



United Church of Christ of California – California, MO

Rev. Russell Cobb

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Stacy Friedrich

Sr. Choir Director

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January 12, 2025 ~ Baptism of Christ Sunday

The First Sunday after Epiphany

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The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Grayden Gatlin & Megan Carlock

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

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 call good.**

May it be that you will call us good while we respond to  
your call and as we listen to you. **Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 281 “Count Your Blessings”

\*Prayer of the Day

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan  
you proclaimed him your beloved son, and anointed him  
with the Holy Spirit. Keep us, your children born of water  
and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice  
to be called children of God; through the same Jesus  
Christ our Lord. 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” p. 166

Children’s Time Ginnie Medlin

Anthem “The Gospel Light” Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination Beth Dampf

**Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and to save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Philippians 1:3-11 p. 1022

*Second Lesson:* II Timothy 1:3-10 p. 1038

Sermon **Chosen: What We Need, Not What We Want**  
**Ephesians 1:15-23**

Hymn No. 538 “Rescue the Perishing”

*Christians, what do you believe?*

**Statement of Faith** (*found on the inside front cover of the hymnal or yellow laminated folder*)

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. 146   *“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”* (Sing Twice)

\*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

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**Wednesday Evening Meal, January 15th ~ 6pm**

**Breakfast Food and Cinnamon Rolls**

***Don't Forget to Sign Up!***

## Activities Calendar: January 12, 2025 ~ January 19, 2025

### Sunday, January 12th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

### Monday, January 13th

6:00 p.m. — Consistory Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Sunday School Teacher and Officers Meeting

### Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

### Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. – Women’s Guild

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 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

## **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**

# Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

## Today!

After children's time till the end of the worship service  
for Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

We will have a Bible story video,  
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.

### **Congratulations to our Sunday School 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarter Perfect Attendance**

Carla Clennin, Kendra Hall, Caleb Howard, Kent Howard, Harvey  
Kilmer, Justin Kilmer, Tammy Kilmer, Peggy Liebi, Lola McCarty, Bruce  
Miller, Caleb Miller, Johnny Miller, Sophie Miller, Ronda Mortenson  
and Elaine Proctor

A year of **Perfect Attendance (52 weeks)** goes to Carla Clennin!!

### **Sunday School with one absentee for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

**Adult classes:** Jay Bestgen, Beth Dampf, Doug Dampf, Carmen Ferris,  
Bob Kueffer, MaryAnn Kueffer, VanDee Miller, Allan Mortenson,  
Cinda Scheidt and Larry Schoenberg

**Student classes:** Bryanna Hall and Dyan Ingram (Teacher)

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

*Family and Friends of Lloyd Fulks and Connie Cook*

**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)*

**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

## *Poinsettias*

*If you ordered a poinsettia for the Sanctuary,  
you may pick it up.*

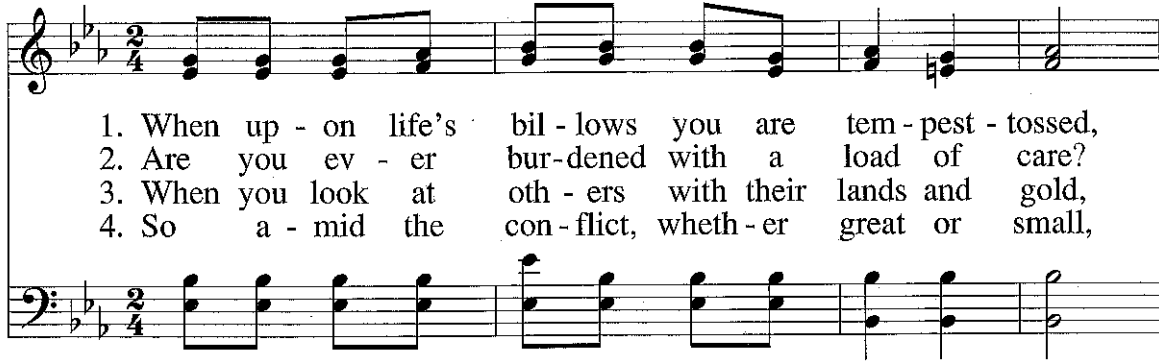
A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Staci Nichols**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

