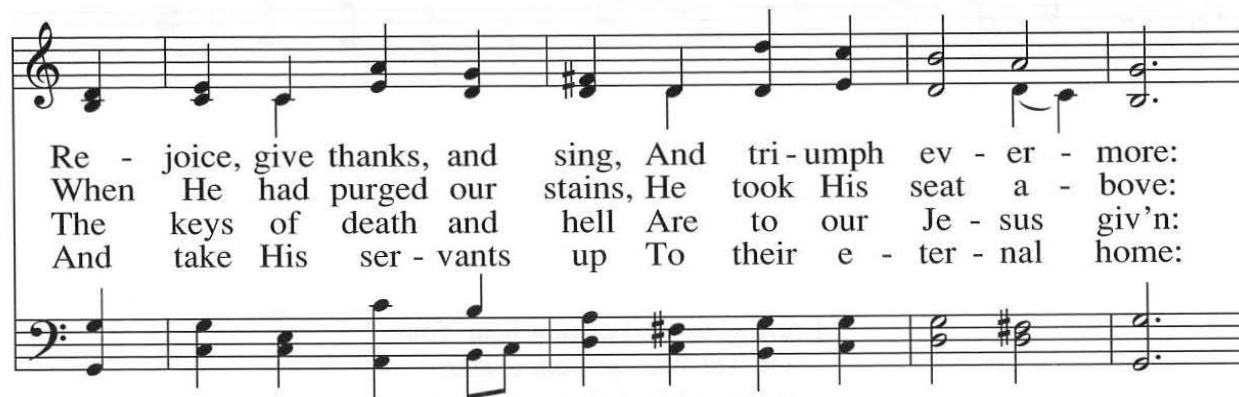
All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed—

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.

# Rejoice, The Lord is King



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love;  
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come



Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:  
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove:  
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
And take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home:

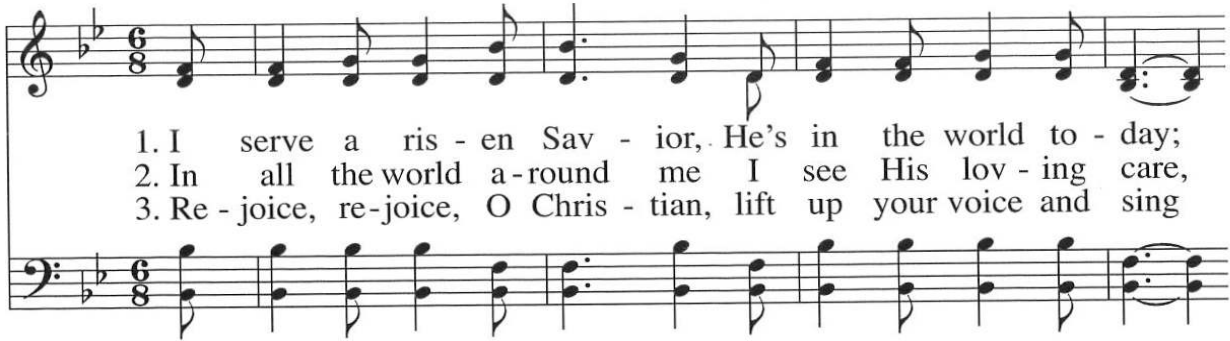


Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -

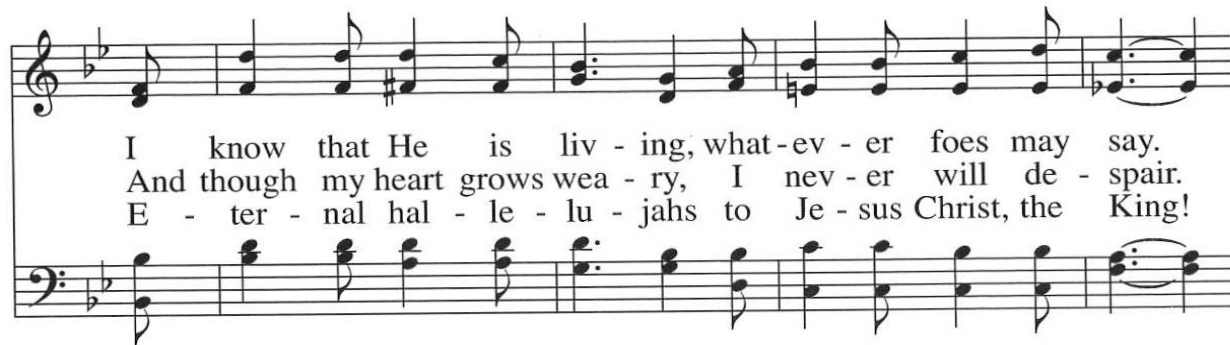


joice, a - gain I say, re - joice! A - men.

