

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

January 7, 2024 ~ 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. 7 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*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

“This Little Light of Mine”

p. 466-sing first verse twice

Children’s Time

Carla Clennin

Anthem “Come Just As You Are”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Dave Gattermeir

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: Galatians 1:11-16 *p. 1012*

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-9 *p. 1017*

Sermon **Find Us Faithful: More than We Deserve**

I Timothy 1:13-20

Hymn No. 334

“Amazing Grace”

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. 343 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

*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



Activities Calendar: January 7, 2024 ~ January 14, 2024

Sunday, January 7th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship -Communion

Monday, January 8th

6:00 p.m. – Consistory

6:30 p.m. - GriefShare

Tuesday, January 9th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, January 10th

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

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

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Thursday, January 11th

6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 14th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Wednesday Evening Meal, January 10th ~ 6pm

Chili, Baked Potato Soup, Sandwiches and Fruit

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 28, 2024 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 envelopes for 2024 are in the back of the sanctuary for pickup. If there is not a box with your name and you want one, please let the church office know.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Nelson Bochard

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*)

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*)

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.



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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.

Congratulations to our Sunday School

4TH Quarter Perfect Attendance

Carole Barbour, Tony Barry, Connie Bestgen, Jay Bestgen, Courtney Cassil, Kent Howard, Tammy Kilmer, Peggy Liebi, Lola McCarty, Allan Mortenson, and Ronda Mortenson

**A year of Perfect Attendance (52 weeks) goes to
Tony Barry and Lola McCarty!!**

Sunday School with one absentee for 4th Quarter

Adult classes: Ellen, Ash, Judy Burger, Mary Burger, Carla Clennin, Charles Goode, Dyan Ingram, Justin Kilmer, Bob Kueffer, MaryAnn Kueffer, Phyllis Miller, Elaine Proctor, and Joyce Rohrbach

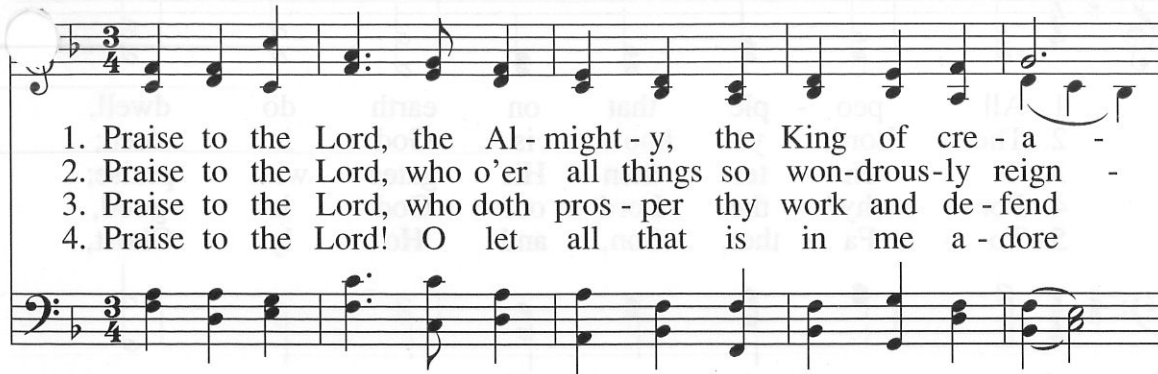
Student classes: Caleb Howard, Lauren Lawson, Bruce Miller, Johnny Miller, and Sophie Miller

Rev. Cobb: rev.cobb@calmo-ucc.org; 573-489-7891 (cell phone)

