

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb
Mrs. Beth Dampf
Mrs. Becky Schneider
Pastor
Organist
Bell Choir

January 21, 2024
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Meredith and Hazel Wolford

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

O God, we long to hear your voice amid the noise and confusion of this age.

We seek the quiet assurance that comes from your holy Word.

Call us to be bold and loving disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*Hymn No. 215 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, we ask you to be near us as we worship. Help us to know that we are not isolated and alone. Help us to know that you are here – moving us to praise, to love, and to serve you. May your Spirit truly make us one with you and with all those for whom Christ has died. Come, Holy Spirit! 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 once

Children’s Time

Anny Roll

Anthem “Be Thou My Vision”

Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Mary Burger

O Lord God, we marvel at the mystery of your love. You meet us where we are. You invite us to follow. You equip us to serve. Open our hearts and our minds, that we may hear the voice of Jesus and offer ourselves more fully in his loving service in all the world; in Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Matthew 5:13-16 p. 838

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:29-5:2 p. 1019

Sermon **Find Us Faithful: Follow the Leader**

I Timothy 4:6-16 p. 1035

Hymn No. 436 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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. 555 *“Sanctuary” (Sing Twice)*

*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 24th ~ 6pm

Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable

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.

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.

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Activities Calendar: January 21, 2024 ~ January 28, 2024

Sunday, January 21

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 p.m. – Brotherhood

Tuesday, January 23rd

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, January 24th

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

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

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, January 28th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Annual Meeting in Sanctuary after worship.

Luncheon in Friendship Hall after the Annual Meeting.

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

**Community Men's Bible Study
Friday, Feb. 2nd at 6:00 a.m.
Crossroads Plaza**

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

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*)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed of the
 4. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial
 5. O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, We at His feet may

fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And
 call; Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod, And
 fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And
 ball, To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And
 fall; We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And


crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
 crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol the stem of
 crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you
 crown Him Lord of all. To Him all maj - es -
 crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Jes - se's rod, And crown Him Lord of all.
 by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.
 ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all.
 last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all. A - men.

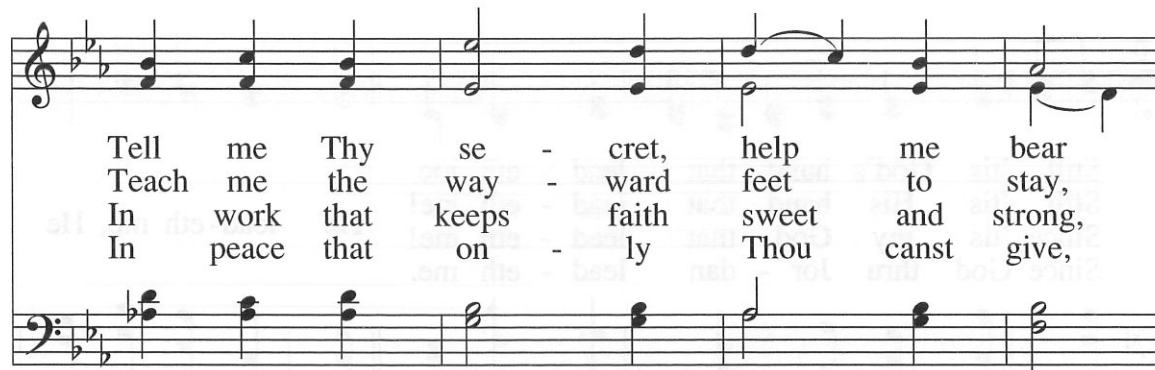
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee



1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee
2. Help me the slow of heart to move
3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray



In low - ly paths of serv - ice free;
By some clear, win - ning word of love;
In clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
Far down the fu - ture's broad - 'ning way,



Tell me Thy se - cret, help me bear
Teach me the way - ward feet to stay,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In peace that on - ly Thou canst give,



The strain of toil, the fret of care.
And guide them in the home - ward way.
In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

G Em7 D A F#m/A Em/A D

A G Em7 A7 D

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system covers the lyrics 'Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and'. The second system covers 'ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a'. The third system covers 'liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.' Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line in each system: G, Em7, D, A, F#m/A, Em/A, D in the second system; and A, G, Em7, A7, D in the third system.

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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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