

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

February 23, 2025 ~ The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Sophie & Bruce Miller

Chorale Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

O give thanks to God who is good;
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**We thank you, God, for your steadfast love,
for your wonderful works to humankind;**

For you satisfy the thirsty,
and fill the hungry with good things.

**Fill our hearts with wisdom that we may ponder the
majesty of your loving deeds.**

*Hymn No. 303 "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

*Prayer of the Day

**Lord God, you are the Source of all forgiveness and
healing. Send your Holy Spirit among us, fill us with your
healing Presence, so that we might know your love and
love others. 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 “Jesus Is the Light Inside of Me” God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Kris Ingram

Holy God, you have revealed the glory of your love in Jesus Christ, and have given us a share in your Spirit. May we who listen to Christ learn from these words and follow faithfully, and reveal the light of your gospel in the dark places where you may send us. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 20:18-24 p. 968

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:15-21 p. 1024

Sermon **Chosen: To Fight for God**
Ephesians 6:10-21

Hymn No. 338 “Victory in Jesus”

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. 343 “I Am Thine, O Lord”

*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, February 26th ~ 6:00 pm

Chili and Soups

Don't forget to sign up!

Sunday School is sponsoring



When: TONIGHT, Sunday, February 23, 2025

Games begin at 4:00 pm

Sampling Soup or Chili starts at 5:00 pm



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.

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Activities Calendar: February 23, 2025 ~ March 2, 2025

Sunday, February 23

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

12:30 p.m. – Consistory Appreciation Lunch at Burgher Haus

4:00 p.m.- SS Family Game Night-Chili/Soup Cookoff

Monday, February 24

7:00 p.m. - Brotherhood

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, February 26

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, March 2

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking Ahead.....

March 3rd – Sunday School Teacher and Officer Meeting -6:30 pm

March 5th – Ash Wednesday Services 7 pm

March 7th- Men’s Bible Study at the Crossroads 6 am

-World Day of Prayer 1pm

March 10th- Consistory 6 pm

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Walter Bieri

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*)

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of February, Soup** is the food item requested. Looking ahead to **March, Mac and Cheese** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday, March 7, 2025 ~ 1:00 p.m.
All women of the church are invited!



About World Day of Prayer

Since the nineteenth century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and their call to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. The first organized “day of prayer for the world” was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. The United States soon followed on February 20, 1920.

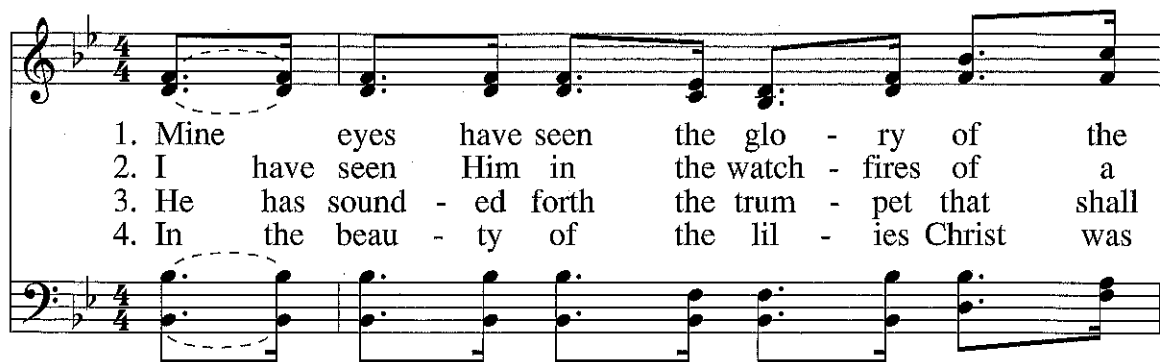
Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth, and children) from around the world and in every region gather to collectively worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country’s national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

World Day of Prayer is supported by sacrificial and benevolent mission offerings given by individuals through these annual services. Each of the 170 countries celebrating World Day of Prayer has an ecumenical committee of women representing many cultures, races, and faith traditions. Each country’s committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year. Offering grants are made to women and children’s groups in each country.