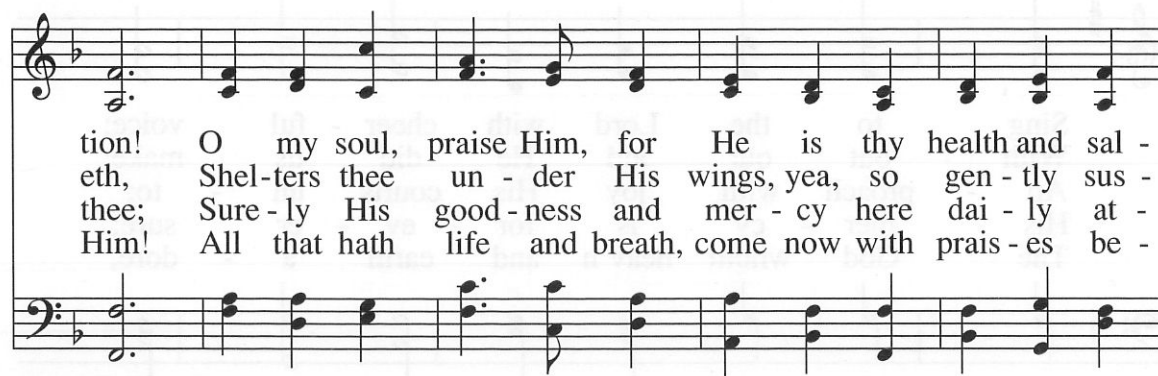
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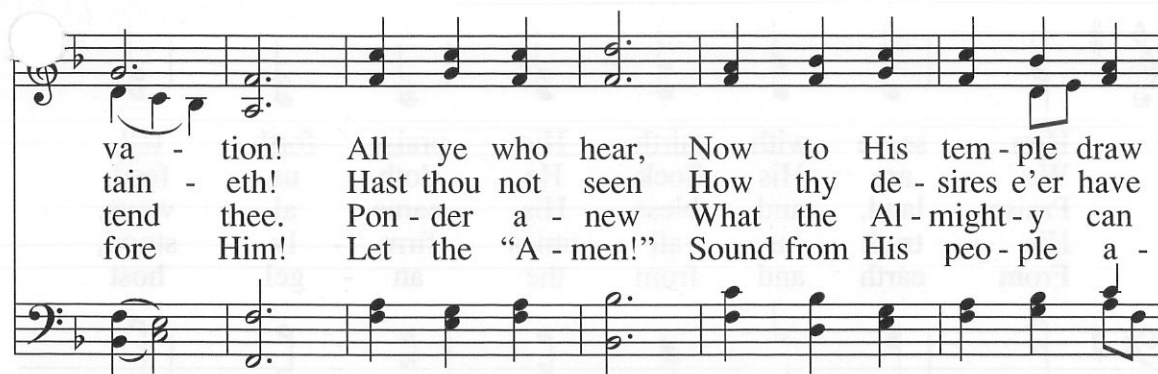
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



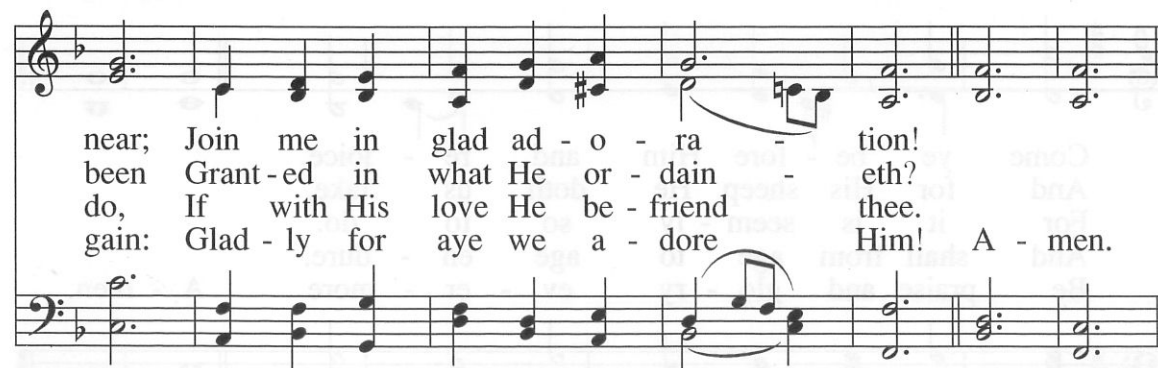
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore



tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-
eth, Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-
thee; Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-
Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-



va-tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw
tain-eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have
tend thee. Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can
fore Him! Let the "A-men!" Sound from His peo-ple a-



near; Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
been Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?
do, If with His love He be-friend thee.
gain: Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him! A-men.

