

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

January 14, 2024
The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Grayden Gatlin & Emily King

Chorale Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

God calls us to service, rather than honor.

God call us to love the unknown, rather than the familiar.

We come to worship, trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

*Hymn No. 538 “Rescue the Perishing”

*Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light that shines into the deepest darkness of this world: May we behold the Light of your presence as we worship together. Let your holy Light illumine us, heal us, and forgive us. May your mighty Name be praised. 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

Ginnie Medlin

Anthem “Step by Step”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Beth Dampf

Gracious God, you have gifted us not once but often. Gift us once more, we pray, in the reading of your holy word that we may be opened and enlightened by these Holy Scriptures. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: John 1:9-17 p. 922

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-20 p. 1017

Sermon **Find Us Faithful: One for All, All for One**

I Timothy 2:1-7 p. 1034

Hymn No. 413 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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. 204 *“Because He Lives”*

*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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Wednesday Evening Meal, January 17th ~ 6pm

Chili, Baked Potato Soup, Sandwiches and Fruit

Don't forget to sign up!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OF THE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
OF CALIFORNIA**

**JANUARY 28, 2024 IN THE SANCTUARY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

A luncheon will be provided (in Friendship Hall) after the meeting.



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 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. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

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 14, 2024 ~ January 21, 2024

Sunday, January 14th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, January 15th

6:30 p.m. – GriefShare

Tuesday, January 16th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, January 17th

1:00 p.m. – Women's Guild

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 18th

9:30 a.m. California Care Worship Services

Sunday, January 21st

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead.....

January 22rd - Brotherhood 7:00 p.m.

January 28th – Annual Meeting/Meal following worship

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.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Richard Schroeder

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*)

California Care Worship Services

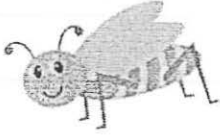
Thursday, January 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Come sing and visit with the residents!

**Articles for *The Tidings* for February are
Due on or before Wednesday, January 24th.**

Thanks!

TEACHING YOUR CHILD
HOW TO PRAY



PRAYER PROMPTS

Father,

I'M SO THANKFUL THAT YOU
GAVE ME _____.

I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU
HELPED ME WITH _____.

I LOVE YOU, GOD BECAUSE
_____.

PLEASE HELP ME TOMORROW
AS I _____.

PLEASE WATCH OVER
(PERSON) _____.

*In Your Name
I pray,
Amen*

Rescue the Perishing

1. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, care for the dy - ing,
2. Though they are slight - ing Him, still He is wait - ing,
3. Down in the hu - man heart, crushed by the tempt - er,
4. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, du - ty de - mands it;

Snatch them in pit - y from sin and the grave;
Wait - ing the pen - i - tent child to re - ceive;
Feel - ings lie bur - ied that grace can re - store;
Strength for thy la - bor the Lord will pro - vide;

Weep o'er the err - ing one, lift up the fall - en,
Plead with them ear - nest - ly, plead with them gen - tly;
Touched by a lov - ing heart, wak - ened by kind - ness,
Back to the nar - row way pa - tient - ly win them;

Tell them of Je - sus, the might - y to save.
He will for - give if they on - ly be - lieve.
Chords that were bro - ken will vi - brate once more.
Tell the poor wan - d'rer a Sav - ior has died.



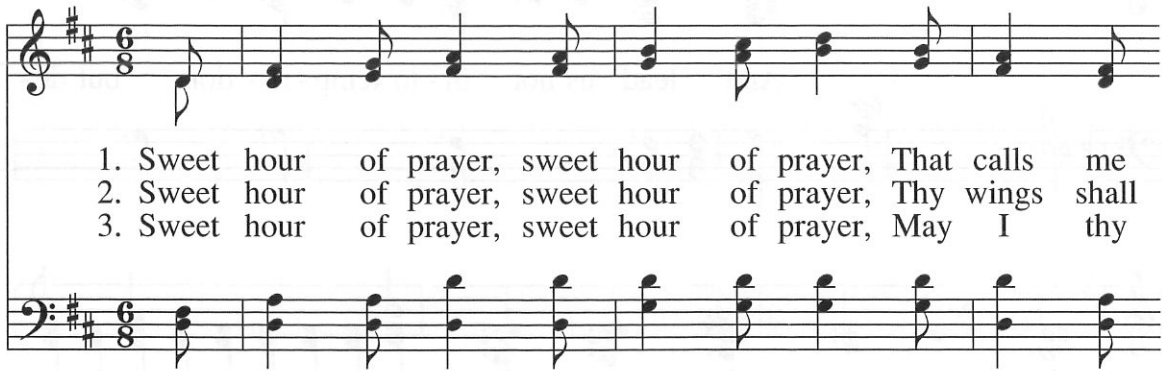
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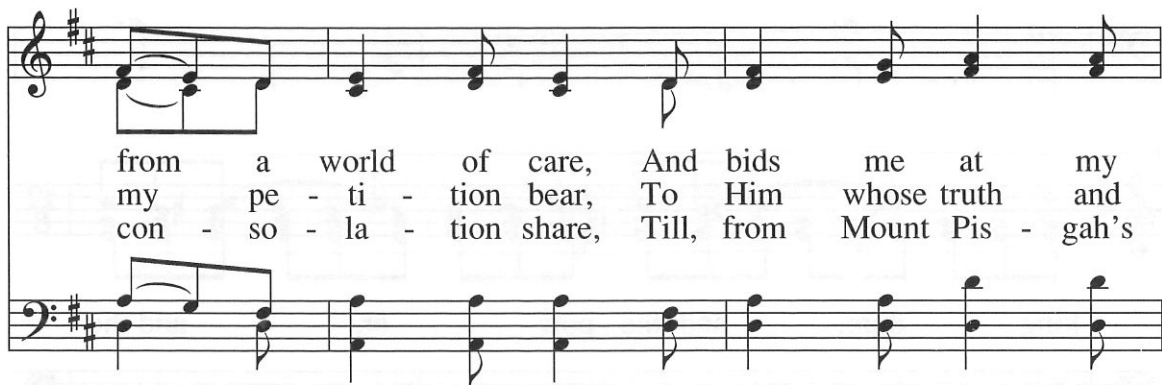
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Sweet Hour of Prayer



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy



from a world of care, And bids me at my
my pe - ti - tion bear, To Him whose truth and
con - so - la - tion share, Till, from Mount Pis - gah's



Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known,
faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
loft - y height, I view my home and take my flight:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has of - ten
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word and
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er -

found re - lief, And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By
trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And
last - ing prize; And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare-

thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!" A - men.

Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus;
2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

He came to love, heal, and for - give.
And feel the pride and joy He gives;
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain.

He lived and died to buy my par - don; An
But great - er still the calm as - sur - ance This
And then as death gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll

emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor - row;

Be-cause He lives all fear is gone;

Be-cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

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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