

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

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Megan Carlock & Georjie Peck

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

*Hymn No. 249 “Standing on the Promises”

*Prayer of the Day

Light of light, open our hearts to the voice of your Word and free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and a change of heart, for he lives and reigns with you 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

Kendra Hall

Anthem

“Were You There”

Bells

Prayer for Illumination

Toni Kueffer

God of all faithfulness, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who died but now lives to reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Luke 23:50-56 p. 919

Second Lesson: John 7:45-52 p. 930

Sermon

**The People of Jesus: Two Pharisees
John 3:1-16 & John 19:38-42**

Hymn No. 188 “Are Ye Able,” Said the Master

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. 72 “Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver”
(Sing Twice)

*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

Wednesday Evening Meal, March 19 ~ 5:45pm

Chicken Fettuccine, Vegetable, and Bread

Don't forget to sign up!

Wednesday, March 19

Lenten Services at the First Christian Church at 7:00 p.m.

Passover Seder Meal

First Christian Church in California

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

Please register to come by March 23rd at our website www.calmo-ucc.org

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.

Activities Calendar: March 16, 2025 ~ March 23, 2025

Sunday, March 16

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

2:00 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting

Monday, March 17- St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 18

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, March 19

1:00 p.m. – Women's Guild

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:20 p.m. – God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – Worship at First Christian Church

– Sr. Choir practice after Worship service

Thursday, March 20th - First Day of Spring

Sunday, March 23

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead.....

March 24 - Brotherhood

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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rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of *Walter Bieri, David Dziadosz, Connie Sack, Doris Moseley, Carolyn Hickman, Mike Foxworthy*

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*)

Stained Glass Windows

The Consistory is moving forward with Phase 1 of restoring several of the stained glass windows with Brady's Glass Company. This phase will consist of adding vertical support bars to several of the windows, repairing lead and adding support to a couple other windows and also removing one window to restore and re-lead.

The first phase will cost \$9,439.00.

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 _____

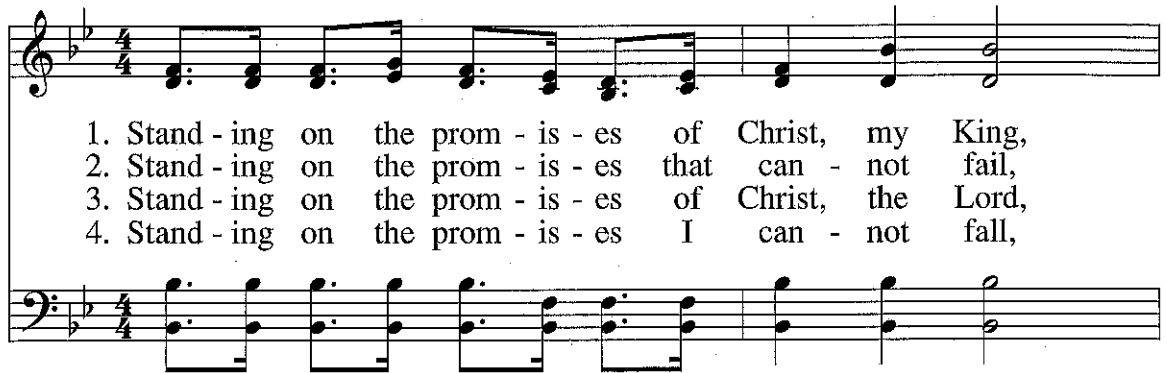
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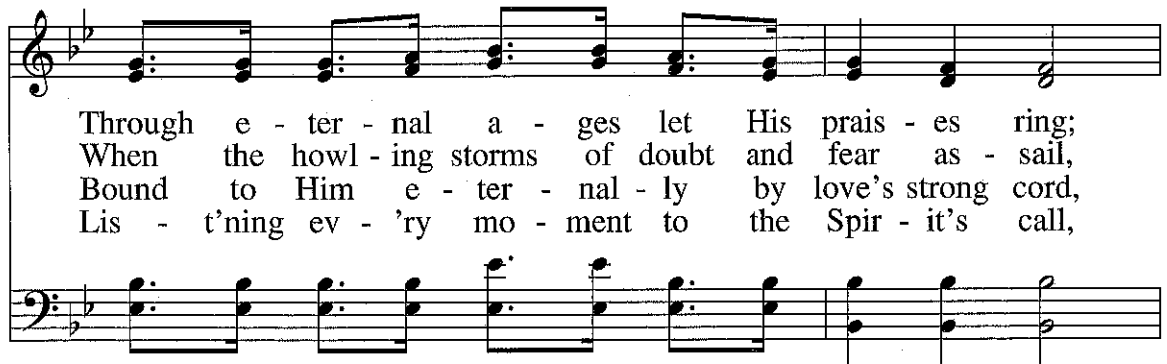
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Please make your check out to United Church of Christ of California and write Easter Flower in the memo line. Thank you.