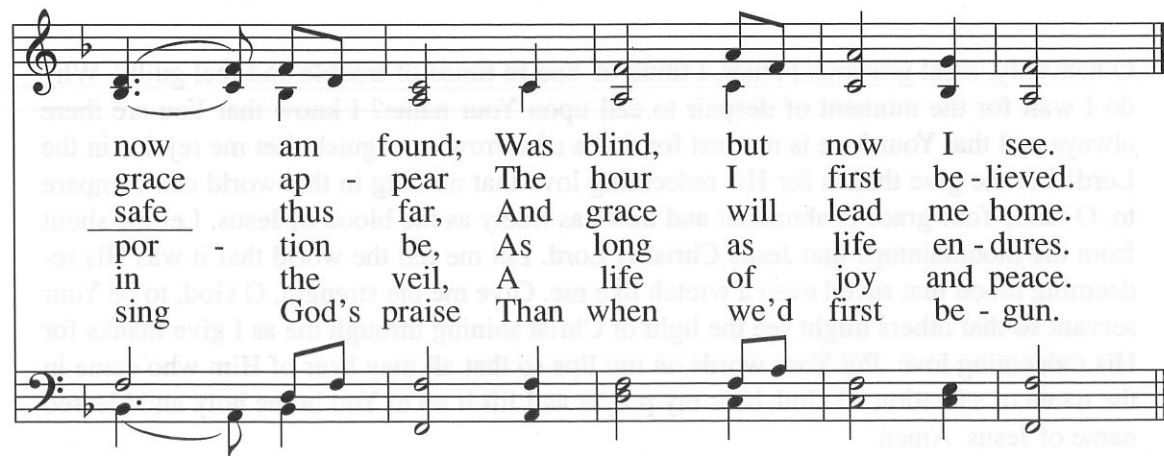
Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound That
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace hath brought me
word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved.
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
por - tion be, As long as life en - dures.
in the veil, A life of joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

I Am Thine, O Lord

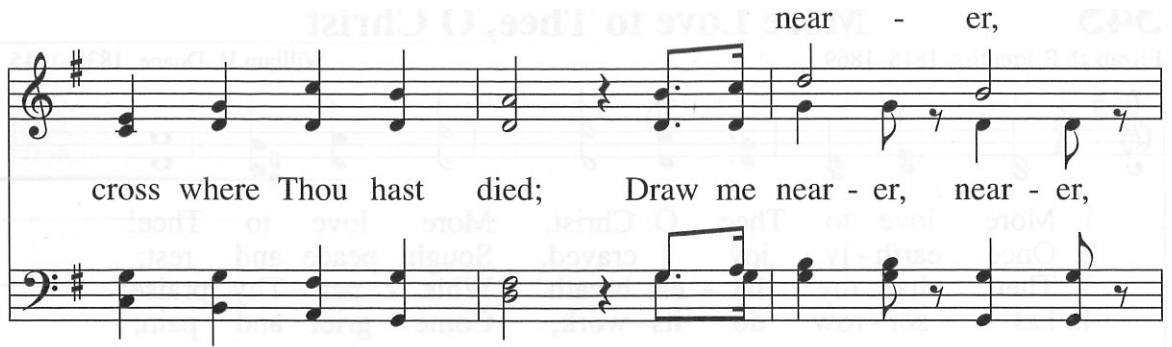
1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it
2. Con - se - crate me now to Thy serv - ice, Lord, By the
3. O, the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be -
4. There are depths of love that I can - not know Till I

told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the
pow'r of grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a
fore Thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with
cross the nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I

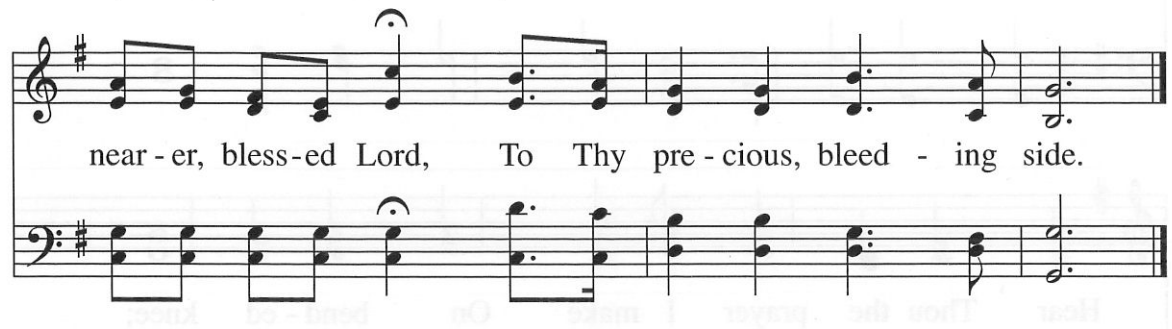
arms of faith, And be clos - er drawn to Thee.
stead - fast hope, And my will be lost in Thine.
Thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!
may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.

near - er,
Draw me near - er, near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, To the

near - er,
cross where Thou hast died; Draw me near - er, near - er,



near - er, bless-ed Lord, To Thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.



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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