

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich **Sr. Choir Director**

January 8, 2023 ~ Epiphany Sunday

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Lena and Lee Bieri

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Grace to you and peace in this new year.

We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

In Christ we have obtained an inheritance.

We have been redeemed as God's own people. Praise be to God. Amen.

***Hymn No. 47**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***Prayer of the Day**

Creating, Calling, and Faithful God, we come to this time and place to be with you, to worship you, and to learn from you. May our time together be like your creation of light in the darkness that you called good. May it be that you would call us good while we respond to your call and as we listen to you. 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 Ginnie Medlin

Anthem “Down to the River” Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination Carla Clennin

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Proverbs 3:1-6 *p. 548*

Second Lesson: I John 4:16-21 *p. 1067*

Sermon **Focused: The Church Family that Makes an Impact**
I Thessalonians 1

Hymn No. 250 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Kyrie “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Declaration of Forgiveness

You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends!

The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who seek to receive the Gift of God in Jesus Christ. This table is spread for you and for all.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we pray together -

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

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to eat at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will, that we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 379

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*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



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A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is Julie Medlin. 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 Meal, January 11th ~ 6pm

Chicken and Rice and Vegetable

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

Poinsettias & Memory Tree Ornaments

If you ordered a poinsettia for the sanctuary, you may pick it up.

If you placed an ornament on the memory tree, you may pick it up in the church office. Thank you!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2023 IN THE SANCTUARY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.
A luncheon will be provided (in Friendship Hall)
after the meeting.**

All reports are due in the Church Office.

Offering Envelope Boxes

Offering envelope boxes for 2023 have been delayed. The company is experiencing difficulties getting them printed. Estimated arrival time hopefully by end of January. We have some blank envelopes with labels for you to pick up in the back of the church, stop by the church office or feel free to use your own envelope until they come in. Be sure to put your name on the envelope. Keep in mind, online giving is also an option.

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 – UCOC to 4977

Activities Calendar: January 8, 2023~ January 15, 2023

Sunday, January 8th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship -Communion

Monday, January 9th

6:00 p.m. - Consistory

Tuesday, January 10th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, January 11th

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, ROK/God's Singers, Bell Choir, Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, January 15th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Grief Share meetings will begin Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office
(796-4885) or Jo Ann Cantriel (573) 690-6869

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Our Confirmands:

Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Bella Fulks, Hunter Hall,
Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier
Jo Suggs Chris Schoenthal
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, Pensacola, FL*)
Kyle Hofstetter (*son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA*)
Alexander Ives (*nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Sill, OK*)
Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA*)
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*)

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

TODAY

after children's time till the end of the worship service
for Grades K-3rd grade.

We will have a Bible story video about The Jesus Stories,
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 takes place the second Sunday of each month.
You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship
service.



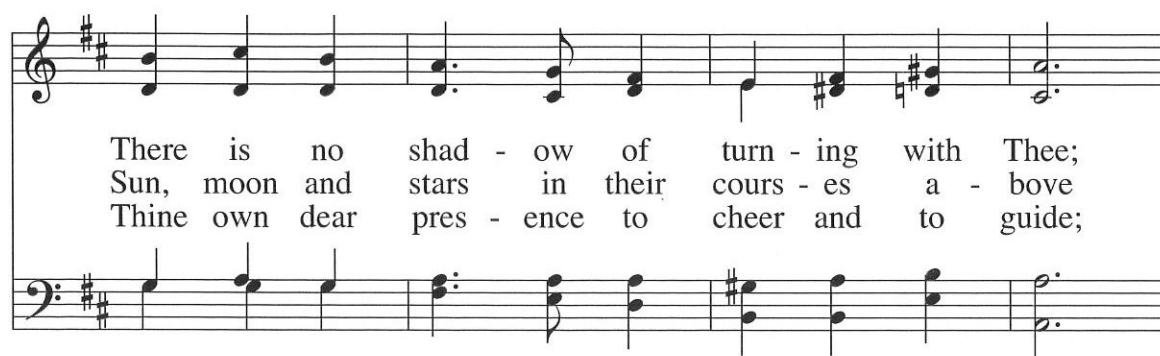
Sermon Notes:

Focused: The Church Family that Makes an Impact
I Thessalonians 1

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!

