

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

January 1, 2023 ~ New Year's Day

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Sophie Miller and Camden Lawson
Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Have you seen the star of Bethlehem?

Arise, people of God; let it shine in your lives.

We have seen Christ's star and have come to worship.

We are ready to let God lead and direct us.

The promises of the gospel are for us, and for all people.

**We are here to be equipped by God to carry good news
into the world. Amen.**

*Hymn No. 139 "Sing We Now of Christmas"

*Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, lead us from the shadows of earth to the
light of your eternal purposes. Help us to see your Glory
in our midst and let our hearts rejoice in expectation.
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

Carla Clennin

Special Music

Carmen Brown

Prayer for Illumination

Alan Chambers

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Numbers 24:15-17 p. 138

Second Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 p. 639

Sermon **Christmas Carols of Advent:**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn No. 148

"We Three Kings"

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. 156

“ Wise Ones Seek Him”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere:

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere:

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

*Postlude

Activities Calendar: January 1, 2023 ~ January 8, 2023

Sunday, January 1st

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, January 2nd

6:00 p.m. – Sunday School Teachers and Officers

Tuesday, January 3rd

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, January 4th

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 8th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- Communion

Wednesday Evening Meal, January 4th ~ 6pm

Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Hot Rolls

Poinsettias & Memory Tree Ornaments

If you ordered a poinsettia for the sanctuary, or placed an ornament on the memory tree, you may pick it up. Thank you!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2023 IN THE SANCTUARY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.
A luncheon will be provided (in Friendship Hall)
after the meeting.
Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by
January 6, 2023. Thank you!**

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of these items: Mac & Cheese, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Cereal and Dry Goods like rice, beans, and crackers. They can be dropped off here at the church or at the Food Pantry.

Offering Envelope Boxes

Offering envelope boxes for 2023 have been delayed. The company we ordered from is experiencing difficulties getting them printed. We will have some blank envelopes with labels for you to pick up in the back of the church next Sunday, stop by the church office or feel free to use your own until they come in. Be sure to put your name on the envelope. Keep in mind, online giving is also an option.

rightnow MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family
use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link –

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 4977

Sermon Notes: Christmas Carols of Advent:

We Three Kings of Orient Are Matthew 2:1-12



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

Sunday, January 8, 2023

after children's time till the end of the worship service
for Grades K-3rd grade.

We will have a Bible story video about The Jesus Stories,
talk about our Bible story, sing songs and have a snack.
All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the
Fellowship Hall with Betty Cobb.

Sunday ROK will take place the second Sunday of each month.
You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship
service.

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is Holly Bieri. 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

Family and Friends of Lenda Lebeck

Our Confirmands:

Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Bella Fulks, Hunter Hall, Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier

Jo Suggs Chris Schoenthal

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, Pensacola, FL*)

Kyle Hofstetter (*son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA*)

Alexander Ives (*nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Sill, OK*)

Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA*)

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*)

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Sing We Now of Christmas

Unison

1. Sing we now of Christ-mas, No - el, sing we here!
2. An - gels called to shep - herds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
3. In Beth - le - hem they found him; Jo - seph and Mar - y mild,
4. From the east - ern coun - try came the kings a - far,
5. Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of great - est price;

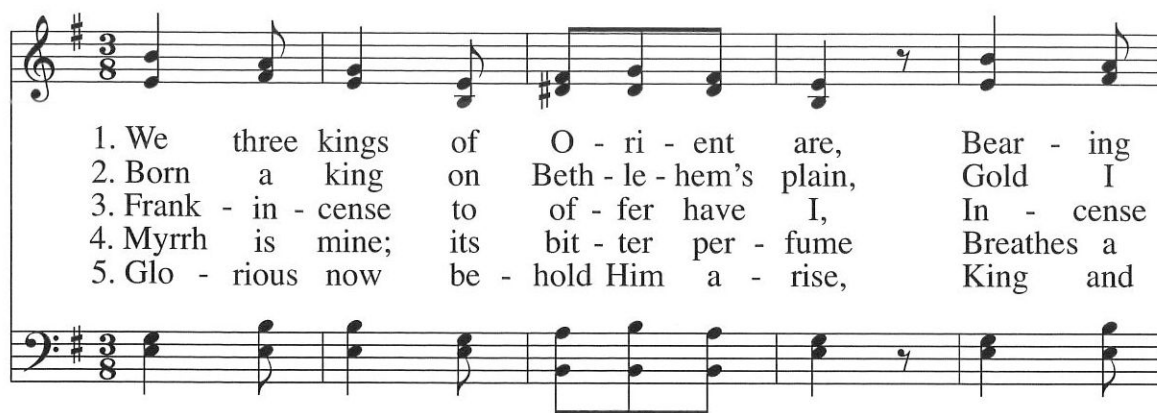
Hear our grate - ful prais - es to the babe so dear.
Jour - ney forth to Beth - l'hem, find the child so blest."
Seat - ed by the man - ger, watch - ing the ho - ly child.
Bear - ing gifts to Beth - l'hem, guid - ed by a star.
There was ne'er a sta - ble so like par - a - dise.

