

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

The Eighth Sunday after Epiphany
March 2, 2025 ~ Transfiguration Sunday

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Meredith & Nora Wolford

Chorale Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Come to the mountaintop to pray, for God will not keep silent.

We gather to listen for God's word and to make our response.

Come, as God's covenant people, who serve and sacrifice in faithfulness.

**The heavens declare God's righteousness and draw us to
The excitement of worship.**

Let us worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Hymn No. 27 "How Great Thou Art"

*Prayer of the Day

O God of majesty, you are beyond words or description, your love is beyond understanding or explanation. Make our hearts ready to receive you. Transform us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the light and glory of your transfiguration. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (*1st verse*) p.165

Children’s Time

Ginnie Medlin

Anthem “He is Exalted”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Ginnie Medlin

Take us up to the mountain top with you, O Lord Jesus Christ, that we may behold your glorious face and be reassured for the journey that lies before us. Let your light shine upon us and lead us forward to your life. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Matthew 11:2-11 p. 844

Second Lesson: Luke 3:9-18 p. 891

Sermon **The People of Jesus: John the Baptist**
John 3:22-36

Hymn No. 463 “ I Love to Tell the Story”

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 “Because He Lives” (chorus only) p.204

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

*Postlude



Activities Calendar: March 2, 2025 ~ March 9, 2025

Sunday, March 2

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, March 3

6:30 p.m. – Sunday School Teachers and Officers Meeting

Tuesday, March 4

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:20 p.m. – God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – Worship – Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Sr. Choir practice after Worship service

Thursday, March 6

9:30 a.m. – California Care Worship

Friday, March 7

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

1:00 p.m. – World Day of Prayer

Sunday, March 9

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

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.

Wednesday Evening Meal, March 5th ~ 5:45pm

Breakfast Food

Don't forget to sign up!

Food Pantry Items Needed

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

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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 49775



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

Sunday, March 9, 2025

after children's time until the end of the worship service for **Grades K-3rd 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.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

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 Jenine Baker
Alan Chambers Courtney Cassil 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*)

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 7, 2025 ~ 1:00 p.m.

All women 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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2025 Easter Flowers Order Form

Please follow the instructions below if you wish to have an Easter Flower placed in the Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 20th**. Easter Flowers may be taken home following worship on April 20th.

Cost per 6" Easter Flower listed below:

White Easter Lily- \$18.00

Tulip - \$13.50

Hyacinth - \$13.50

Orders are due no later than, **MONDAY, MARCH 24TH**

Return this completed form to Rhonda in the church office along with cash or a check payable to United Church of Christ and put Easter Flower on the memo line.

Name of person(s) purchasing the Easter Flower(s).

Type of Easter Flower you are ordering and how many:

Easter Lily _____

Tulip _____

Hyacinth _____

Is the Easter Flower in memory or in honor of an individual?

Yes: In Memory of _____

Yes: In Honor of _____

Yes: In Memory of _____

Yes: In Honor of _____

Yes: In Memory of _____

Yes: In Honor of _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Total Owed: _____

Please make your check out to United Church of Christ of California and write Easter Flower in the memo line. Thank you.

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -

won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
 wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
 spar - ing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
 ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
 trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
 ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it

bove, Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of
best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To

Je - sus and His love. I love to tell the
hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of

sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true; It
glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill

sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto-ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo-ry

To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je - sus and His love.

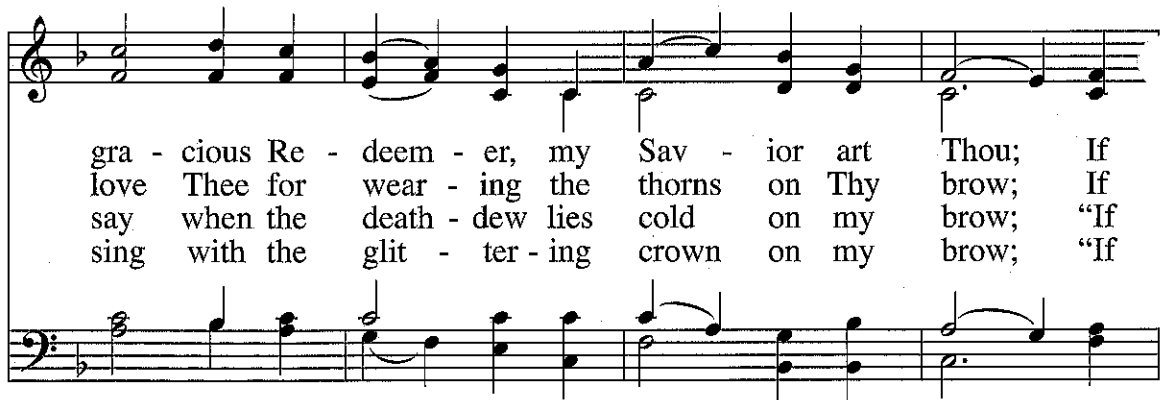
My Jesus, I Love Thee



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.

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