

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich **Sr. Choir Director**

January 5, 2025 ~ Epiphany Sunday

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Meredith & Nora Wolford

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Grace to you and peace in this new year.

We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

In Christ we have obtained an inheritance.

We have been redeemed as God's own people. Praise be to God. Amen.

*Hymn No. 148 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

*Prayer of the Day

Creating, Calling, and Faithful God, we come to this time and place to be with you, to worship you, and to learn from you. May our time together be like your creation of light in the darkness that you called good. May it be that you would call us good while we respond to your call and as we listen to you. 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 the Little Children”

Children’s Time

Carla Clennin

Anthem

“The Gospel Light”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

David Gattermeir

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: John 15:15-21 p. 939

Second Lesson: I Peter 2:4-10 p. 1058

Sermon **Chosen: To Receive Blessings & Give Praise**
Ephesians 1:3-14

Hymn No. 345 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Kyrie

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Declaration of Forgiveness

You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends!

The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who seek to receive the Gift of God in Jesus Christ. This table is spread for you and for all.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we pray together -

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to eat at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will, that we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 476 "When We All Get to Heaven"

*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



Wednesday Evening Meal, January 8th ~ 6pm

Breakfast Food and Cinnamon Rolls

Don't forget to sign up if you are coming!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2025

**A luncheon will be provided in Friendship Hall
before the meeting.**

All reports are due in the Church Office.

The Consistory wants you to start thinking about and have your thoughts ready on the following Capital Improvement ideas.... (they are not in any priority order)

- Stained Glass Window Repairs and Stabilization**
- Church Sign on Oak Street**
- Roof/Awning at Lower Entrance**
- Tile Floor Replacement at Lower Entrance and Hallways**

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

Activities Calendar: January 5, 2025~ January 12, 2025

Sunday, January 5th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship -Communion

Monday, January 6th

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School Teacher and Officer Meeting

Tuesday, January 7th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, January 8th

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, ROK/God's Singers, Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Friday, January 10th

6:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study at the Crossroads

Sunday, January 12th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead..... Jan. 13 – Consistory 6 pm

Jan. 15 – Women's Guild at 1pm

Jan. 26 – Annual Meeting/Youth Lunch fundraiser

Jan. 27 - Brotherhood at 7 pm

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

Sunday, January 12th

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.

Community Men's Bible Study

Friday, January 10th at 6:00 am

Crossroads Plaza

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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

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Darrell Bolin, Lola Walls & Stephen Wehmeir

Confirmands:

Conner Brockes, Jaelea Hall, Carson Kruger, Jess Medlin, Ava Motley,
Brenyn Robertson, Rylan Robertson and Hazel Wolford

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht

Jo Suggs Judy Kilmer Jaden Perry (*Janice Anderson's grandson*)

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

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late Jack & 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, Great Lakes Naval Base, North Chicago, IL*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey,*

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

Blake Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Basic Training, Ft. Still, OK)

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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,

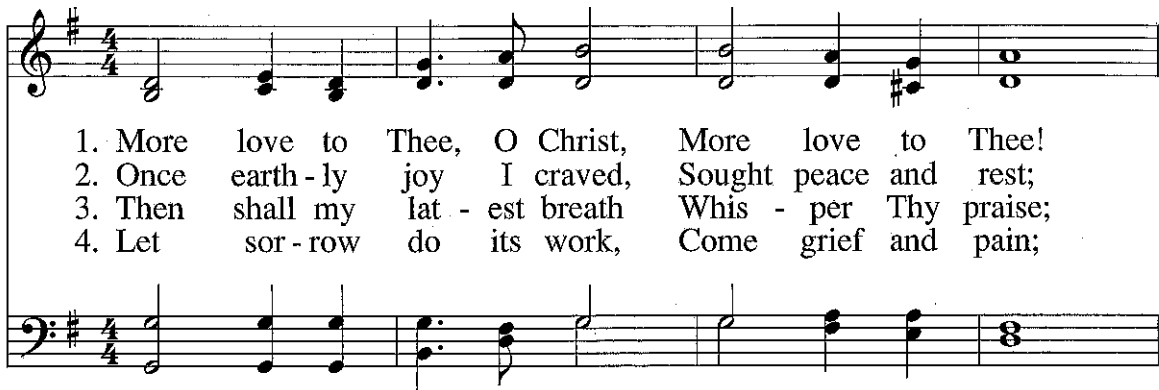
Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 Ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
 All men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
 Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sounds through the earth and skies.

