



**United Church of Christ of California – California, MO**  
**Rev. Russell Cobb** **Pastor**  
**Mrs. Beth Dampf** **Organist**  
**Mrs. Connie Bestgen** **God's Singers Director**

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**April 25, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles    Adler Koestner    Jess Medlin

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship**

Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Dance, you are the  
resurrection and the life,

**We join you in the dance of everlasting life, following  
you with joy and trusting in your grace.**

Let us worship God with our whole hearts. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 337    “Heaven Came Down”**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the  
lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be  
satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with  
you, for you live and reign with the Father 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 "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time

The Puppets

Anthem

"Jesus is a Rock"

God's Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Carla Clennin

**Living God, in the appearance of the Risen Lord, you brought pardon and peace to your people, and called them to be witnesses in the world. Make us bold to believe in Christ's resurrection and to trust your Holy Spirit to guide us in paths of faithful discipleship. In His name we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Psalm 30 p. 479

*Second Lesson:* Psalm 38:15-22 p. 485

Sermon **The Human Condition – Guilt & Confession**  
**Psalm 32 & Psalm 51**

Hymn No. 345 "More Love to 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

## Reception of New Members

**Carmen Ferris, Carmen Brown, Eric & Holly Bieri,  
Nora Yelton, Mollie Wolford, Gary & Maggie Morris,  
Dean Kiesling, Amy Howard, Larry Schoeneberg,  
Tara Meisenheimer**

Welcome, Scripture, and Reaffirming of Faith

Welcome by the Congregation

Let us, the members of the United Church of Christ of California, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our Risen Lord.**

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the United Church of Christ of California, we extend our Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this congregation.

The Prayer

\*Hymn No. 408      “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

\*Benediction

\*Response            “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

*God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet . . . till we meet; Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;*

*Till we meet . . . till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.*

\*Postlude

*The Church Family is invited to attend the  
Celebration of Life service for  
**Judy Bochard**  
today at 12:30pm  
at the California Masonic Cemetery.*

**Wednesday Evening Meal: April 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 p.m.**

Baked Potato Bar, Sandwiches, Dessert

**Note: Sunday School offering can now be done  
through EasyTithe.**

**First Christian Church**  
**Annual Pork Steak Fundraiser**

Today ☺☺ 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Drive Thru – First Christian Church Parking Lot

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**Near and Long Ago Treasures**

**California Annunciation Ladies Sodality** is hosting a parish wide sale all in one location at 310 Mill Street, California, MO 65018. Monies raised will be set aside for future funeral dinner costs.

**The sale will be held on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on **Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**Activities Calendar: April 25, 2021 ~ May 2, 2021**

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. – Men's Brotherhood

**Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:30 p.m. – Grief Share Class

**Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal (***Last one for this season***)

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir & God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – HS Youth Group

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

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*Church office: 573-796-4885*

*Website: [www.calmo-ucc.org](http://www.calmo-ucc.org)*

**7:00 p.m. Friday evenings ~  
California City Hall Meeting Room  
A Christ-Centered 12 Step Support Group  
for Men**



Sermon Notes:

**The Human Condition – Guilt & Confession  
Psalm 32 & Psalm 51**



*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

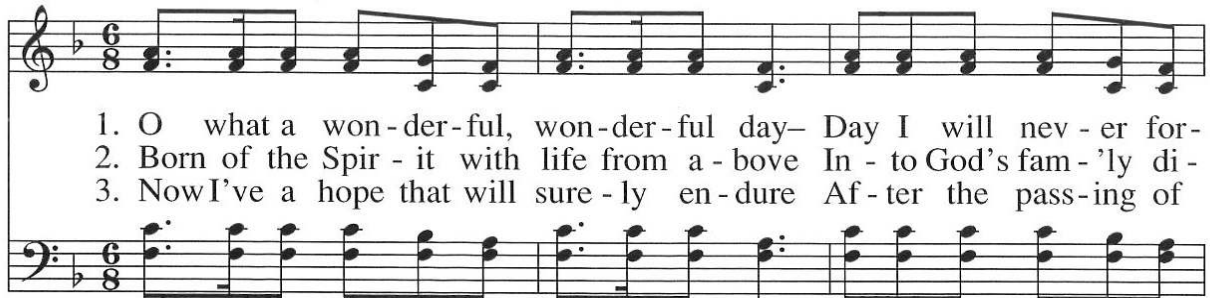
**All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Becky Zuidervaat	Charlie Gabert	Carol Wolfrum
Jo Suggs	Chris Schoenthal	Collin Mouse
Judy Kilmer	Bill Schacht	Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier

