

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO

Rev. Russell Cobb

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Becky Schneider

Bell Choir Director

The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Rylan Robertson & Camden Lawson

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me and know my thoughts!

See if there is any wicked way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen,

*Hymn No. 61 “O How I Love Jesus”

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

Carla Clennin

Anthem “It Is Well with My Soul”

Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Burger

As in days of old, Creator God, we come to look for your signs of covenant promises. Like the days of Noah, we see and know your signs and hear your voice again directing us to the places of preparation and transformation in our lives and in our world. Thank you God for your covenant signs in this season of Lent. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Luke 18:9-14 p. 911

Second Lesson: Isaiah 56:1-8 p. 636

Sermon

The Doctor Will See You Now

Getting the Right Diagnosis – Luke 5:12-32 p. 893

Hymn No. 354 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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. 400 “*In My Heart There Rings a Melody*”

*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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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.

Wednesday Evening Meal, February 21 ~ 5:45pm

**Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable
and Hot Rolls**

Don't forget to sign up!

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Kathy Higgins

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

Jaden Perry (*Janice Anderson's grandson*)

Jerry Coale

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*)

Activities Calendar: February 18, 2024 ~ February 25, 2024

Sunday, February 18th - - First Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

5:30 p.m. – SS Game Night and Chili/Soup Cookoff

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Sampling Soup or Chili starts at 6:00 pm



Tuesday, February 20th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, February 21st- Second 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 (*followed by Sr. Choir*)

March Tidings News due
by Friday, February 23rd.

Sunday, February 25th- Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

6:00 p.m. – Consistory Appreciation Dinner at Miller's house

Looking ahead.....

February 26 – Men's Brotherhood

March 1 – World Day of Prayer

If you are interested in joining the California United Church of Christ, let Pastor Russ know or drop a Connection Card in the offering plate.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday, March 1, 2024 ~ 1:00 p.m.
All women of the church are invited!



About World Day of Prayer

Since the nineteenth century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and their call to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. The first organized “day of prayer for the world” was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. The United States soon followed on February 20, 1920.

Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth, and children) from around the world and in every region gather to collectively worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country’s national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

World Day of Prayer is supported by sacrificial and benevolent mission offerings given by individuals through these annual services. Each of the 170 countries celebrating World Day of Prayer has an ecumenical committee of women representing many cultures, races, and faith traditions. Each country’s committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year. Offering grants are made to women and children’s groups in each country.

World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, visit www.wdp-usa.org.

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2024 Easter Flowers Order Form

Please follow the instructions below if you wish to have an Easter Flower placed in the Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, March 31st**. Easter Flowers may be taken home following worship on March 31st.

Cost per 6" Easter Flower listed below:

White Easter Lily- \$17.00

Tulip - \$13.50

Hyacinth - \$13.50

Orders are due no later than, **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th**

Return this completed form to Rhonda in the church office along with cash or a check payable to United Church of Christ and put Easter Flower on the memo line.

Name of person(s) purchasing the Easter Flower(s).

Type of Easter Flower you are ordering and how many:

Easter Lily _____

Tulip _____

Hyacinth _____

Is the Easter Flower in memory or in honor of an individual?

Yes: In Memory of _____

Yes: In Honor of _____

Yes: In Memory of _____

Yes: In Honor of _____

Yes: In Memory of _____

Yes: In Honor of _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Total Owed: _____

Please make your check out to United Church of Christ of California and write Easter Flower in the memo line.

Thank you!!!

O How I Love Jesus



1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its
2. It tells me of a Sav - ior's love, Who died to set me
3. It tells of One whose lov - ing heart Can feel my deep - est
4. It tells me what my Fa - ther has In store for ev - 'ry



worth; It sounds like mu - sic in my ear, The sweet - est
free; It tells me of His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's
woe; Who in each sor - row bears a part That none can
day, And though I tread a gloom - y path, Yields sun - shine



name on earth.
per - fect plea.
bear be - low.
all the way.

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love



Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus, Be - cause He first loved me!

Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth

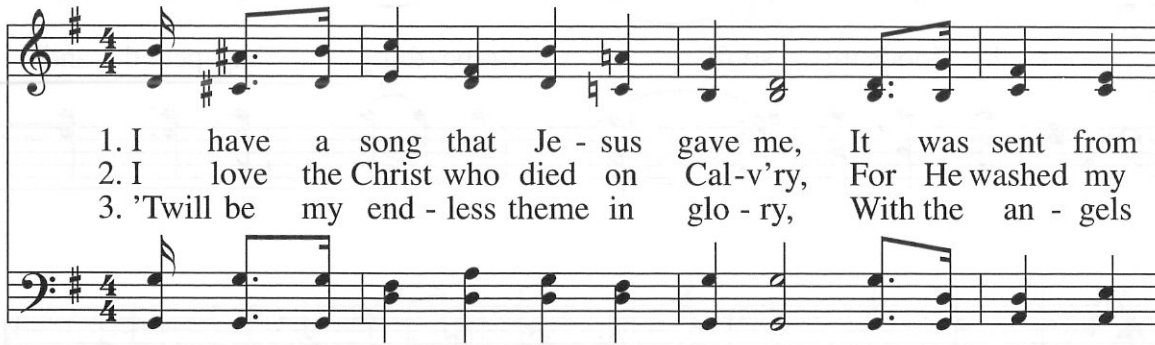
hast for me; Place in my hands the won-der - ful key
send - est clear; And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
ev - 'ry-where; O - pen my heart and let me pre-pare

That shall un - clasp and set me free.
Ev - 'ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

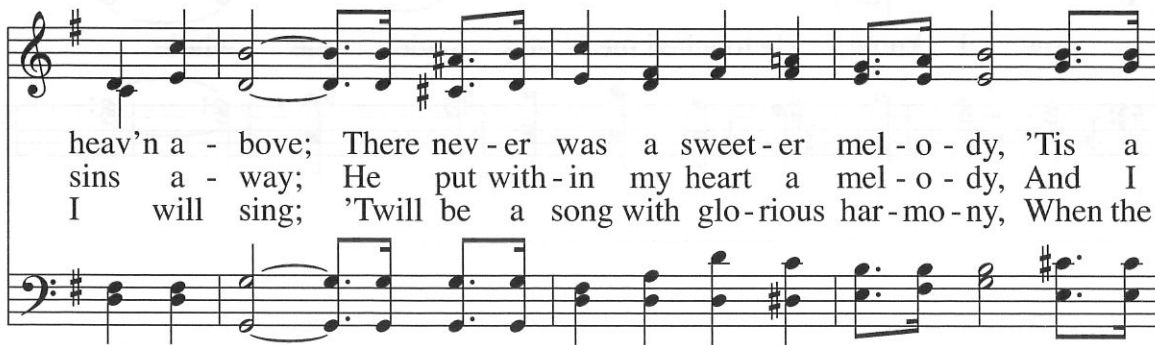
wait for Thee, Read-y, my God, Thy will to see. O - pen my

*eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine! A - men.

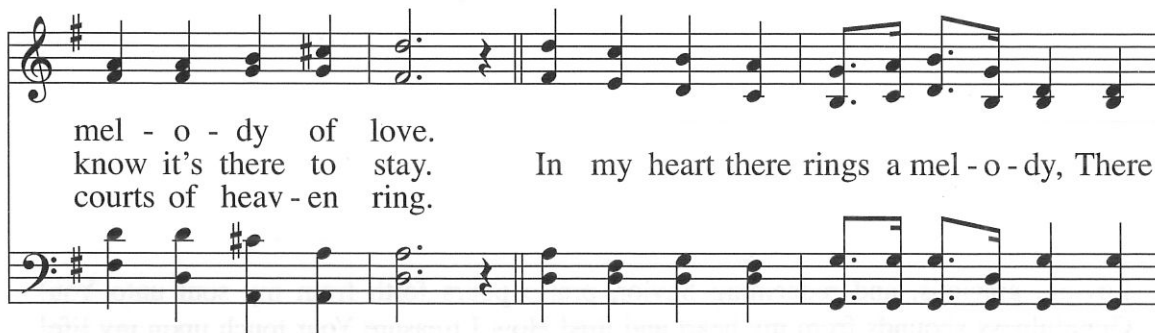
In My Heart There Rings a Melody



1. I have a song that Je - sus gave me, It was sent from
2. I love the Christ who died on Cal - v'ry, For He washed my
3. 'Twill be my end - less theme in glo - ry, With the an - gels



heav'n a - bove; There nev - er was a sweet - er mel - o - dy, 'Tis a
sins a - way; He put with - in my heart a mel - o - dy, And I
I will sing; 'Twill be a song with glo - rious har - mo - ny, When the



mel - o - dy of love.
know it's there to stay. In my heart there rings a mel - o - dy, There
courts of heav - en ring.



rings a mel - o - dy with heav - en's har - mo - ny; In my heart there



rings a mel - o - dy; There rings a mel - o - dy of love.

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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