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

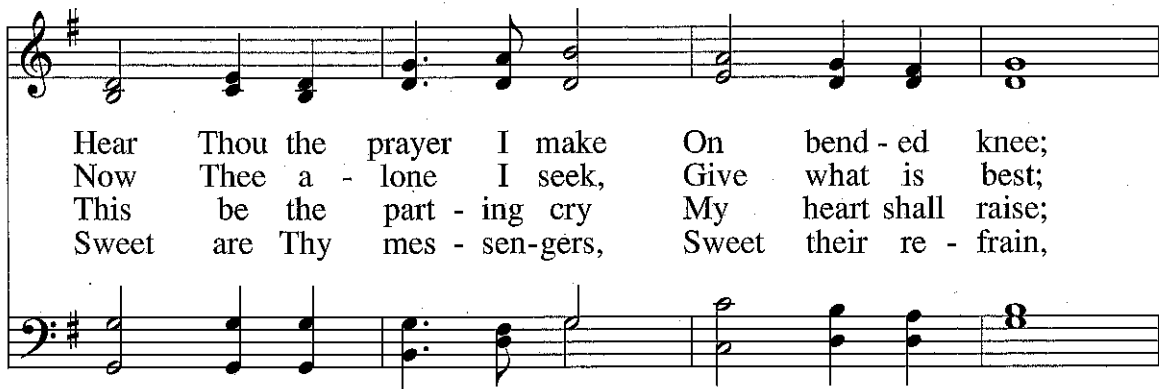
roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,

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

More Love to Thee, O Christ



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,

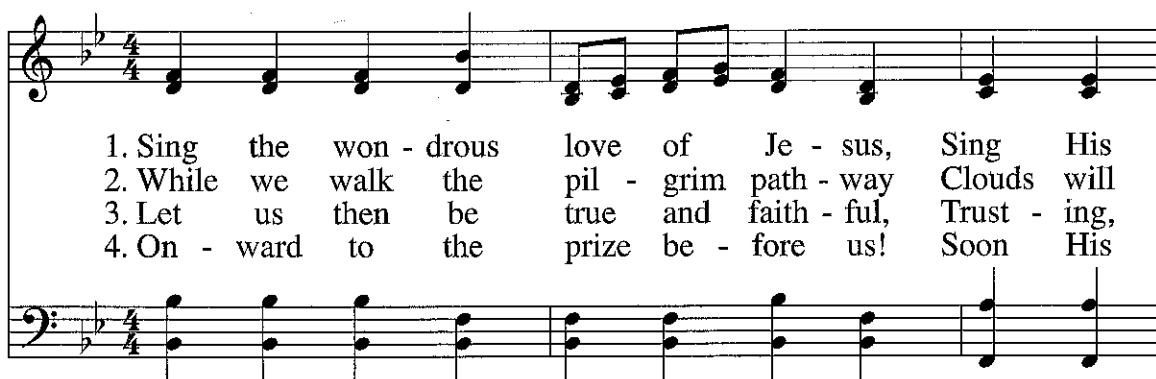


This is my ear-nest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee;
 This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee;
 When they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to Thee;

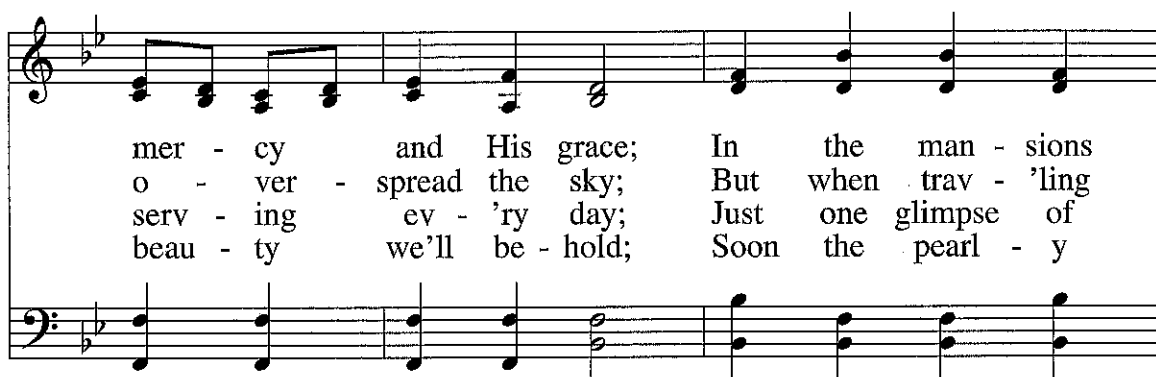


More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
 More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
 More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
 More love to Thee, More love to Thee! A - men.