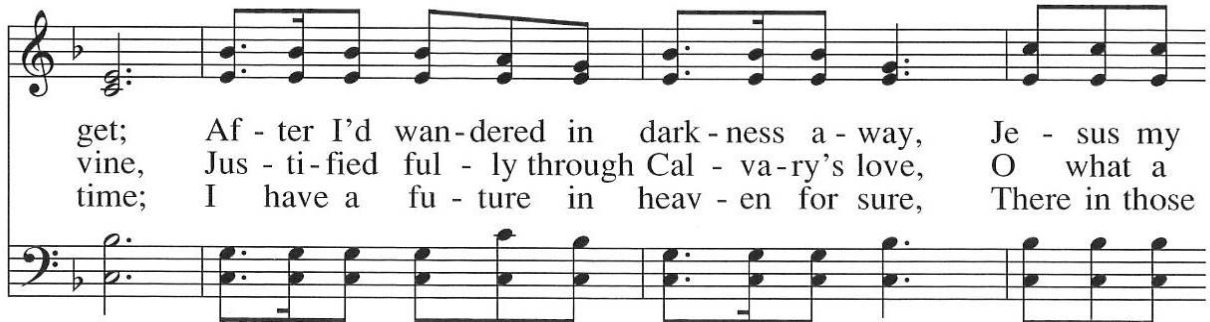
**All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:**

Craig Hall (*Air Force, stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX*)  
Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)  
Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Bragg, NC*)  
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 Camp Lejeune, NC*)  
Hayden Grant (*grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL*)  
Kyle Hofstetter (*son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA*)  
Alexander Ives (*nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg*)  
Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, Palm Springs, CA*)  
Ryan Carel (*nephew of Leroy Schnieders, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC*)  
Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Fort Bragg, NC*)