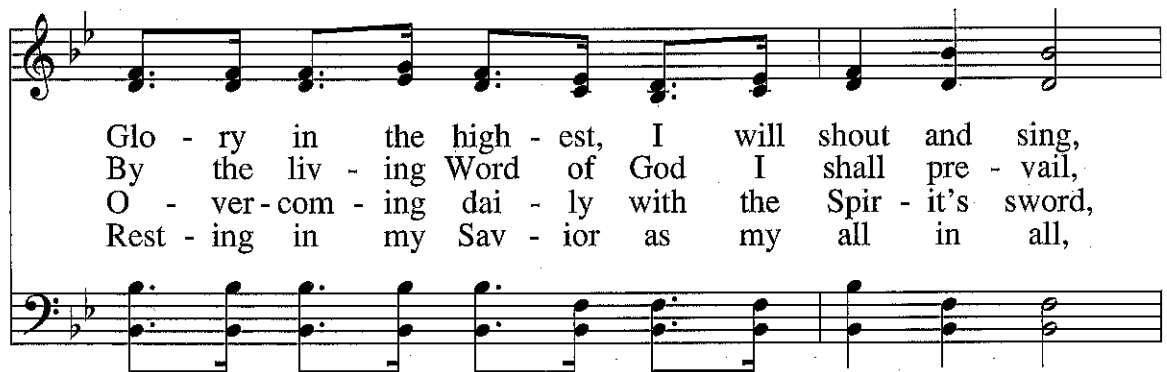
Standing on the Promises



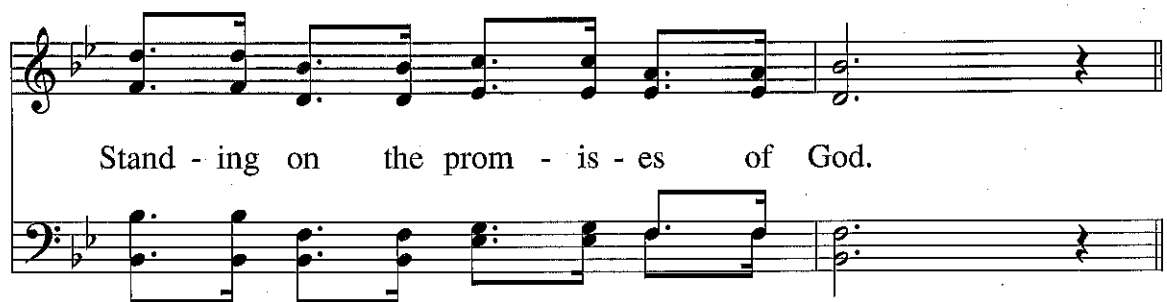
1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, my King,
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, the Lord,
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fail,



Through e - ter - nal a - ges let His prais - es ring;
When the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
Bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Stand - ing, stand - ing,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line consists of two measures: the first measure contains the lyrics 'Stand - ing,' and the second measure contains 'stand - ing,'. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior;

The second system continues the musical piece. The vocal line has two measures: the first measure contains the lyrics 'stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior;' and the second measure contains 'stand - ing on the prom - is - es,'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

stand - ing, stand - ing,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

The third system features a vocal line with two measures. The first measure contains the lyrics 'stand - ing, stand - ing,' and the second measure contains 'stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,'. The piano accompaniment continues to support the vocal melody.

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

The final system of music on this page. The vocal line has two measures: the first measure contains the lyrics 'I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.' and the second measure contains 'I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.' The piano accompaniment concludes the piece with a final chord.

“Are Ye Able”, Said the Master

1. “Are ye a - ble,” said the Mas - ter, “To be
 2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, When a
 3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows Close a -
 4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter Whis - pers

cru - ci - fied with me?” “Yea,” the sturd - y dream - ers
 thief lifts up his eyes, That his par - doned soul is
 round you with the sod, To be - lieve that spir - it
 down e - ter - ni - ty, And he - ro - ic spir - its

an - swered, “To the death we fol - low Thee.”
 wor - thy Of a place in par - a - dise?
 tri - umphs, To com - mend your soul to God?
 an - swer, Now as then in Gal - i - lee.

Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are Thine.

Re - mold them, make us, like Thee, di - vine.

Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be a

bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver

Unison F C/E B♭/D F/C B♭/C C7

Lord, You are more pre-cious than sil-ver,

F C/E B♭/D Gm7 CSUS4 B♭/D C/E

Lord, You are more cost-ly than gold;

F C/E B♭/D F/C C7 F

Lord, You are more beau-ti-ful than dia-monds, and

B♭ F/A Gm7 B♭/C C F

noth-ing I de-sire com-pares with You.

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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