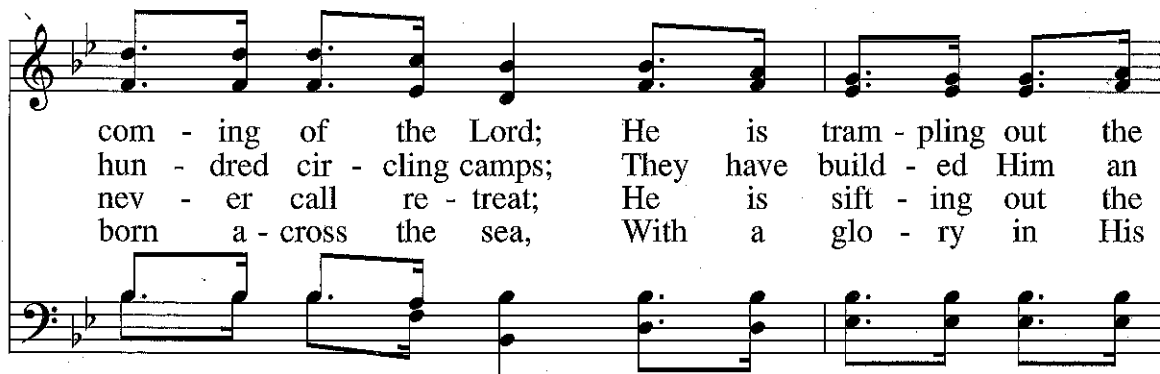
World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, visit www.wdp-usa.org.

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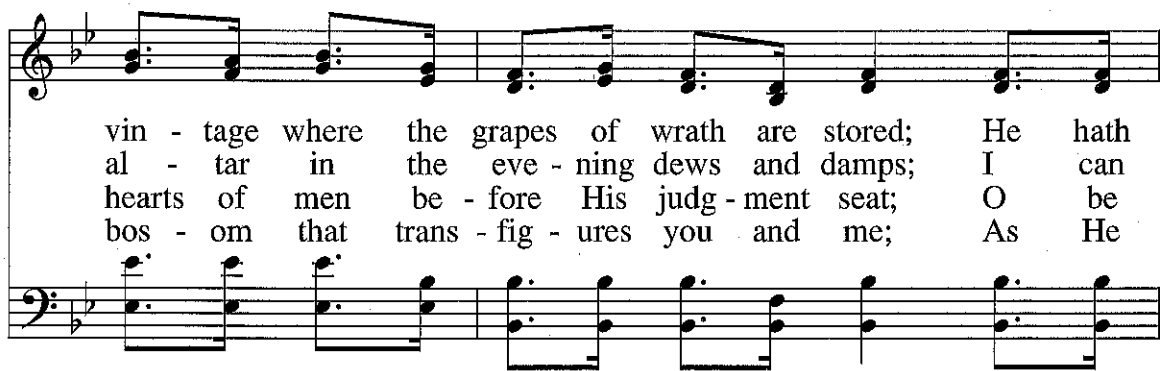
Battle Hymn of the Republic



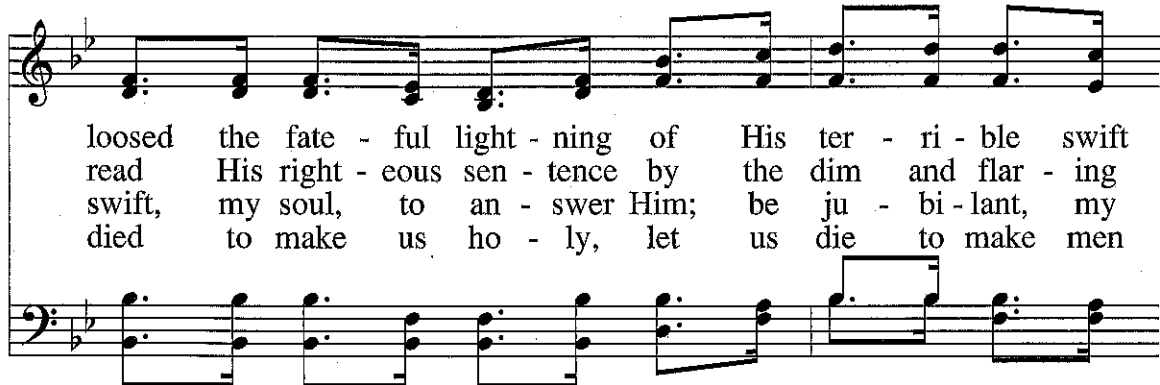
1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall
4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was



com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the
hun - dred cir - cling camps; They have build - ed Him an
nev - er call re - treat; He is sift - ing out the
born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His



vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath
al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps; I can
hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment seat; O be
bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me; As He



loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift
read His right - eous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing
swift, my soul, to an - swer Him; be ju - bi - lant, my
died to make us ho - ly, let us die to make men