**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.

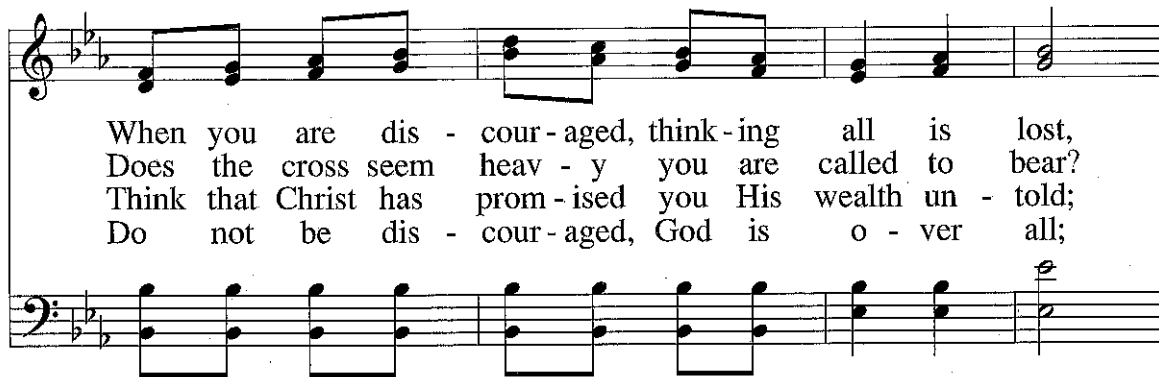
**Notice the “Connection Cards” in the pews.** They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.



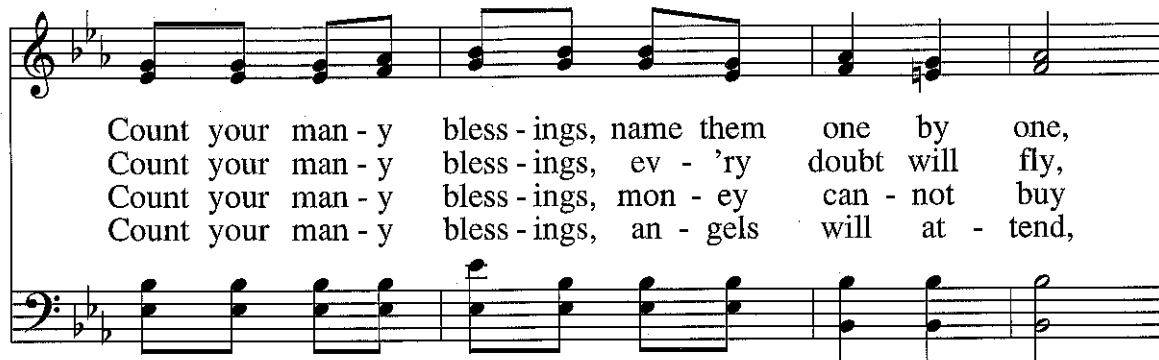
# Count Your Blessings



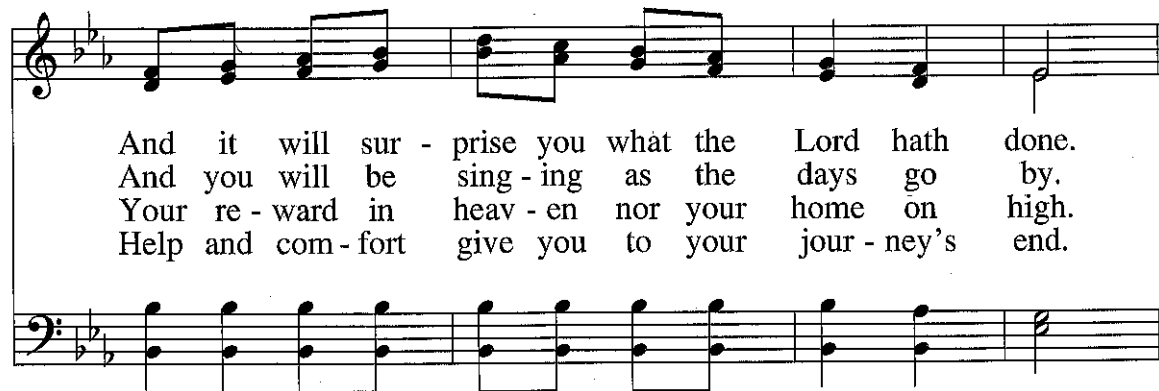
1. When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest - tossed,  
2. Are you ev - er bur - dened with a load of care?  
3. When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold,  
4. So a - mid the con - flict, wheth - er great or small,



When you are dis - cour - aged, think - ing all is lost,  
Does the cross seem heav - y you are called to bear?  
Think that Christ has prom - ised you His wealth un - told;  
Do not be dis - cour - aged, God is o - ver all;



Count your man - y bless - ings, name them one by one,  
Count your man - y bless - ings, ev - 'ry doubt will fly,  
Count your man - y bless - ings, mon - ey can - not buy  
Count your man - y bless - ings, an - gels will at - tend,



And it will sur - prise you what the Lord hath done.  
And you will be sing - ing as the days go by.  
Your re - ward in heav - en nor your home on high.  
Help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.