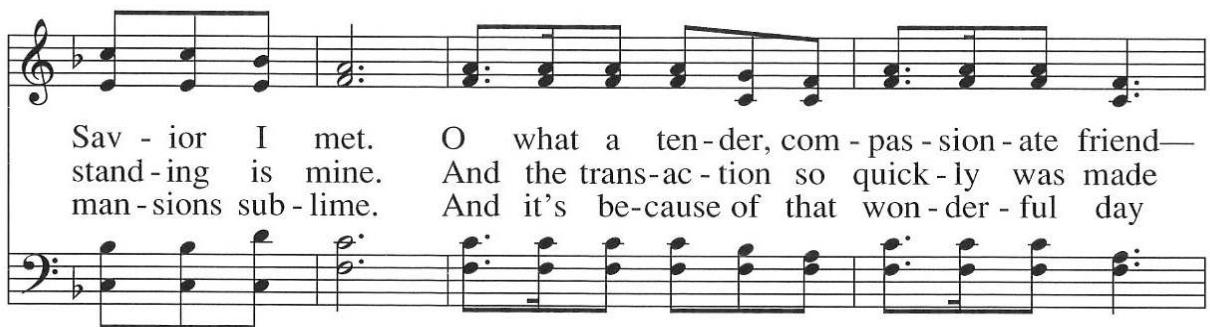
# Heaven Came Down



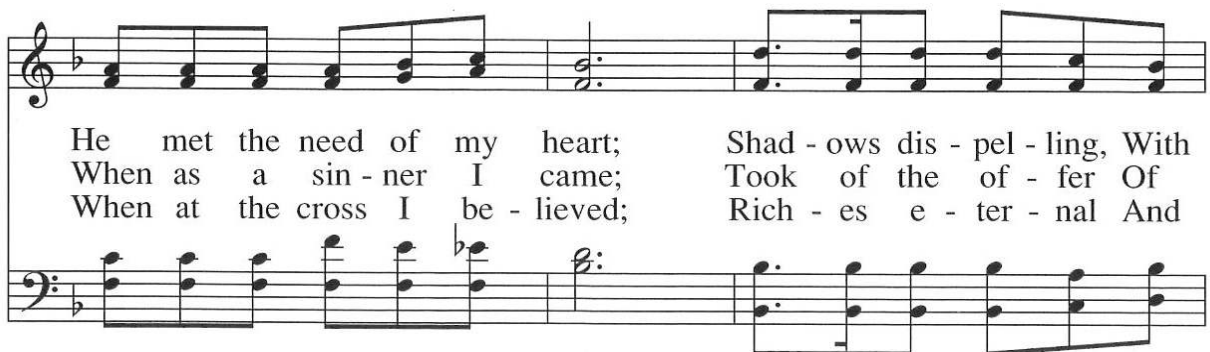
1. O what a won-der-ful, won-der-ful day— Day I will nev - er for-  
 2. Born of the Spir - it with life from a - bove In - to God's fam - 'ly di -  
 3. Now I've a hope that will sure - ly en - dure Af - ter the pass - ing of



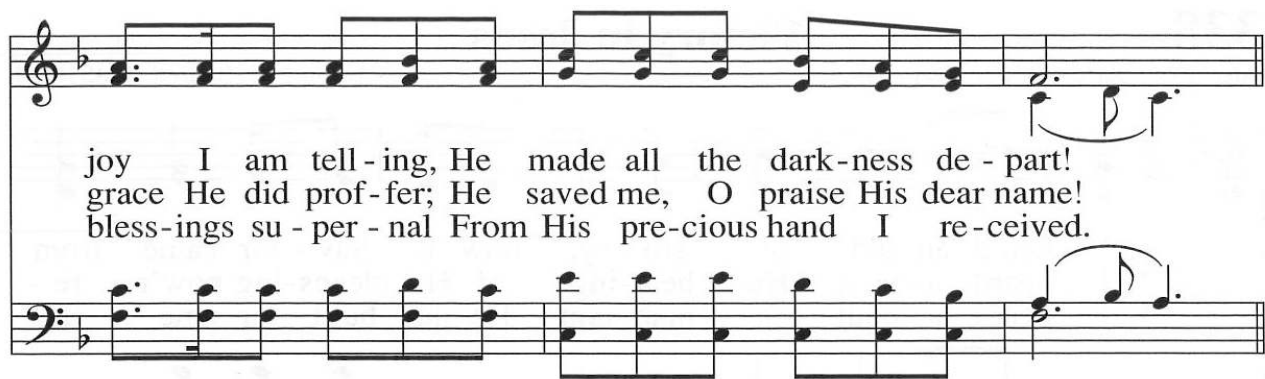
get; Af - ter I'd wan - dered in dark - ness a - way, Je - sus my  
 vine, Jus - ti - fied ful - ly through Cal - va - ry's love, O what a  
 time; I have a fu - ture in heav - en for sure, There in those



Sav - ior I met. O what a ten - der, com - pas - sion - ate friend—  
 stand - ing is mine. And the trans - ac - tion so quick - ly was made  
 man - sions sub - lime. And it's be - cause of that won - der - ful day



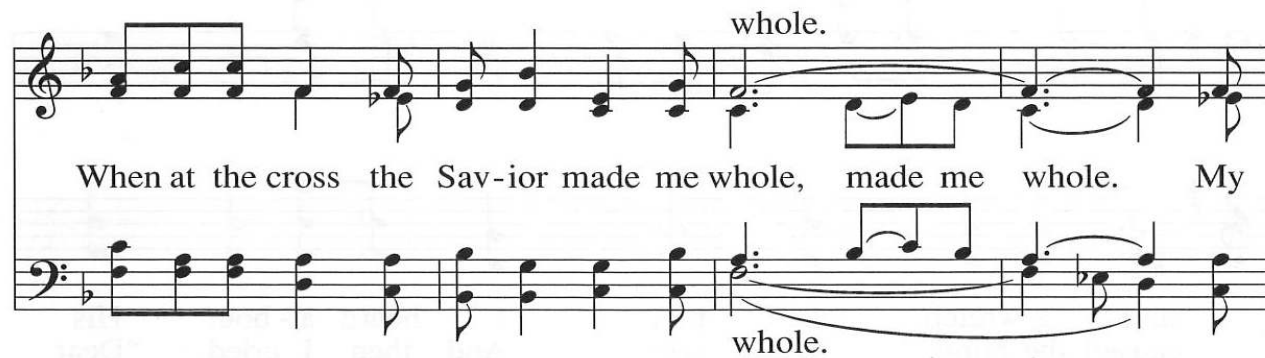
He met the need of my heart; Shad - ows dis - pel - ling, With  
 When as a sin - ner I came; Took of the of - fer Of  
 When at the cross I be - lieved; Rich - es e - ter - nal And