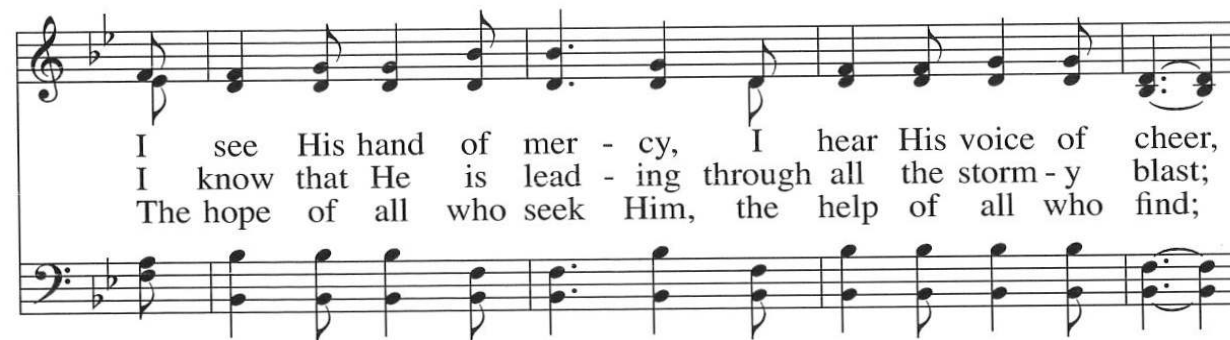
# He Lives



1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day;  
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care,  
3. Re - joice, re-joyce, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing



I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say.  
And though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.  
E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King!



I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
I know that He is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;  
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;



And just the time I need Him, He's al - ways near.  
The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
None oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

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He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to -

He lives, He lives,

This system contains the first two staves of the musical score. The treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note chord of F#4 and E4, then a half note D4, and a half note chord of C#4 and B3. The bass staff begins with a half note G3, followed by a half note chord of F#3 and E3, then a half note D3, and a half note chord of C#3 and B2. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

day! He walks with me and talks with me a -

This system contains the third and fourth staves. The treble staff continues with a half note chord of F#4 and E4, then a half note D4, a half note chord of C#4 and B3, a half note A3, a half note G3, a half note F#3, and a half note E3. The bass staff continues with a half note chord of F#3 and E3, then a half note D3, a half note chord of C#3 and B2, a half note A2, a half note G2, a half note F#2, and a half note E2. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

long life's nar - row way. He lives, He

He lives,

This system contains the fifth and sixth staves. The treble staff continues with a half note chord of F#4 and E4, then a half note D4, a half note chord of C#4 and B3, a half note A3, a half note G3, a half note F#3, and a half note E3. The bass staff continues with a half note chord of F#3 and E3, then a half note D3, a half note chord of C#3 and B2, a half note A2, a half note G2, a half note F#2, and a half note E2. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

lives, He lives, sal - va - tion to im - part! You

This system contains the seventh and eighth staves. The treble staff continues with a half note chord of F#4 and E4, then a half note D4, a half note chord of C#4 and B3, a half note A3, a half note G3, a half note F#3, and a half note E3. The bass staff continues with a half note chord of F#3 and E3, then a half note D3, a half note chord of C#3 and B2, a half note A2, a half note G2, a half note F#2, and a half note E2. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

ask me how I know He lives? He lives with-in my heart.

This system contains the ninth and tenth staves. The treble staff continues with a half note chord of F#4 and E4, then a half note D4, a half note chord of C#4 and B3, a half note A3, a half note G3, a half note F#3, and a half note E3. The bass staff continues with a half note chord of F#3 and E3, then a half note D3, a half note chord of C#3 and B2, a half note A2, a half note G2, a half note F#2, and a half note E2. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

## 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.