

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

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Brenyn Robertson & Emily King

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Friends, we are gathered to give thanks for all we have
received from God's good hands:

to praise God's holy name!

to acknowledge and confess our sins;

**to hear God's holy word; and to ask those things needful
for life.**

Let us draw near to God in all humility and celebrate God's
infinite goodness and mercy.

***Hymn No. 205** "In the Garden"

***Prayer of the Day**

**God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive.
Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving
children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Holly Bieri

Anthem “Just a Prayer Away”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Carla Clennin

Wise, all-knowing God, soften our hardened hearts that we may hear your voice in the reading of the Scriptures. Lead us and feed us as we travel through this Lenten wilderness towards the promised land. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Micah 6:6-8 p. 806

Second Lesson: Luke 10:25-37 p. 902

Sermon **The Case for Christ: God’s Greatest Hits**
Mark 12:28-34

Hymn No. 345 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

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. 267 “Morning Has Broken”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – “Bind Us Together” p.494 (sing twice)

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with
cords that cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Bind us together in love.*

*There is only one God, There is only one King;
There is only one body, That is why we sing*

*Postlude

Wednesday, March 29th ~

Statement of Faith

Cooper Brandes – son of Bobby and Tammy Brandes

Cooper has 2 brothers – Weston & Layne

Special Music

Senior High Youth

Speakers

High School Seniors

Wednesday Evening Meal, March 29th ~ 5:45pm

Breakfast

Don't forget to sign up!!

Reception for Confirmation Class of 2023

Hosted by the Women's Guild

March 29, 2023 ~ following the Lent service
downstairs in the Friendship Hall. All are welcome!

Activities Calendar: March 26, 2023 ~ April 02, 2023

Sunday, March 26th - Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

3:30 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting

Monday, March 27th

7:00 p.m. – Brotherhood

Tuesday, March 28th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:30 p.m. – Grief Share

Wednesday, March 29th Sixth Wednesday in Lent

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:20 p.m. – God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – Worship – *Confirmation Reception & Sr. Choir following*

Saturday, April 1st

5:30 p.m. – Salem Shrimp and Chicken Dinner

Sunday, April 2nd Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

Looking Ahead.....

April 3rd - Sunday School T&O meeting 7 p.m.

April 6th - Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service 7 p.m.

April 7th - Good Friday – Worship at Salem 7 p.m. (office closed)

Underground Church- UCC Youth Groups 5:00 p.m.

April 9th - Easter Services

April 10th - Consistory meeting 6:00 p.m.

April 16th - Family Night sponsored by the Brotherhood 5:30 p.m.

Church Offering Envelopes Are Here!!
They can be picked up in the back of the church
today or stop by the church office.

Holy Week Schedule

April 2—Palm Sunday

Worship 10:30 a.m.—Rite of Confirmation

April 6—Maundy Thursday

Worship 7 p.m.—Holy Communion

April 7—Good Friday—

Worship at Salem UCC 7 p.m.

Church Office Closed

April 9—Easter

Worship 7 a.m.—Holy Communion (Breakfast following)

Worship 10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

UCC YOUTH GROUPS

UNDERGROUND CHURCH

April 7 starting at 5pm-April 8th am

More information to follow from Beth Dampf

ALL CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT –

Sunday evening, April 16th

Potluck supper. Come any time after 5:30, eat at 6:00,
followed by entertainment and
bingo (“BIG” prizes for the winners).

Bring your favorite dishes to share. Drinks and table service
provided by the Brotherhood.

LET'S HAVE A FUN FAMILY GET TOGETHER!

Salem United Church of Christ

Shrimp and Chicken Dinner

April 1, 2023 ~ 5:30-7:00 pm

Dine-in or Carry-out

(Pavilion available for outdoor dining)

Meal includes: shrimp or chicken, cheesy potatoes, slaw,
dessert and drink.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 27 to

Brenda Oesterly

Home: 573-796-3013 ~ Cell: 573-291-7165

email: oesterlyb@yahoo.com

Freewill donations for the meal.

Looking forward to seeing our friends and family on this special night.

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Courtney Cassil**. 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.