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

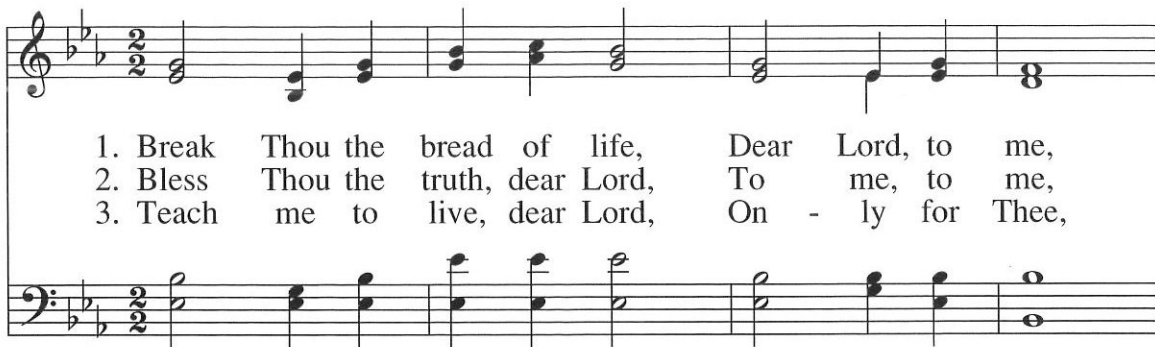
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

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

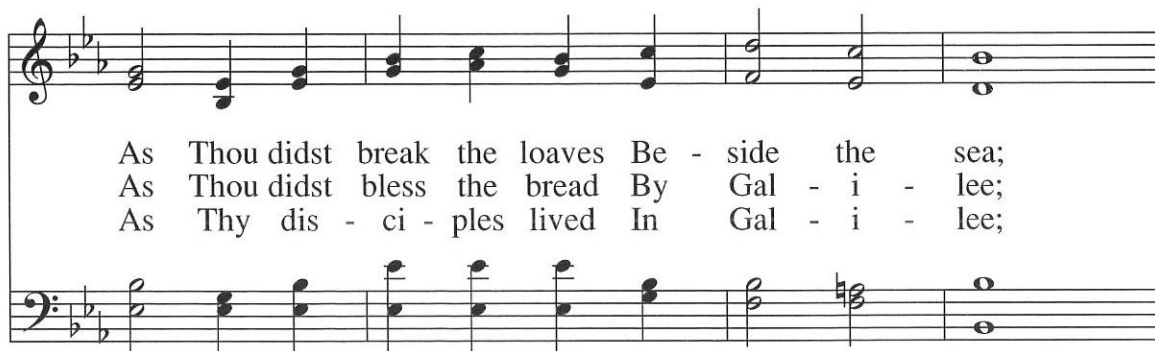
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.

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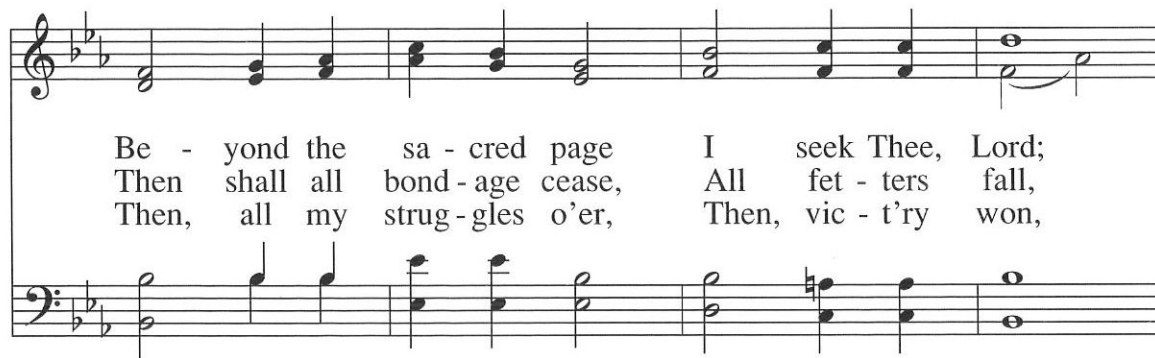
Break Thou the Bread of Life