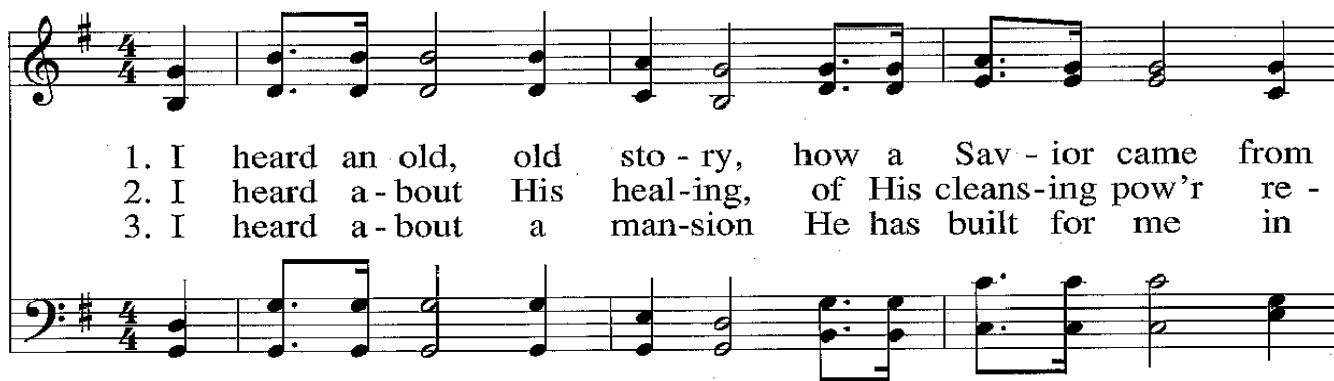
sword; His truth is march - ing on.
 lamps, His day is march - ing on.
 feet! Our God is march - ing on.
 free! While God is march - ing on.

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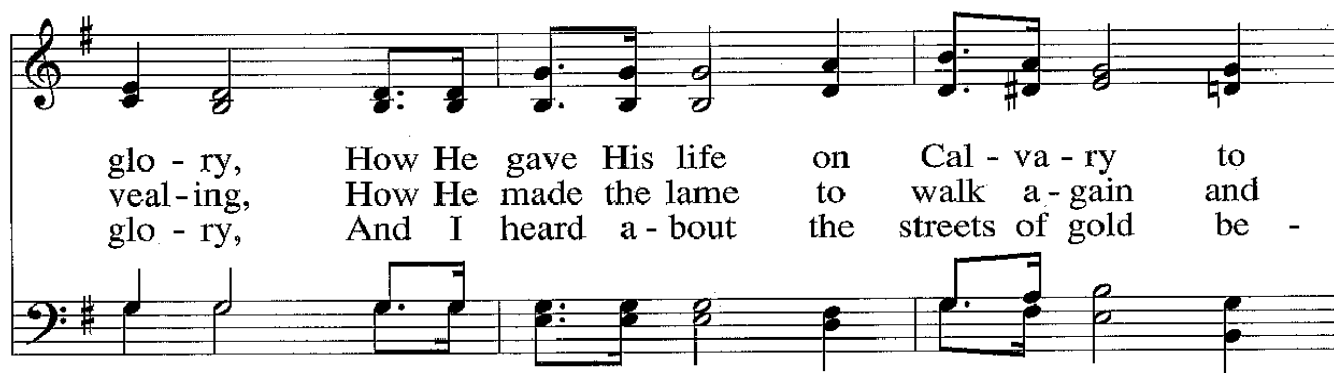
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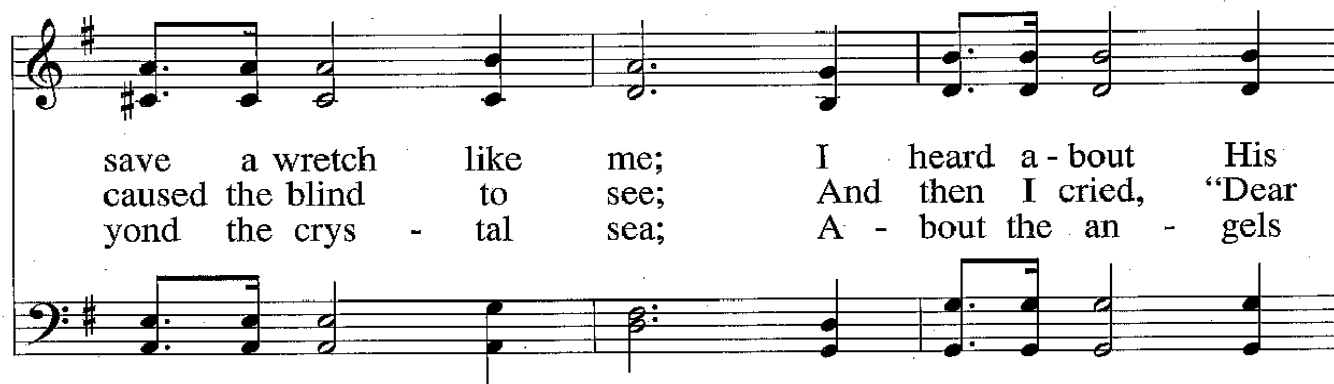
Victory in Jesus