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Church office: 573-796-4885 Website: www.calmo-ucc.org

rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Roy Shoemaker

Family and Friends of Kevan Dean

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*)

Sermon Notes

The Case for Christ: God's Greatest Hits

Mark 12:28-34

In the Garden

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear,
sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy
night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go—

fall - ing on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
that He gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
through the voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,

GARDEN

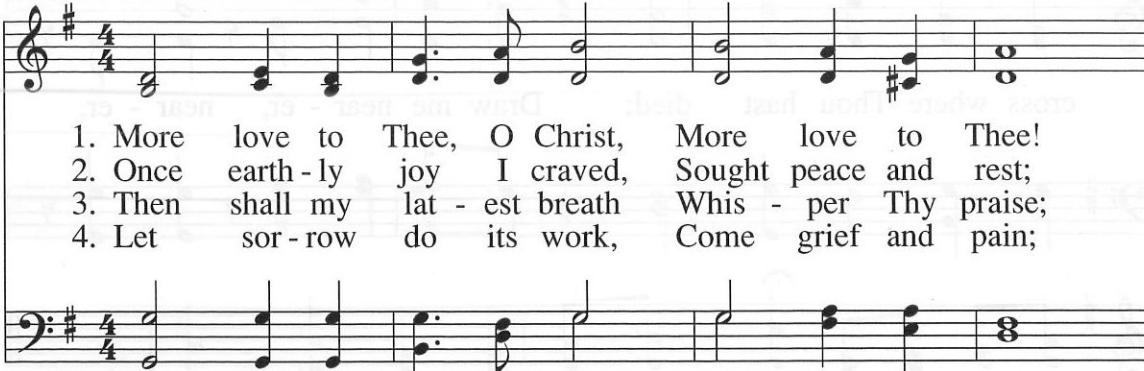
And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the accompaniment is in the lower staff. The lyrics "And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share" are written below the staves.

as we tar - ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.

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More Love to Thee, O Christ



1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;
3. Then shall my lat - est breath Whis - per Thy praise;
4. Let sor - row do its work, Come grief and pain;



Hear Thou the prayer I make On bend - ed knee;
Now Thee a - lone I seek, Give what is best;
This be the part - ing cry My heart shall raise;
Sweet are Thy mes - sen - gers, Sweet their re - frain,



This is my ear - nest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee;
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee;
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee;
When they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to Thee;



More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
More love to Thee, More love to Thee! A - men.

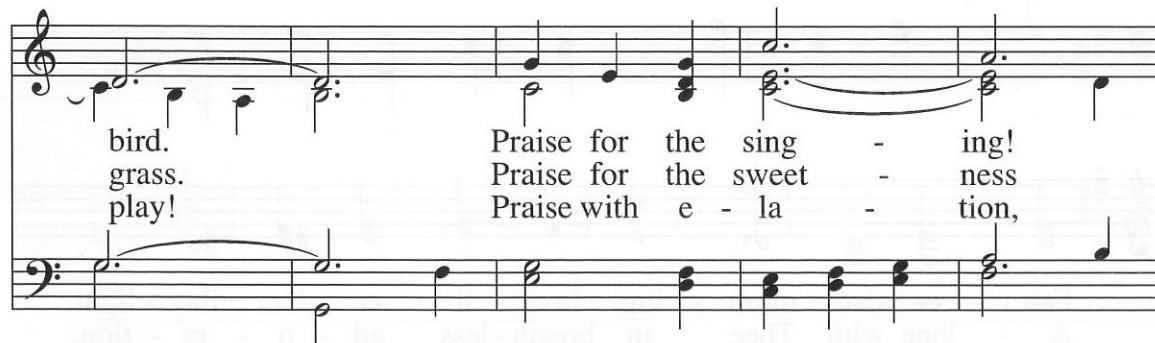
Morning Has Broken



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



Black - bird has spo - ken Like the first
 Like the first dew - fall On the first
 Born of the one light E - den saw



bird.
 grass.
 play!
 Praise for the sing - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness
 Praise with e - la - tion,



Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them,
 Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com -
 Praise ev - 'ry morn - ing, God's re - cre -



spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 plete - ness Where His feet pass.
 a - tion Of the new day!

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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