United Church of Christ of California - California, MO

Rev. Russell Cobb

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Connie Bestgen

God's Singers Director

January 28, 2024 ~ The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

* - All those who are able, please stand.

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Megan Carlock & Amelia Howard Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment: Gideons – Mike Morris

A special offering will be received for the **Gideons International**. All loose plate offerings, as well as checks so designated, will be forwarded to the local Gideons camp.

*Call to Worship

We praise you, Almighty God, for the gift of this day.

Your Spirit has gathered us to be the church of Jesus Christ.

May we grow in your wisdom and grace.

May we worship you with awe and wonder.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your joy! Amen.

*Hymn No. 38 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

*Prayer of the Day

Most Gracious God, make us one as we worship you. May our hearts be filled with your love and may our voices blend with your praise. Together may we serve you with exuberant and enduring joy; 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 "This Little Light of Mine"

p. 466-sing first verse once

Children's Time

Puppets

Anthem

"Great and Might"

God's Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Judy Burger

Lead your church, O Living God, so that your word may be written in our hearts. Lead us in the way of Christ Jesus, your Son, so that we may share in his ministry and enjoy his life. Lead us to the truth that sets all your children free. We pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, our crucified, risen, and reigning Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Matthew 6:25-34 p. 840 Second Lesson: I Peter 5:6-11 p.1061

Sermon Find Us Faithful: I Can't Get No Satisfaction I Timothy 6:6-21 p. 1036

Hymn No. 390 "It Is Well with My Soul"

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. 467 "Abide With Me"

*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 31st ~ 6pm Taco Salad

Don't forget to sign up!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF CALIFORNIA TODAY IN THE SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

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

Activities Calendar: January 28, 2024 ~ February 4, 2024 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.

Tuesday, January 30th

9:00 a.m. - Prayer Cell

Wednesday, January 31st

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal

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

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Friday, February 2nd

6:00 a.m.- Men's Bible Study at Crossroads Plaza

Sunday, February 4th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead......

February 5th – Sunday School Teachers and Officers

February 12th - Consistory Meeting

February 14th - Ash Wednesday- Lenten Worship

February 18th - Sunday School Family Game Night-Chili/Soup Cookoff

February 21st - Women's Guild February 26th - Brotherhood

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

Sunday School is sponsoring





When: Sunday, February 18, 2024

Doors open at 5:30 pm Sampling Soup or Chili starts at 6:00 pm





Awards for:



Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Carol Wolfrum

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)

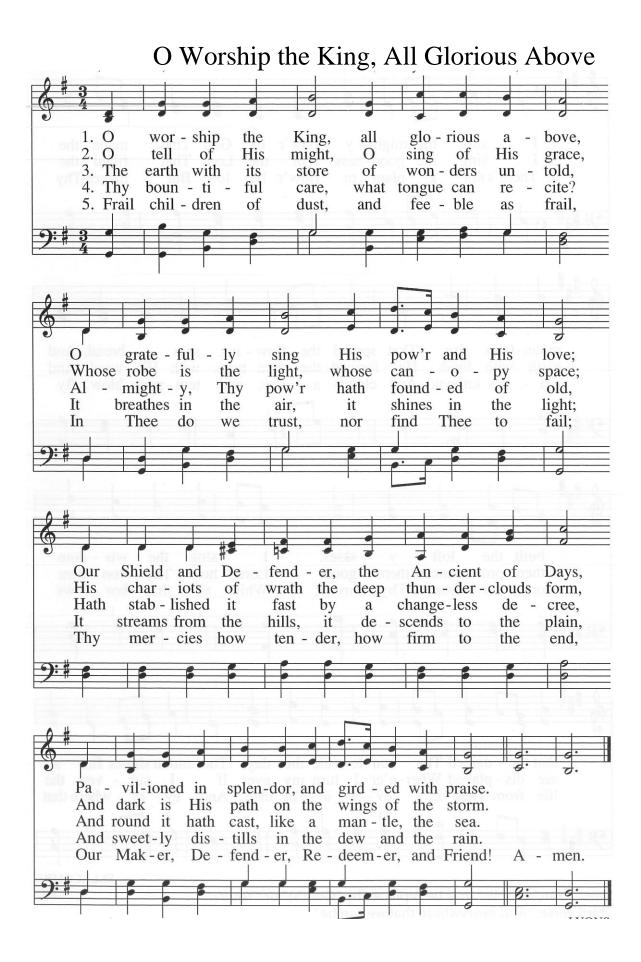
Brett Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK)

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.

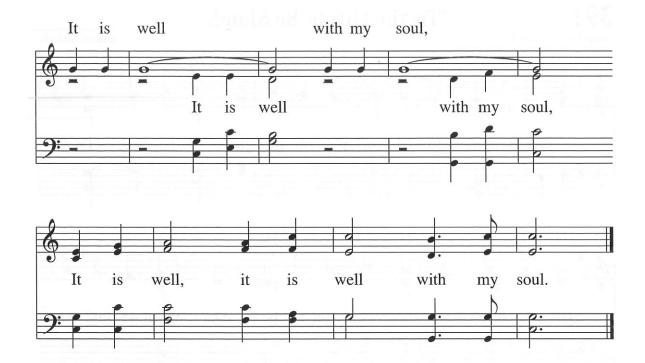
Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

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.



It Is Well with My Soul





Abide with Me



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.

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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.

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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.

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