United Church of Christ of California – California, MORev. Russell CobbPastorMrs. Beth DampfOrganistMrs. Connie BestgenGod's Singers Director

The Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024

* - All those who are able, please stand.

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Conner Brockes & Sophie Miller

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

*Hymn No. 355 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*Prayer of the Day

Light of light, open our hearts to the voice of your Word and free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and a change of heart, for he lives and reigns with you forever and ever. 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

Anthem "W.W. J. D."

Prayer for Illumination

The Puppets

God's Singers

Alan Chambers

God of all faithfulness, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who died but now lives to reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons		
First Lesson:	Luke 9:57-62	p. 901
Second Lesson:	John 1:40-49	p. 923

SermonThe Doctor Will See You Now:Getting a Second Opinion –Luke 9p. 899

Hymn No. 59 "Jesus, Name above All Names"

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. 337 "Heaven Came Down"

*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

<u>Wednesday Evening Meal, February 28 ~ 5:45pm</u> Chicken and Noodles, Vegetable, Hot Rolls and Fruit Don't forget to sign up!

Wednesday, February 28th

If you are interested in joining the California United Church of Christ, on **March 10th** there will be a new member luncheon following worship. Sunday, **March 17th** will be new membership Sunday. Let Pastor Russ know or drop a Connection Card in the offering plate.



Saturday, March 16th 9:30 to 11:00am UCC Friendship Hall Bring a Blankie & Come Join Us For

Featured Presentation: "Twas the Night Before Easter Snacks – Games – Crafts Closing Prayer

Take Home: Special Easter Basket

Please sign up for the Matinee Event below so that we are sure to have enough snacks, and Special Easter Basket made up for each child in attendance. You may return the form to church office, or contact Ronda Mortenson by email rkmort60@gmail.com or call 573-694-3933

Childs Name Attending: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

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Activities Calendar: February 25, 2024 ~ March 3, 2024

Sunday, February 25,-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

Monday, February 26th

7:00 p.m. – Men's Brotherhood

Tuesday, February 27th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, February 28th Third 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)

Friday, March 1

6:00 a.m. - Men's Community Bible Study at the Crossroad Plaza

1:00 p.m. – World Day of Prayer

Sunday, March 3rd Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – 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

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) Damion Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)

Main Street Baptist Youth is hosting a Taco Lunch

to raise money for Young Christian's Weekend.

Sunday, March 3, 2024

11:30 to 1:30 pm MSBC Gym Free Will Offering Dessert Auction to follow

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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Heaven Came Down





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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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 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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