

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Connie Bestgen **God's Singers Director**

The First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Sophie Miller & Royce Everett

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me and know my thoughts!

See if there is any wicked way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen,

***Hymn No. 388 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”**

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

Puppets

Anthem “Tender Heart”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Burger

As in days of old, Creator God, we come to look for your signs of covenant promises. Like the days of Noah, we see and know your signs and hear your voice again directing us to the places of preparation and transformation in our lives and in our world. Thank you God for your covenant signs in this season of Lent. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalms 82: 3-4 p. 511

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-3 p. 1052

Sermon **The Case for Christ-The Touch of Jesus
Mark 5 & 6**

Hymn No. 534

“Fill My Cup Lord”

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. 463 *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

*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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The flower on the altar is to celebrate the birth of . . .

Myles Monroe Ratcliff

Son of Dylan and Taylor Ratcliff

Myles was born February 16, 2023

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Betty Cobb**. 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, March 1st ~ 5:45pm

TACO BAR sponsored by the YOUTH

Don't forget to sign up!

Giving Made Easy

Need assistance with online giving?

Ginnie Medlin would be happy to walk you through the process

or follow the E-Giving link on our website:

calmo-ucc.org to give today or set recurring gifts.

You are invited to a **New Member Luncheon on Sunday, March 12th** after church in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions about placing membership here at the UCC of California, this lunch is for you. **Sunday, March 19th will be Membership Sunday.** Please contact Pastor Russ or the office if interested.

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 49775

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sundays at New Life Christian Center
A Christ-Centered 12 Step Support Group for folks dealing with
various dependencies, and/or trauma from mental, emotional or
relational situations in their lives. Contact Frank Hensley,
minister at New Life Christian Center, for more information

Sermon Notes: The Case for Christ- The Touch of Jesus
Mark 5 & 6

Activities Calendar: February 26, 2023 ~ March 5, 2023

Sunday, February 26th - - First Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

5:00 p.m. – Consistory Appreciation Dinner at Pastor Russ House

Monday, February 27th

7:00 p.m. - Brotherhood

Tuesday, February 28th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:30 p.m. - Grief Share

Wednesday, March 1st- Second Wednesday in Lent

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal – sponsored by the Youth

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:20 p.m. – God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – Worship (*followed by Sr. Choir*)

Friday, March 3rd- World Day of Prayer

1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5th- Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead.....

March 6th – Sunday School T&O meeting

March 8th – Lenten Worship Service

March 12th- New Membership Luncheon

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 13th- Consistory Meeting

March 19th – New Membership Sunday

March 26th - Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, March 1st Lenten Service

Statement of Faith by Hunter Hall

Special Music- Brotherhood

Guest Speaker- Frank Hensley

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 Zuidervaat Bill Schacht
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*)
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*)

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the current **Facility Use Policy and Fees** for the Consistory, please turn those into the church office no later than Friday, March 3rd. The Consistory will review those at the March Consistory meeting.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday, March 3, 2023 ~ 1:00 p.m.
All women of the church are invited!



About World Day of Prayer

Since the nineteenth century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and their call to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. The first organized "day of prayer for the world" was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. the United States soon followed on February 20, 1920.

Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth, and children) from around the world and in every region gather to collectively worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country's national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

World Day of Prayer is supported by sacrificial and benevolent mission offerings given by individuals through these annual services. Each of the 170 countries celebrating World Day of Prayer has an ecumenical committee of women representing many cultures, races, and faith traditions. Each country's committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year. Offering grants are made to women and children's groups in each country.

World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, visit www.wdp-usa.org.

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2023 Easter Flowers Order Form

Please follow the instructions below if you wish to have an Easter Flower placed in the Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 9th**. Easter Flowers may be taken home following worship on April 9th.

Cost per 6" Easter Flower listed below:

Easter Lily- \$16.00

Tulip - \$13.50

Hyacinth - \$13.50

Asiatic Lily - \$17.00

Orders are due no later than, **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th**

Return this completed form to Rhonda in the church office along with cash or a check payable to United Church of Christ and put Easter Flower on the memo line.

Name of person(s) purchasing the Easter Flower(s).

Type of Easter Flower you are ordering and how many:

Easter Lily _____

Tulip _____

Hyacinth _____

Asiatic Lily _____

Is the Easter Flower in memory or in honor of an individual?