Sing we No - el for Christ, the new - born King, No - el!

Sing we No - el for Christ, the new - born King.

Sing we now of Christ - mas, let us sing No - el!

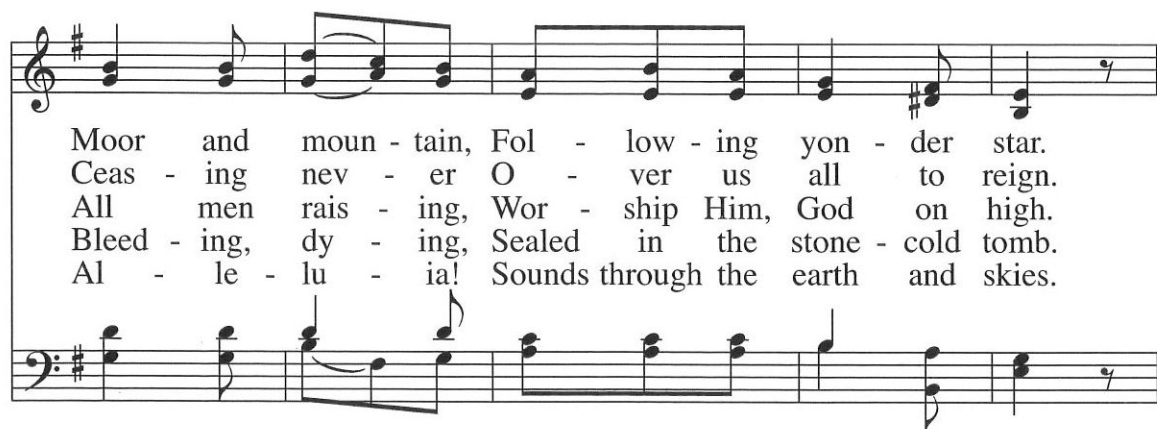
We Three Kings of Orient Are



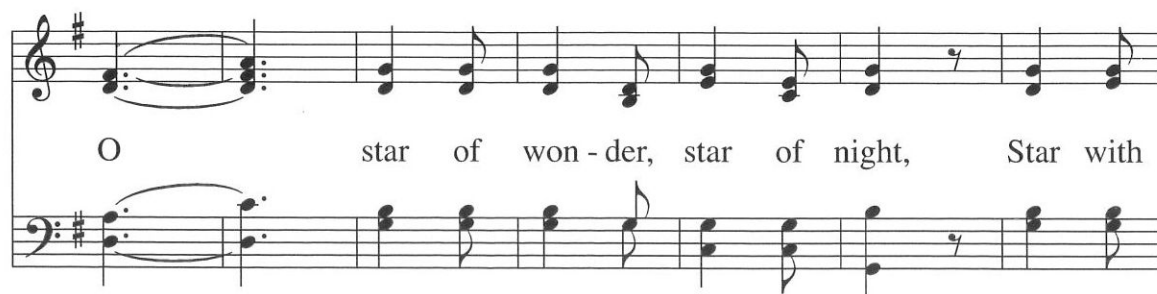
1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing
 2. Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, In - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and



gifts we trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown Him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom: Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; Al - le - lu - ia,



Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 Ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
 All men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
 Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sounds through the earth and skies.



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with

roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,

This system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains six measures of music, primarily using half notes and quarter notes, with a quarter rest in the third measure. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains six measures of music, primarily using half notes and quarter notes, with a quarter rest in the third measure. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to Thy per - fect light.

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Wise Ones Seek Him

1. Wise ones on a jour - ney far, Trav - el from the O - rient,
 2. Her - od hears and is ap-palled, "I am king!" he rag - es,
 3. Know-ing this, the star they seek, Heav'n-ly guid-ance tell - ing;
 4. If we're wise, we'll seek Him, too, On our pil - grim jour - ney.

Fol - low-ing a bright, new star, On a mis - sion rev - 'rent.
 While ad - vis - ors, priests and scribes Coun - sel with the sag - es.
 Till it halts o'er Beth - le - hem Where the Child is dwell - ing.
 He's our Star, our Guide, our King. For our souls He's yearn - ing.

Jeru - sa - lem is where they rest, From their earn - est seek - ing,
 "In a vil - lage south of here Is the place that's men-tioned;
 There they meet the Son of God, Proph - e - cy ful - fill - ing;
 Gold: our gifts of tithe and time. In - cense: prayers and fast - ing.

Ask - ing where would be the best Place to find the new King.
 See, our proph - et Mi - cah writes: "Beth-le-hem is des - tined!"
 Bow - ing down, they wor-ship there, Shar - ing their rich of - f'ring.
 Myrrh: our death to sin which brings New life ev - er - last - ing.

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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