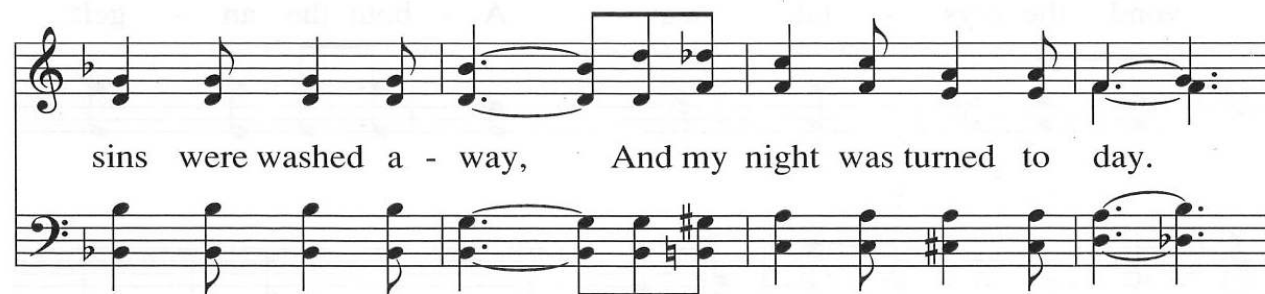
joy I am tell - ing, He made all the dark - ness de - part!  
 grace He did prof - fer; He saved me, O praise His dear name!  
 bless - ings su - per - nal From His pre - cious hand I re - ceived.



soul.  
 Heav - en came down and glo - ry filled my soul, filled my soul.  
 soul.



whole.  
 When at the cross the Sav - ior made me whole, made me whole. My  
 whole.

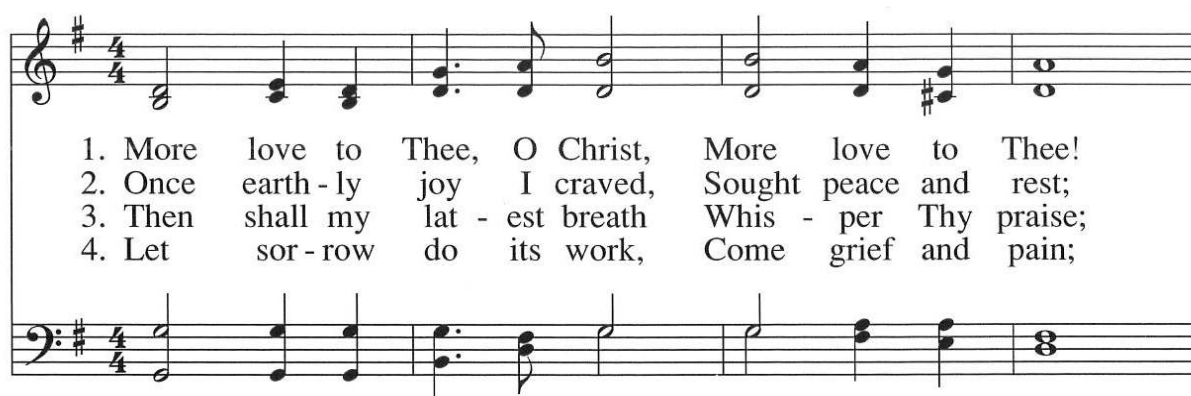


sins were washed a - way, And my night was turned to day.



soul.  
 Heav - en came down and glo - ry filled my soul, filled my soul.  
 soul.

