



United Church of Christ of California – California, MO  
Rev. Russell Cobb Pastor  
Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist  
Mrs. Connie Bestgen God's Singers Director

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January 26, 2025  
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Charley Medlin & Brynna Hall

Chorale Opening

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

O God, we long to hear your voice amid the noise and confusion of this age.

**We seek the quiet assurance that comes from your holy Word.**

Call us to be bold and loving disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 377 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

\*Prayer of the Day

**Eternal God, we ask you to be near us as we worship. Help us to know that we are not isolated and alone. Help us to know that you are here – moving us to praise, to love, and to serve you. May your Spirit truly make us one with you and with all those for whom Christ has died. Come, Holy Spirit! 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

Puppets

Anthem

“A Tender Heart”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Judy Burger

**O Lord God, we marvel at the mystery of your love. You meet us where we are. You invite us to follow. You equip us to serve. Open our hearts and our minds, that we may hear the voice of Jesus and offer ourselves more fully in his loving service in all the world; in Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Romans 14:5-13 p. 988

*Second Lesson:* Ephesians 4:1-5 p.1018

Sermon **Chosen: United: Really?**

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

Hymn No. 366 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

*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. 65   *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

\*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 29th ~ 6 p.m.**

***Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable,***

***Fruit and Hot Rolls***

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

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
OF THE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
OF CALIFORNIA  
TODAY DOWNSTAIRS IN FRIENDSHIP HALL**  
*A luncheon will be provided BEFORE the meeting.*

**Special Benevolence and Guest Speaker-Kenny Phillips**  
**Today, 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.

**Come Join us for: Veggie Tales Matinee**  
Movie-Snacks-Games-Crafts  
**Saturday, Feb 8th 9:30-11:00**  
UCC Fellowship Hall

**New Nursery Attendant**

Kya Peck is the 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!

**R.O.K.** students are collecting packages of diapers and/or wipes for THE WELL CALIMO through the month of January. Please have your child bring them by Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Activities Calendar: January 26, 2025 ~ February 2, 2025

### Sunday, January 26

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

11:30 a.m. – Luncheon sponsored by youth/  
annual meeting to follow

### Monday, January 27th

7:00 p.m. – Brotherhood

### Tuesday, January 28th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

### Wednesday, January 29th

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

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

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

### Sunday, February 2nd

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Community Men's Bible Study**  
**Friday, Feb. 7th at 6:00 a.m.**  
**Crossroads Plaza**

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.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

*Family and Friends of Jerry Kiso and Deloris Plaster*

**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 (*spouse- Jasmine Ash and 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)*

## **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.

# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,  
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;

What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing,  
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



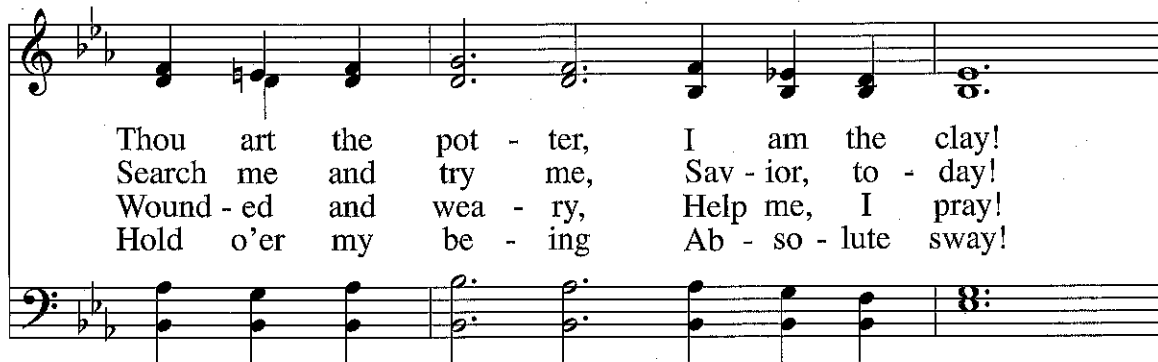
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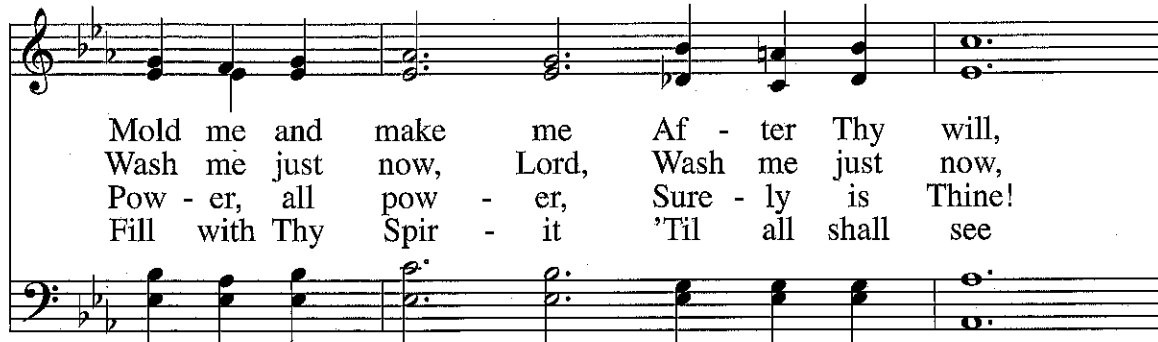
# Have Thine Own Way, Lord



