

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Becky Schneider **Bell Choir Director**

April 23, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Sophie Miller & Rylan Robertson

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

This is a new day. Christ lives in our hearts and in our world.

Christ lives. Let us love our neighbors!

Christ lives. Let us share God's abundance and care for His creation!

Christ lives. Let us rejoice!

***Hymn No. 47 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Call to Praise**

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

***Act of Praise No. 493 "Gloria Patri" (*Glory be to the Father*)**

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time Ginnie Medlin

Anthem "Ah, Holy Jesus" Bell Choir

Prayer of Illumination David Gattermeir

God of the Empty Tomb, wake us up to your Word of new life! Tune our hearts and minds to know your will and way. Through Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 1:16-20 p. 586

Second Lesson: John 12:37-46 p. 937

Sermon **Like New: Isaiah 6**

Hymn No. 203 "Thine Is the Glory"

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

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Bella Fulks

Introduction

The Covenant

Confirmand, do you profess Jesus as the Christ and as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you wish to take upon yourself full membership in the United Church of Christ of California?

I do.

Will you continue to strive to know and do the will of God, as revealed to you in the Scriptures, in prayer, in your life experience, and through the community of faith?

I will.

Will you be loyal to this church and to the Church Universal, offering the support of your prayers, your talents, and your resources as well as the gift of your presence?

I will.

The Great Confession

"I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

~ Matthew 16:16

The Affirmation of the Parents

Will you continue to nurture this young woman in her spiritual development, sharing in her joys and burdens, encouraging and challenging her on her journey?

We will.

The Affirmation of the Congregation

Do you, the members of the United Church of Christ of California, willingly and joyfully receive this fellow pilgrim as you would receive Christ? Do you offer to share with her the joys and responsibilities of membership, to continue to pray for her, to nurture her in her spiritual growth, and together with her, to strive to follow God's call to faith and service?

We do.

Prayer of the Confirmand

Blessing of the Confirmand

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 to you our Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this congregation.

Prayer

*Hymn No. 35 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response –“Bind Us Together” p.494 (sing twice)

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with
cords that cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Bind us together in love.*

*There is only one God, There is only one King;
There is only one body, That is why we sing.*

*Postlude

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.

Wednesday Evening Meal, April 26th ~ 6 p.m.

**Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit,
Hot Rolls and Desserts!!**

***Be sure to sign up so you don't miss out on the last
Wednesday meal for the season!***

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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 49775

Activities Calendar: April 23, 2023 ~ April 30, 2023

Sunday, April 23, Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, April 24th

7:00 p.m. - Brotherhood

Tuesday, April 25th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, April 26th

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal (*Last one for the season*)

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

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, April 30th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead ~

May 1st – Sunday School T & O meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 4th – National Day of Prayer-Courthouse at noon

May 8th – Consistory 6:00 p.m.

May 14th - Mother's Day

May 17th - Women's Guild

May 21st – Senior Recognition Sunday (during worship)

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaat Bill Schacht
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*)
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*)

Camp Aurora

Summer 2023 Dates

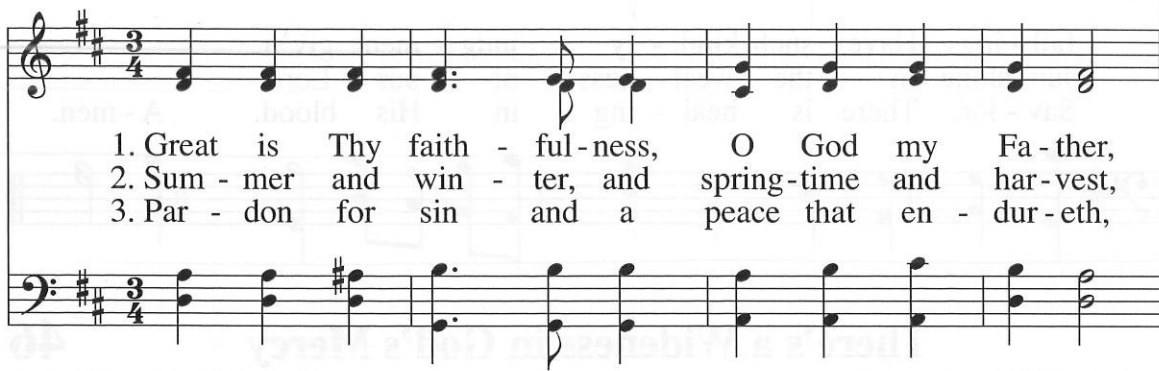


Senior High Camp	July 2nd—July 8th
Junior High Camp	July 9th—July 14th
Junior Camp	July 16th—July 21st
Primary Camp	July 23rd—July 26th