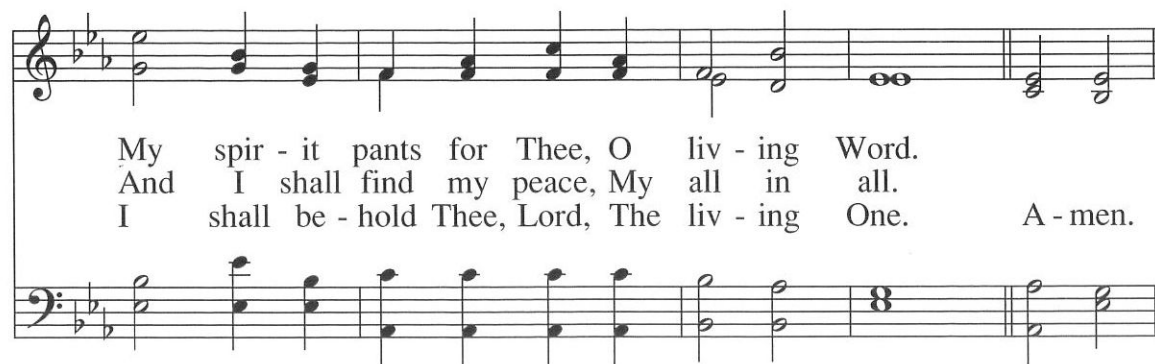
1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for Thee,



As Thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
As Thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
As Thy dis - ci - ples lived In Gal - i - lee;



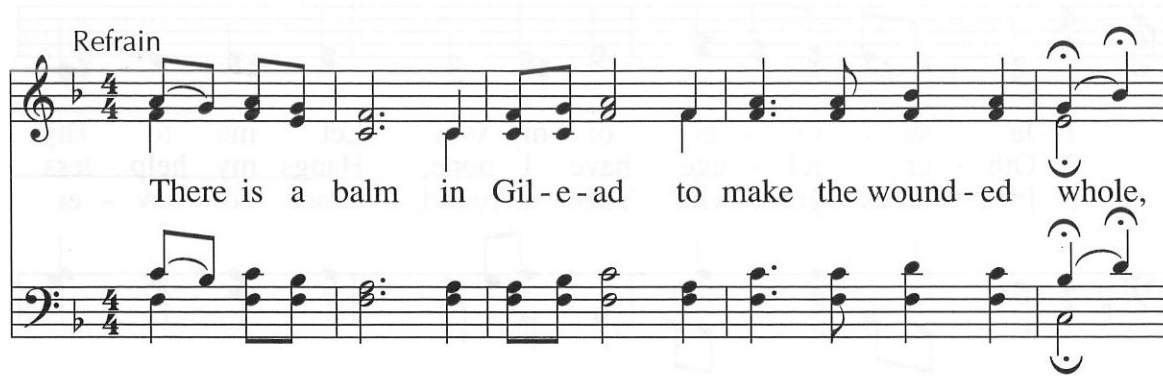
Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek Thee, Lord;
Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,



My spir - it pants for Thee, O liv - ing Word.
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
I shall be - hold Thee, Lord, The liv - ing One. A - men.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Verses
Unison



1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
3. Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

D.C.



But then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.
You can tell the love of Je-sus, and say, "He died for all!"
And if you lack for knowl-edge He'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

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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