## More Love to Thee



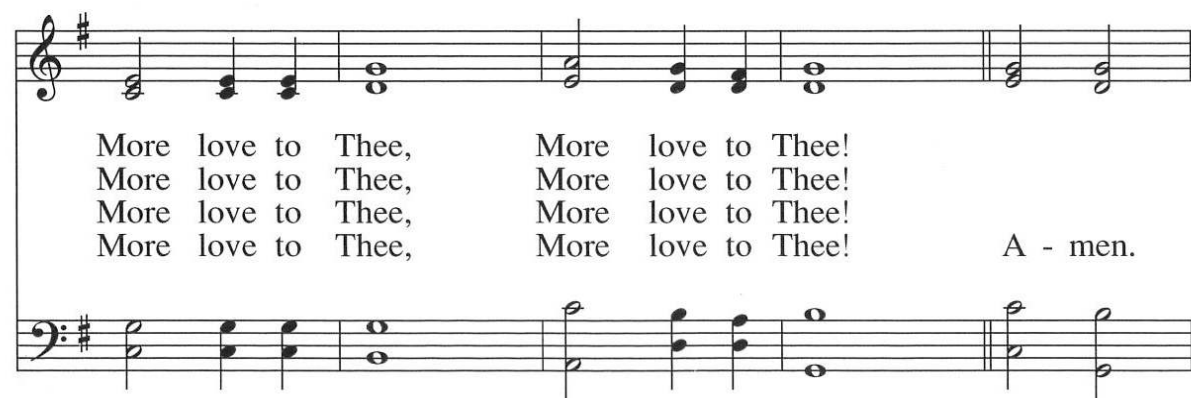
1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!  
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;  
 3. Then shall my lat - est breath Whis - per Thy praise;  
 4. Let sor - row do its work, Come grief and pain;



Hear Thou the prayer I make On bend - ed knee;  
 Now Thee a - lone I seek, Give what is best;  
 This be the part - ing cry My heart shall raise;  
 Sweet are Thy mes - sen - gers, Sweet their re - frain,



This is my ear - nest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
 This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
 This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
 When they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to Thee;



More love to Thee, More love to Thee!  
 More love to Thee, More love to Thee!  
 More love to Thee, More love to Thee!  
 More love to Thee, More love to Thee! A - men.

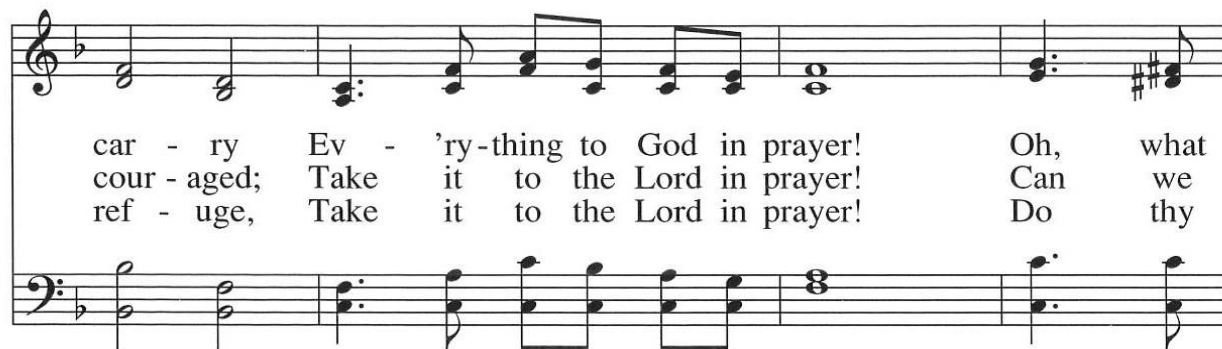
# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there  
3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, Cum - bered



sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to  
trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis -  
with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our



car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what  
cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we  
ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy



peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we  
find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows  
friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in

bear, share? prayer! All Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness;  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,

Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. A - men.

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WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

This is Your Story      This is My Story

But most of all this is the Greatest Story ever told.

THIS IS GOD'S STORY





## 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.

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