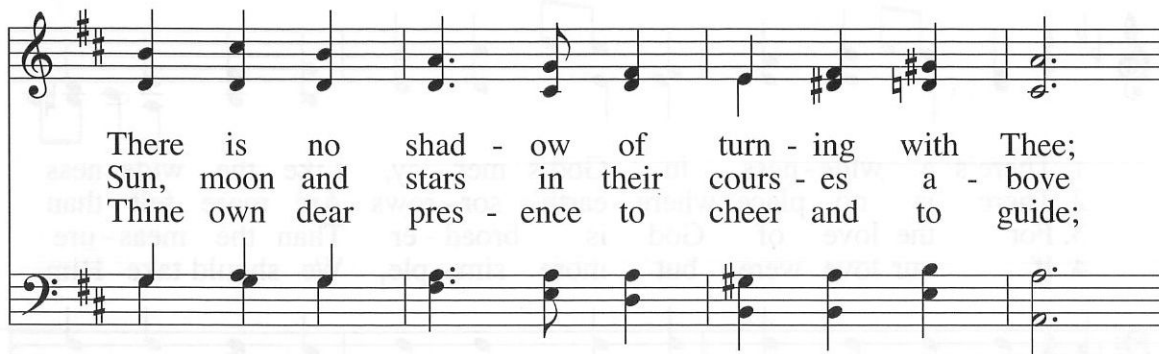
Sunday School will pay ½ of Early Registration Fee for Member and One Friend. Contact Carole Barbour or Cinda Scheidt for more information.

Although we just received the 2023 envelopes, it is time to order **Church Offering Envelopes for 2024**. Therefore, if you do not wish to receive envelopes for 2024 please let the church office know. There are still a few *2023 boxes* to be picked up or if you want a box and did not receive one, just let the office know.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou has been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed—

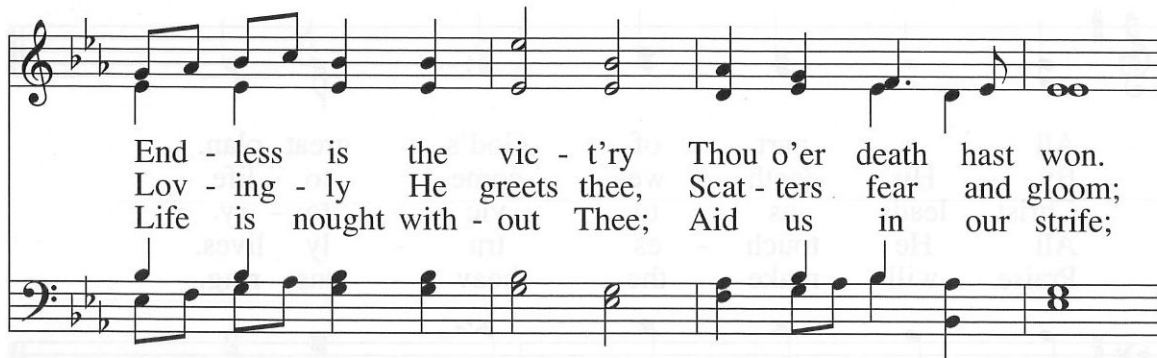
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.

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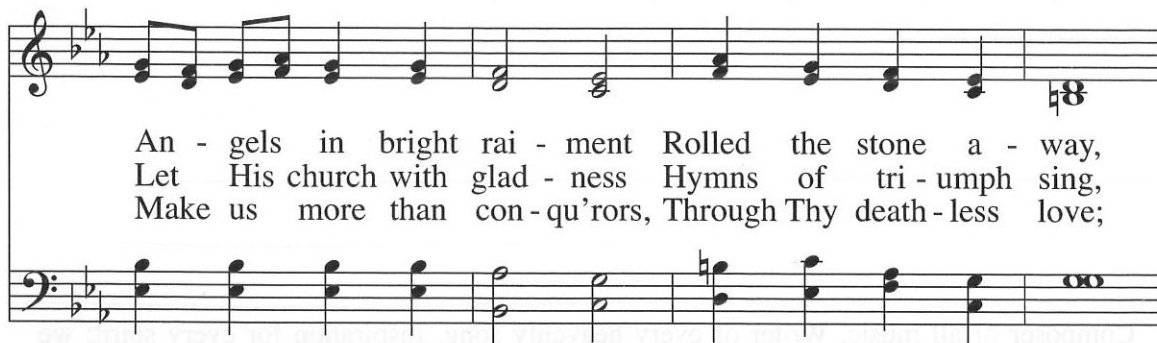
Thine Is the Glory