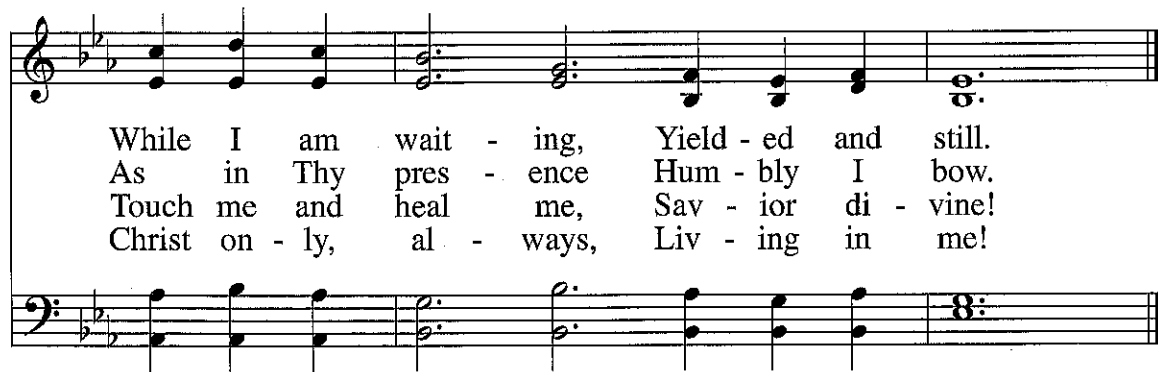
1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!



Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay!  
Search me and try me, Sav - ior, to - day!  
Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray!  
Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway!



Mold me and make me Af - ter Thy will,  
Wash me just now, Lord, Wash me just now,  
Pow - er, all pow - er, Sure - ly is Thine!  
Fill with Thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see

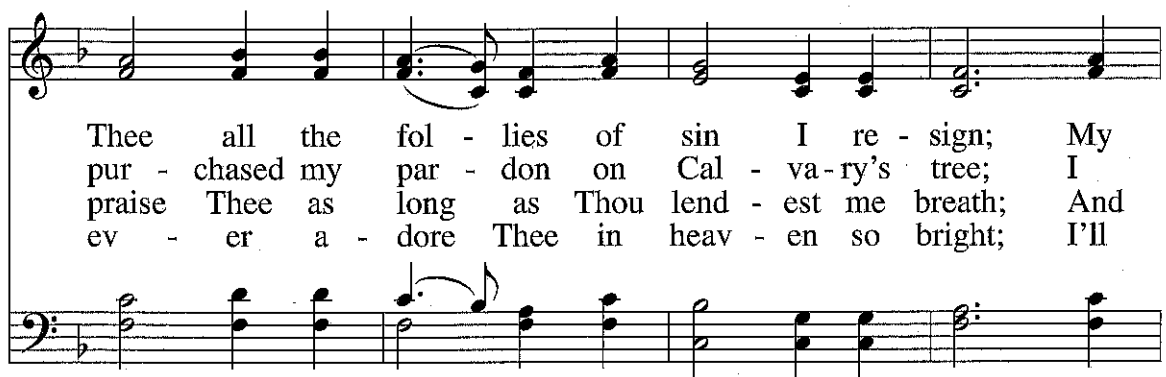


While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still.  
As in Thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow.  
Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me!

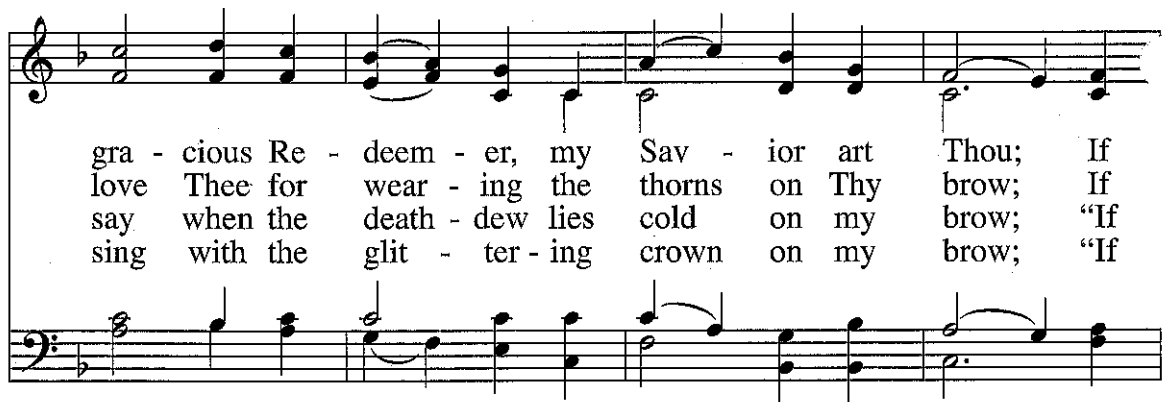
# My Jesus, I Love Thee



1. My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For  
2. I love Thee, be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me; And  
3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And  
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll



Thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign; My  
pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I  
praise Thee as long as Thou lend - est me breath; And  
ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright; I'll



gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art Thou; If  
love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow; If  
say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow; "If  
sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow; "If



ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
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## 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.*  
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