



**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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**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**March 9, 2025**

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles      Grayden Gatlin & Logan Milligan

Chorale Opening

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**Try me and know my thoughts!**

See if there is any wicked way in me,

**And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen,**

\*Hymn No. 382    “ A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

\*Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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” (*1<sup>st</sup> verse*) p.165

Children’s Time

Carla Clennin

Anthem “Search Me O God”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Allan Mortenson

**As in days of old, Creator God, we come to look for your signs of covenant promises. Like the days of Noah, we see and know your signs and hear your voice again directing us to the places of preparation and transformation in our lives and in our world. Thank you God for your covenant signs in this season of Lent. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Luke 4:31-37 p. 893

*Second Lesson:* Luke 11:14-26 p. 903

Sermon **The People of Jesus: The Demon Possessed Man**  
**Luke 8:26-39**

Hymn No. 380 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

*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. 408 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

\*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



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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 12 ~ 5:45pm**

**Taco Salad**

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

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

*Family and Friends of Connie Sack, Joey Worland, Melissa (Robertson) Hilsenbeck-Ditzfield*

**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*)



**Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) TODAY, March 9, 2025**

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

All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Betty Cobb.

**Activities Calendar: March 9, 2025 ~ March 16, 2025**

**Sunday, March 9- Daylight Savings Time Begins**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, March 10**

6:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

**Tuesday, March 11**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, March 12**

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:20 p.m. – God’s Singers

7:00 p.m. – Worship – Sr. Choir practice after Worship service

**Sunday, March 16**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

2:00 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting

*Looking ahead.....*

*March 19 – Women’s Guild*

*March 20 – First Day of Spring*

*March 24 - Brotherhood*

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Lenten Service**

**Statement of Faith- Hazel Woford & Ava Motley**

**Special Music- Alden & Abbie Rohrbach**

**Speaker- Allan Mortenson**

**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.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

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).

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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.

# Passover Seder Meal

## First Christian Church in California

### **Saturday, April 5th at 5:00 p.m.**

[Lake Ozark Christian Church](#) will be hosting a public viewing of The Crucifixion, a creation by artist Michael Mistler of [Artistic Creations by Michael](#), on Sunday, March 9 at 2 pm. This beautiful, hand-crafted sculpture is over 11 feet tall, made of steel and aluminum, depicting the suffering and death of our Savior. As the season of Lent begins, we welcome all folks to come to [Lake Ozark Christian Church](#) to see this expression of Christ's saving act of redemption. The church will also be open the following week, Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 2pm. In addition, if you would like to schedule a special viewing for your church community, please contact the church office.



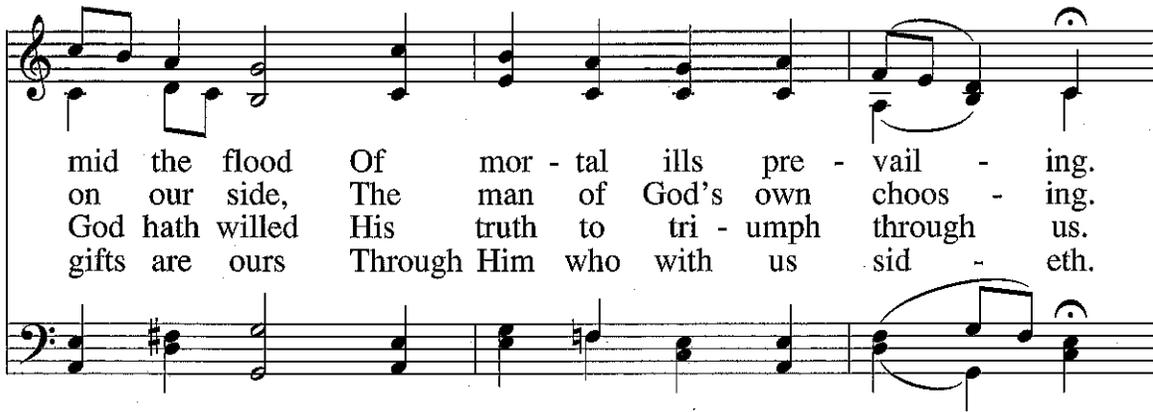
# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



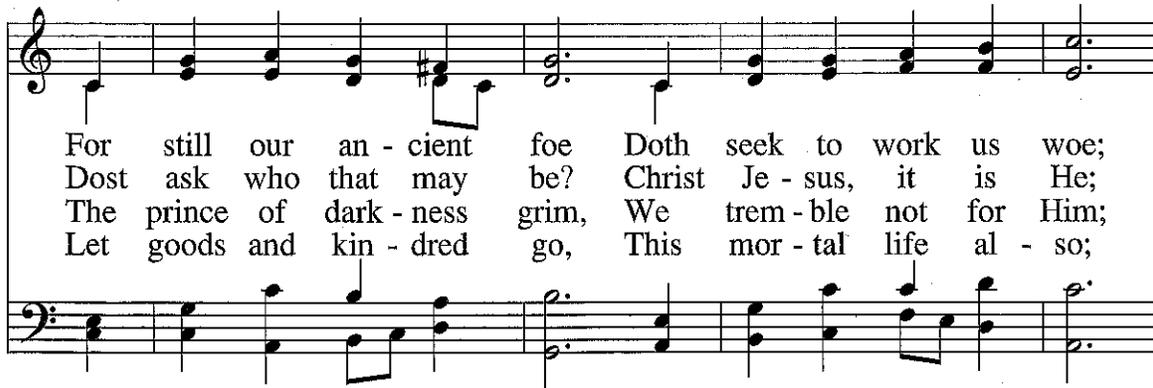
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should  
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No



bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our help - er He a -  
striv - ing would be los - ing, Were not the right man  
threat - en to un - do us, We will not fear, for  
thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The Spir - it and the



mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing.  
God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth.

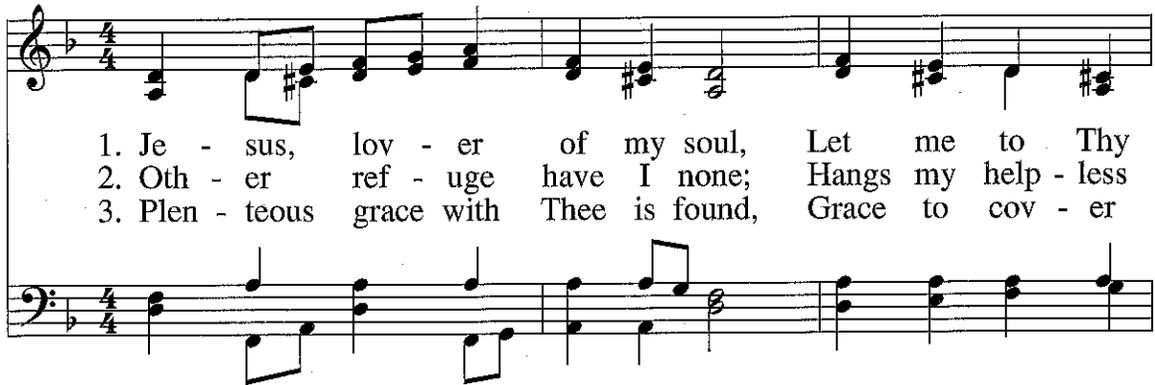


For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe;  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He;  
The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for Him;  
Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so;

His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cru - el hate,  
 Lord Sa - ba - oth His Name. From age to age the same,  
 His rage we can en - dure, For lo, His doom is sure:  
 The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still,

On earth is not his e - qual.  
 And He must win the bat - tle.  
 One lit - tle word shall fell Him.  
 His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

# Jesus, Lover of My Soul



1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help - less  
3. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cov - er



bos - om fly, While the near - er wa - ters roll,  
soul on Thee; Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone,  
all my sin; Let the heal - ing streams a - bound,



While the tem - pest still is high; Hide me, O my  
Still sup - port and com - fort me. All my trust on  
Make and keep me pure with - in. Thou of life the



Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;  
foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of Thee;

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide,  
Cov - er my de - fense - less head  
Spring Thou up with - in my heart,

O re - ceive my soul at last!  
With the shad - ow of Thy wing.  
Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

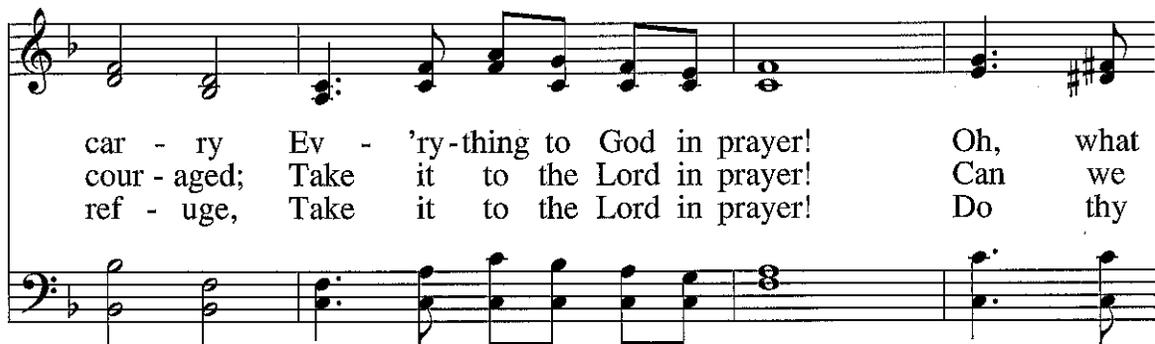
# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there  
3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, Cum - bered



sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to  
trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis -  
with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our



car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what  
cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we  
ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy



peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we  
find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows  
friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in

bear, All be - cause we do not car - ry  
share? Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness;  
prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee,

Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. A - men.

## 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.*  
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