United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Russell Cobb

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Connie Bestgen

God's Singers Director

December 10, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

*All those who are able, please stand

The Bell

The Prelude

Chorale Opening

Lighting of the Candles

Amelia Howard & Logan Milligan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: PEACE (Please remain seated)

Advent Reading: Peace (from the book of Genesis)

Leader: Today we relight the candle of HOPE

Lighting of The Candle of HOPE.

Leader: Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in

Advent. This is the candle of PEACE.

Lighting of the Candle of PEACE.

Leader: As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

Congregation: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Leader: From the Gospel of John:

Congregation: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

*Hymn No. 123 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise No. 493 "Gloria Patri" (Glory be to the Father)

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children

"This Little Light of Mine"

p. 466-sing first verse twice

Children's Time

Holly Bieri

Anthem "Christmas Is a Time to Love"

God's Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Allan Mortenson

Come to us, O Holy One. Quiet our rushing spirits and reassure our trembling hearts. Whisper your love to our aching spirits. Let us find our rest and blessed hope in the assurance that you will never leave nor forsake your people. Prepare us now to hear and do your Word. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 45:3-7 p. 489 Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:18-23 p. 1017

Sermon What's in a Name?- Mighty God Isaiah 9:6

Hymn No. 100 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

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 No. 107 "Joy to the World"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response - "Go in Love"

Go in love, have no fear.

God will guide you, He is always near.

Go in love, take His hand.

God will hear you, He will understand.

May His light forever shine upon you;

May His peace be always in your heart.

Go in love, face each day.

God will lead you, He will show the way. Go in love, and live in faith. Amen.

^{*}Postlude

Thank you to the **Carlock Family** for leading the Advent Call to Worship this morning.

Activities Calendar: December 10, 2023 ~ December 17, 2023

Sunday, December 10, 2023, Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Monday, December 11, 2023

6:00 p.m. - Consistory

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:00 a.m. - Prayer Cell

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, God's Singers/Christmas Program Practice Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. - Sr. Choir

Sunday, December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship -Cantata

Looking ahead..... Dec. 18th – Brotherhood Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 20th- Women's Guild 12:00 pm at Linda Schnieder's home

Dec. 24th - Cookies and Carols-Sunday School 9:30am

Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve Program 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 25th - Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 13th, 6:00 p.m. Meatballs, Potatoes, Vegetable, Hot Rolls

Don't forget to sign up if you are coming!

Salem UCC Christmas Program December 17th ~ 7:00 p.m. Featuring the Sounds of Joy

Come celebrate the blessings of Christmas!

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Confirmands:

Kalyn Carlock, Aubrey Davis, Emma Kissick, Khloe Mortenson and Brooks Nichols

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Beth Rohrbach
Jo Suggs Judy Kilmer

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

Martin Knipker (son of Kenny Knipker)

Dwight Bowlin (grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY)

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 Oak Harbor, WA)

Hayden Grant (grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Okinawa, Japan)

Cory Friedmeyer (grandson of Charles Goode, Reserves, VA)

Derek Meyer (grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA)

Brett Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK)

Damion Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)

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Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) TODAY, Sunday, December 10

after children's time till the end of the worship service for Grades K-3rd grade. We will have a Bible story video with BibleForce Heroes, talk about our Bible story, sing songs and have a snack. All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Betty Cobb. Sunday ROK will take place the second Sunday of each month. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

Food Drive

For the month of December, the community Churches are collecting food for the local Food Pantry. All canned food is welcome, <u>but they are short on green beans, corn, peanut butter, and peas.</u> There are boxes in the foyer area downstairs to place your food items. As you shop this month, consider picking up one or two extra items for those in need.

A Christmas tree has been put up in the foyer upstairs outside the elevator. We are calling it the "Memory Tree." It is for families to decorate with an ornament in memory of their loved one. You can stop by anytime and put your ornament on the tree. Please leave a note in the church office when you bring in your ornament so we can list your loved one's ornament in the bulletin.

We rejoice with Isaac and Madison (Ratcliff) Imhoff in the Baptism of their daughter,

Oakleigh Louise Imhoff

Oakleigh was Baptized yesterday and her sponsors were Kylee Rowles and Bryanna Norman

If you brought in a Veteran's picture for the Historical Cabinet, you may pick it up any time now. They will be in the church office. Thanks.

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Custom Registration Link – https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 49775

A **Nursery** is available just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Reagan Cain**. 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.

Sermon Notes - What's in a Name?-Mighty God Isaiah 9:6

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



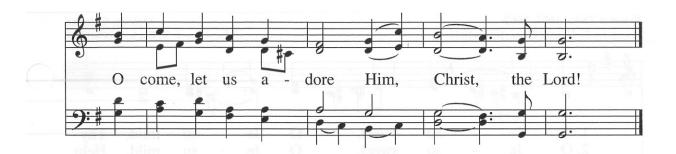


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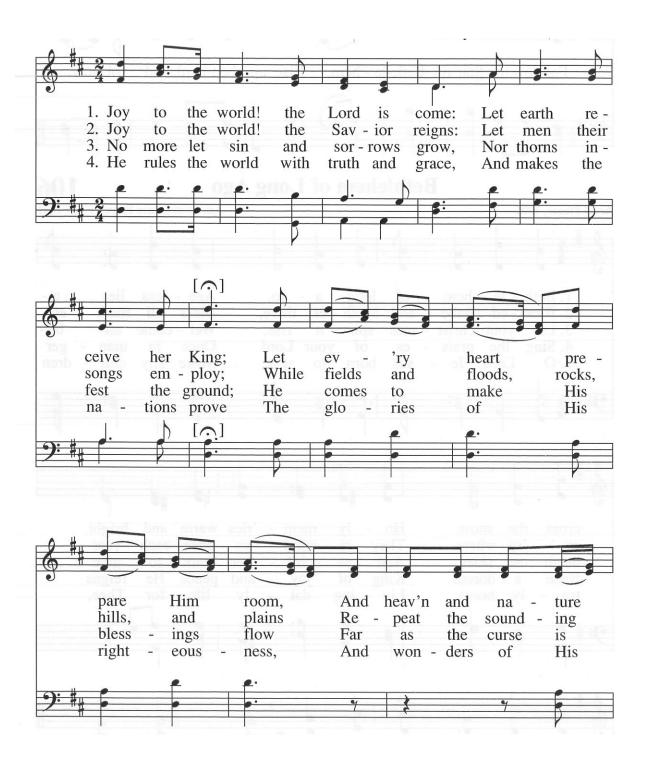
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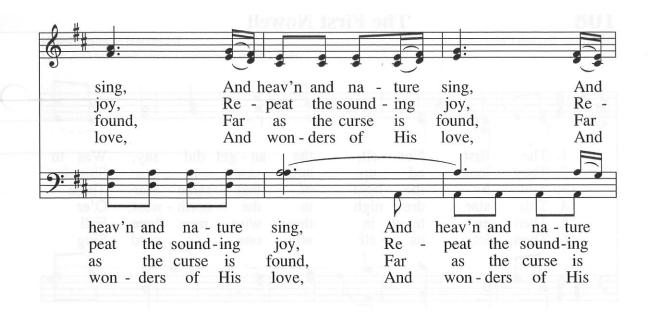
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Joy to the World





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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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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. Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.