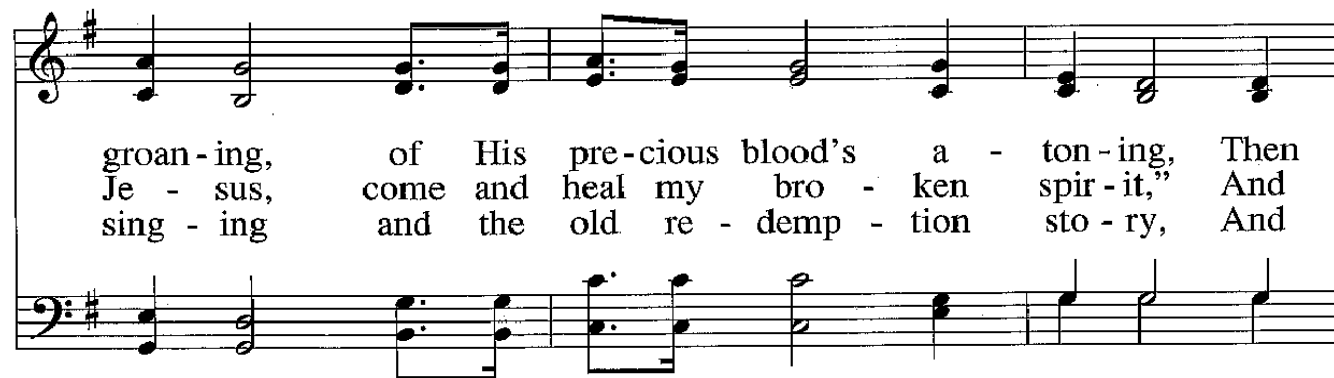
1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from
2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re -
3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in



glo - ry, How He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to
veal - ing, How He made the lame to walk a - gain and
glo - ry, And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be -



save a wretch like me; I heard a - bout His
caused the blind to see; And then I cried, "Dear
yond the crys - tal sea; A - bout the an - gels



groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing, Then
Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it," And
sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry, And

I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.
some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior for - ev - er! He

sought me and bought me with His re - deem - ing blood; He

loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him; He

plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

I Am Thine, O Lord

1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it
2. Con - se - crate me now to Thy serv - ice, Lord, By the
3. O, the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be -
4. There are depths of love that I can - not know Till I

told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the
pow'r of grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a
fore Thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with
cross the nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I

arms of faith, And be clos - er drawn to Thee.
stead - fast hope, And my will be lost in Thine.
Thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!
may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.

near - er,
Draw me near - er, near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, To the

near - er,

cross where Thou hast died; Draw me near - er, near - er,

Detailed description: This system contains two staves of music. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a melody of quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the final note. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

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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.
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