



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

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January 19, 2025  
The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Logan Milligan & Georjie Peck

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

God calls us to service, rather than honor.

**God call us to love the unknown, rather than the familiar.**

We come to worship, trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,  
**who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

\*Hymn No. 243 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

\*Prayer of the Day

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light that shines into the deepest darkness of this world: May we behold the Light of your presence as we worship together. Let your holy Light illumine us, heal us, and forgive us. May your mighty Name be praised. 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 Anny Roll

Anthem “Majesty” Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination Mary Burger

**Gracious God, you have gifted us not once but often. Gift us once more, we pray, in the reading of your holy word that we may be opened and enlightened by these Holy Scriptures. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* John 3:3-8; 16-21 p. 924

*Second Lesson:* Romans 6:15-23 p. 981

Sermon **Chosen: Raised from the Dead**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

Hymn No. 337 “Heaven Came Down”

*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. 334    *“Amazing Grace”*

\*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 22nd ~ 6 p.m.**

**Chicken and Noodles, Vegetable, Fruit and Hot Rolls**

***Don't forget to sign up!***

## **Special Benevolence and Guest Speaker**

The last Sunday in January, January 26<sup>th</sup>, has been designated as Gideon Sunday and all loose plate offering, as well as special envelopes, will be sent to the Gideon Ministry.

# **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF CALIFORNIA**

**JANUARY 26, 2025 in Friendship Hall**

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

### **Activities Calendar: January 19, 2025 ~ January 26, 2025**

#### **Sunday, January 19th**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

#### **Tuesday, January 21st**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

#### **Wednesday, January 22nd**

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 26th**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

11:30 a.m. - Luncheon sponsored by Youth/Annual Meeting to follow

*Looking ahead.....*

*January 27th - Brotherhood 7:00 p.m.*

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

*Family and Friends of Clarence Hohman Sr. and Jeryl Lynn Thomas*

**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)*

**Articles for *The Tidings* for February are  
Due on or before Friday, January 24th. Thanks!**

## **Church Library**

Do you like to read or go to the Library? Did you know the Church has a Library? The Consistory is looking for a volunteer who might be interested in helping organize and clean up the Library. We recently acquired some new commentary series and other books from Dwight and Clarice Nelson that need to be organized and put on shelves. If you want to help out, please let Russ, the Consistory or church office know.

## **New Nursery Attendant**

Kya Peck is starting today as our new nursery attendant. Kya is a senior at California High School. She is the daughter of Leslie Peck and Travis Peck. Besides going to school, Kya also currently works at Bond Pharmacy part time. Welcome Kya!

A **Nursery** is available just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Kya Peck**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

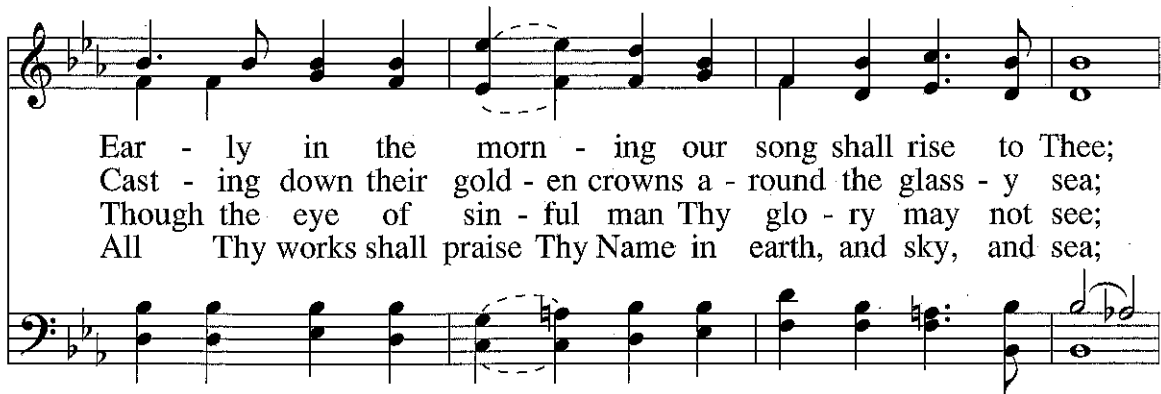
**Need some help with hearing?** See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

**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.

# Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty



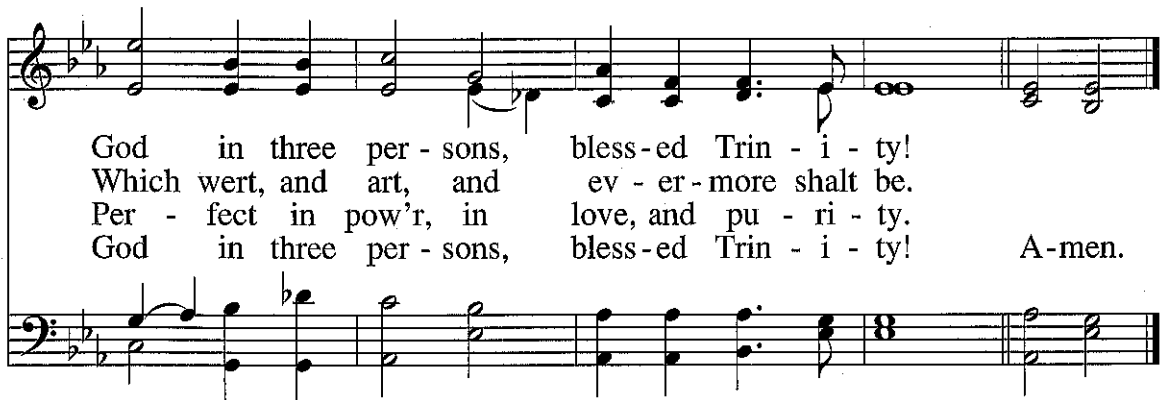
1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,  
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.



# 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.

# Amazing Grace

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound That  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And  
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And  
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace hath brought me  
word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved.  
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be, As long as life en - dures.  
in the veil, A life of joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

## 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.**