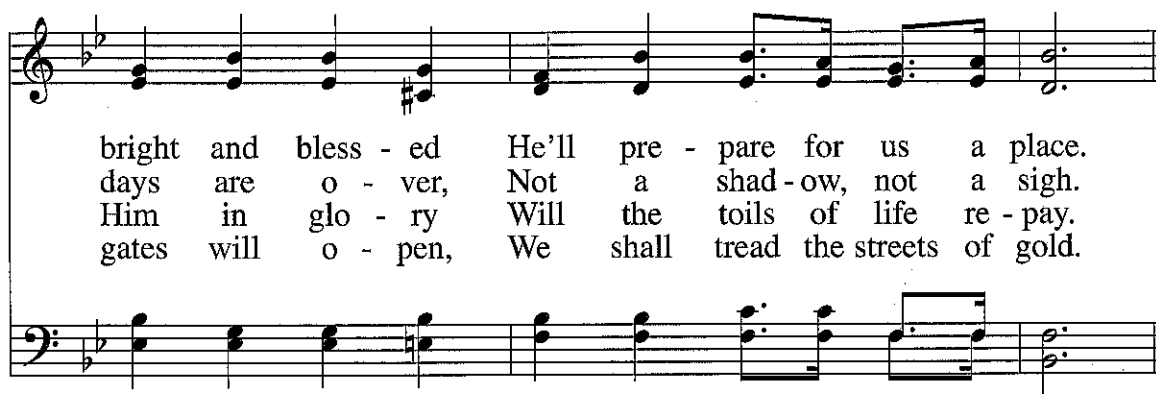
When We All Get to Heaven



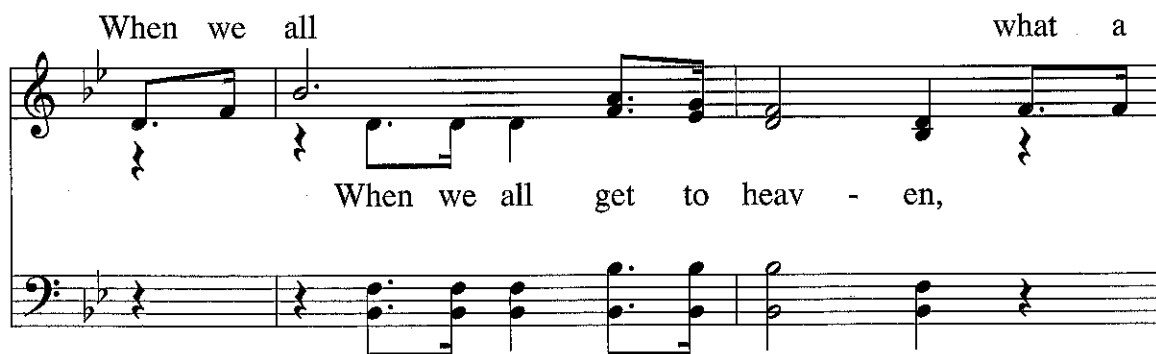
1. Sing the won - drous love of Je - sus, Sing His
2. While we walk the pil - grim path - way Clouds will
3. Let us then be true and faith - ful, Trust - ing,
4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon His



mer - cy and His grace; In the man - sions
o - ver - spread the sky; But when trav - 'ling
serv - ing ev - 'ry day; Just one glimpse of
beau - ty we'll be - hold; Soon the pearl - y



bright and bless - ed He'll pre - pare for us a place.
days are o - ver, Not a shad - ow, not a sigh.
Him in glo - ry Will the toils of life re - pay.
gates will o - pen, We shall tread the streets of gold.



When we all what a
When we all get to heav - en,

day of re-joic-ing that will be!

When we all

what a day of re-joic-ing that will be! When we all see

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics: "day of re-joic-ing that will be! When we all". The bottom staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with block chords and some eighth-note patterns. The lyrics "what a day of re-joic-ing that will be! When we all see" are positioned below the vocal staff.

shout the vic - to - ry!

Je - sus, we'll sing and shout, and shout the vic - to - ry!

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics: "shout the vic - to - ry!". The bottom staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with block chords. The lyrics "Je - sus, we'll sing and shout, and shout the vic - to - ry!" are positioned below the vocal staff.

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.

Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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