Yes: In Memory of _____

Yes: In Honor of _____

Yes: In Memory of _____

Yes: In Honor of _____

Yes: In Memory of _____

Yes: In Honor of _____

Contact Name: _____

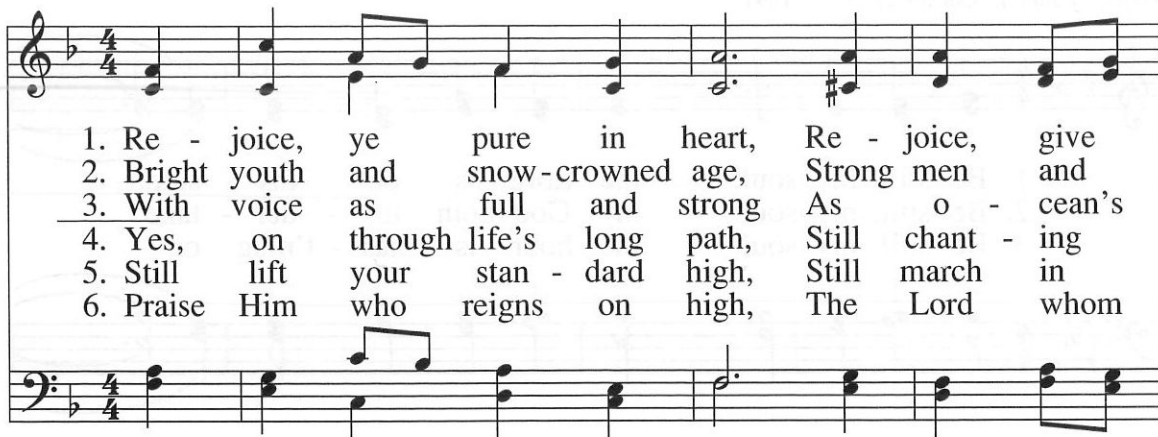
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Total Owed: _____

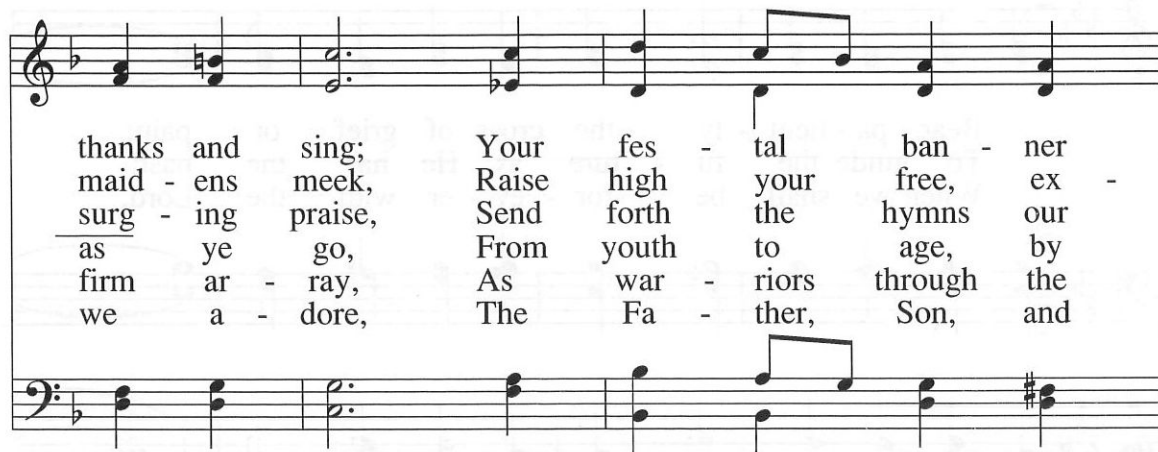
Please make your check out to United Church of Christ of California and write Easter Flower in the memo line.

Thank you!!!

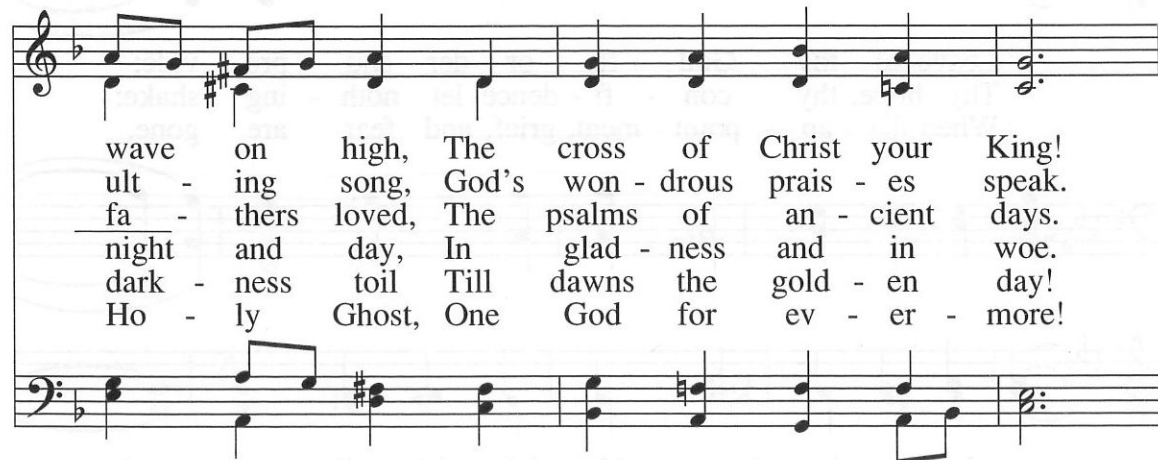
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart



1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, Re - joice, give
 2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and
 3. With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
 4. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant - ing
 5. Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in
 6. Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom



thanks and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
 maid - ens meek, Raise high your free, ex -
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the hymns our
 as ye go, From youth to age, by
 firm ar - ray, As war - riors through the
 we a - dore, The Fa - ther, Son, and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your King!
 ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
 fa - thers loved, The psalms of an - cient days.
 night and day, In glad - ness and in woe.
 dark - ness toil Till dawns the gold - en day!
 Ho - ly Ghost, One God for ev - er - more!