Count your bless-ings, name them one by

Count your man - y bless - ings, name them one by

one; Count your bless - ings, see what

one; Count your man - y bless - ings,

God hath done; Count your

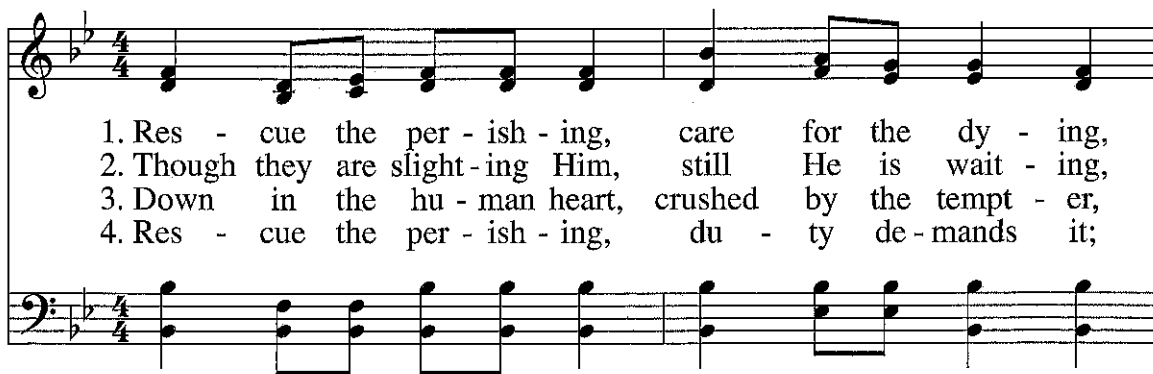
see what God hath done; Count your man - y

bless - ings, Name them one by one;


bless - ings,

Count your man - y bless - ings, see what God hath done.


# Rescue the Perishing



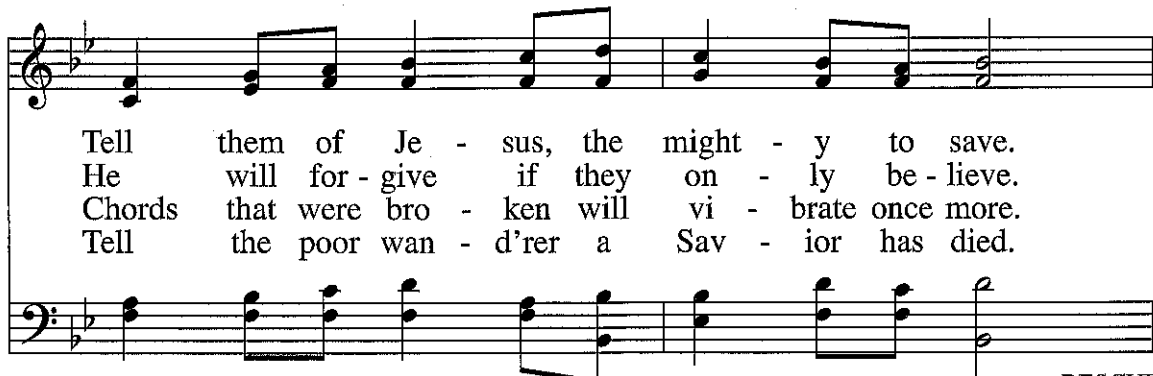
1. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, care for the dy - ing,  
2. Though they are slight - ing Him, still He is wait - ing,  
3. Down in the hu - man heart, crushed by the tempt - er,  
4. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, du - ty de - mands it;



Snatch them in pit - y from sin and the grave;  
Wait - ing the pen - i - tent child to re - ceive;  
Feel - ings lie bur - ied that grace can re - store;  
Strength for thy la - bor the Lord will pro - vide;



Weep o'er the err - ing one, lift up the fall - en,  
Plead with them ear - nest - ly, plead with them gen - tly;  
Touched by a lov - ing heart, wak - ened by kind - ness,  
Back to the nar - row way pa - tient - ly win them;



Tell them of Je - sus, the might - y to save.  
He will for - give if they on - ly be - lieve.  
Chords that were bro - ken will vi - brate once more.  
Tell the poor wan - d'rer a Sav - ior has died.

Res - cue the per - ish - ing, care for the dy - ing;

Je - sus is mer - ci - ful, Je - sus will save.

# Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, Look

face,  
full in His won - der - ful won - der - ful face, And the  
face,

things of earth will grow strange - ly dim In the

light of His glo - ry and grace.

## 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.*  
**Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.**