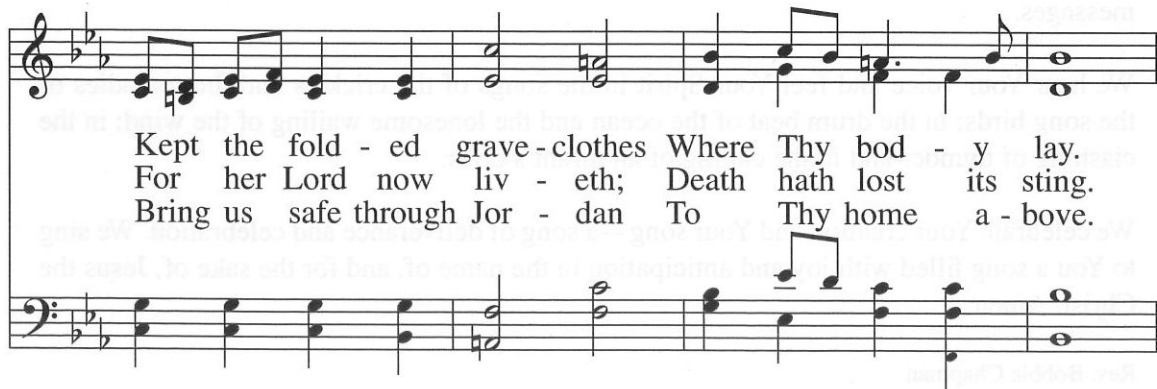
1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb;
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life!



End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Lov - ing - ly He greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom;
Life is nought with - out Thee; Aid us in our strife;



An - gels in bright rai - ment Rolled the stone a - way,
Let His church with glad - ness Hymns of tri - umph sing,
Make us more than con - qu'rors, Through Thy death - less love;

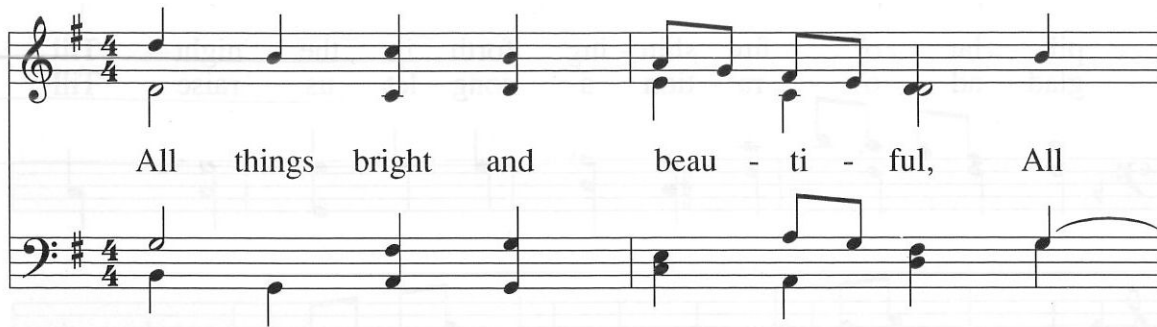


Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes Where Thy bod - y lay.
For her Lord now liv - eth; Death hath lost its sting.
Bring us safe through Jor - dan To Thy home a - bove.


Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;

End-less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. A-men.

All Things Bright and Beautiful



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All

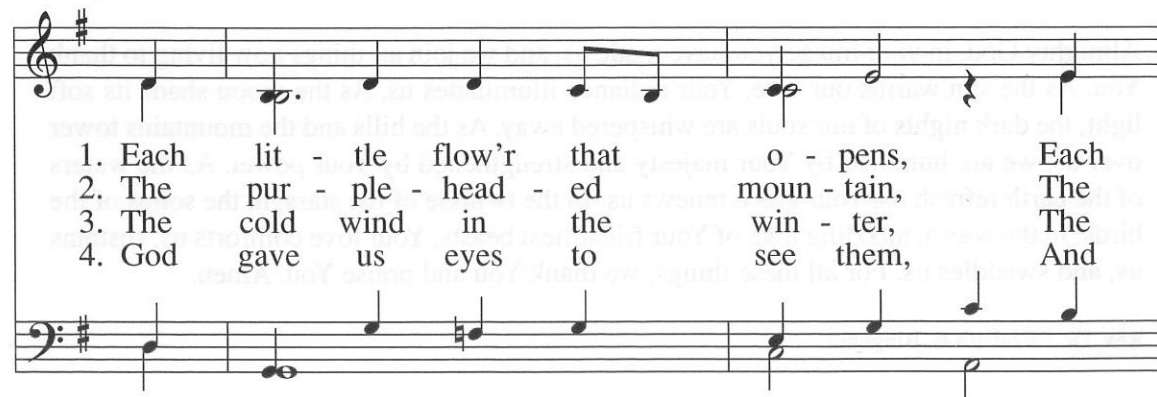


crea - tures great and small, All things wise and



won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all.

Verses



1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, The
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And

lit - tle bird that sings, He made their glow - ing
 riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set, and the
 pleas - ant sum - mer sun, The ripe fruits in the
 lips that we might tell How great is God Al -

col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings.
 morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.
 gar - den, He made them ev - 'ry one.
 might - y, Who has made all things well.

D.C.

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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