Re-joice, re-joice, Re-joice, give thanks and sing.
 Re-joice, re-joice,

Fill My Cup, Lord



1. Like the wom - an at the well I was seek - ing For
2. There are mil - lions in this world who are crav - ing The
3. So, my broth - er, if the things this world gave you Leave



things that could not sat - is - fy; And then I heard my Sav - ior
pleas - ures earth - ly things af - ford; But none can match the won - drous
hun - gers that won't pass a - way, My bless - ed Lord will come and



speaking: "Draw from My well that nev - er shall run dry."
treas - ure That I find in Je - sus Christ, my Lord.
save you, If you kneel to Him and hum - bly pray:



Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this

thirst-ing of my soul; Bread of heav-en, feed me till I

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains four measures of music: the first measure has a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note B4; the second measure has a half note C5, a half note D5, and a half note E5; the third measure has a half note F5, a half note G5, and a half note A5; the fourth measure has a half note B5, a half note C6, and a half note D6. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. It contains four measures of music: the first measure has a half note G2, a half note F2, and a half note E2; the second measure has a half note D2, a half note C2, and a half note B1; the third measure has a half note A1, a half note G1, and a half note F1; the fourth measure has a half note E1, a half note D1, and a half note C1.

want no more— Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

The second system of the musical score also consists of two staves. The treble staff continues with four measures: the first measure has a half note E5, a half note D5, and a half note C5; the second measure has a half note B4, a half note A4, and a half note G4; the third measure has a half note F4, a half note E4, and a half note D4; the fourth measure has a half note C4, a half note B3, and a half note A3. The bass staff continues with four measures: the first measure has a half note G2, a half note F2, and a half note E2; the second measure has a half note D2, a half note C2, and a half note B1; the third measure has a half note A1, a half note G1, and a half note F1; the fourth measure has a half note E1, a half note D1, and a half note C1.

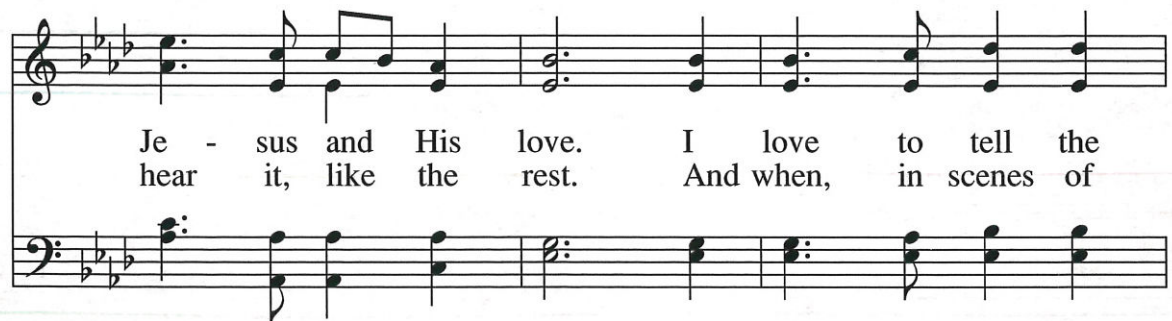
I Love to Tell the Story



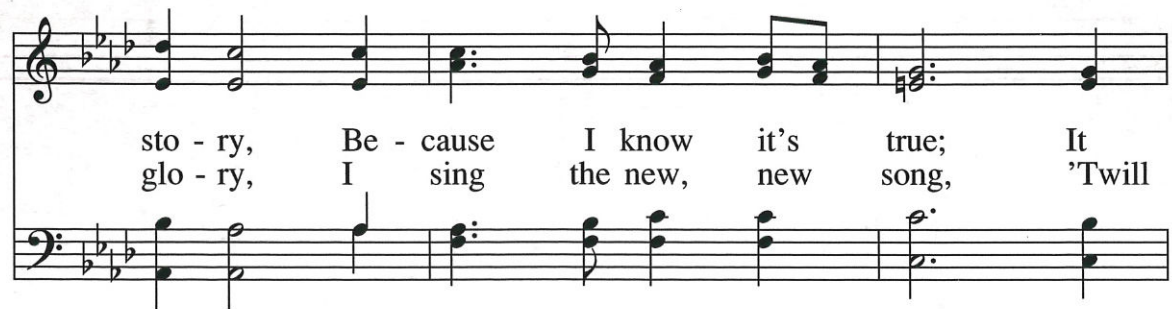
1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it



bove, Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of
best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To



Je - sus and His love. I love to tell the
hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of



sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true; It
glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill



sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'I love to tell the story'. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry

To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je-sus and His love.

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.
Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.
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