



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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The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 23, 2025

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Amelia Howard & Charley Medlin

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

The time for worship has come. Let us gather  
beneath the cross of Christ. Let us listen for his  
word.

**The time for worship has come. May God's Spirit  
prepare our hearts, that we may prove to be  
obedient and loving disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Let us worship together in the Name of the God who  
creates, redeems, and keeps us forever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 19 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*Prayer of the Day

**Holy God, be near us as we worship. Guide us through  
these Lenten days, that our lives may be reformed and  
renewed in the image of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. In His name, we pray. 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

Holly Bieri

Anthem “Arky, Arky”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Carla Clennin

**Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Luke 4:14-22 p. 892

*Second Lesson:* John 9:24-33 p. 933

Sermon **The People of Jesus: Two Blind Men**  
**Luke 18:35-43**

Hymn No. 320 “I Saw the Light”

*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. 534 “Fill My Cup, Lord”

\*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, March 26**

Rev. Cobb ~ Speaker

Jess Medlin & Jalea Hall ~ Statement of Faiths

Brotherhood ~ Special Music

**Wednesday Evening Meal, March 26th ~ 5:45pm**

**Lasagna, Vegetable and Bread**

*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.

## Passover Seder Meal

First Christian Church in California

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

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

## Easter Veggie Tales

Saturday, April 5th

9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Please register by contacting Ronda Mortenson at 573-694-3933 or  
*rkmort60@gmail.com*

Or the Church office at 573-796-4885 or *rhonda@calmo-ucc.org*  
Each child will receive an Easter Basket!

## Salem UCC

### Annual Shrimp & Chicken Dinner

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

5:30-7:00 pm

Dine-in or Carry Out

Shrimp or chicken, cheesy potatoes, slaw, dessert & drink

**Please RSVP by Monday, April 7 to Brenda Oesterly at  
*oesterlyb@yahoo.com* or  
call **573-796-3013(home)** or **573-291-7165 (cell)**.**

Freewill donations for the meal.

Look forward to seeing our friends and family  
on this special night!

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*Church office: 573-796-4885 Website: [www.calmo-ucc.org](http://www.calmo-ucc.org)*

*[rhonda@calmo-ucc.org](mailto:rhonda@calmo-ucc.org)*

## Activities Calendar: March 23, 2025 ~ March 30, 2025

### Sunday, March 23

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

### Monday, March 24 –Easter Flower Orders DUE

7:00 p.m. - Brotherhood

### Tuesday, March 25

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

### Wednesday, March 26

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 30

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

April Tidings News due by March 25 <sup>th</sup>
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*Looking ahead.....*

*April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Veggie Tales 9:30 a.m.*

*April 7<sup>th</sup>- Sunday School Teacher and Officers Meeting at 6:30 p.m.*

*April 9<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Reception after Lenten Worship sponsored by Women’s Guild*

*April 13<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday- Rite of Confirmation*

*April 14<sup>th</sup> – Consistory Meeting at 6 p.m.*

*April 16<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Guild at 1 p.m.*

*April 17<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.*

*April 18<sup>th</sup>- Good Friday – Church office closed*

*April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter Services 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

*April 28<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood at 7 p.m.*

Finke Theatre Presents

The Living Lord’s Supper

Live Performance at 7:00 p.m. April 11 & 12

[www.finketheatre.com](http://www.finketheatre.com) or 573-691-9939

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of *Kathy Graf, Jim McDonald, and Rodney Battles*

**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*)

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.

## 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.



# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - en - e - zer; Hith - er by Thy  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for  
 help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly  
 strained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my

songs of loud - est praise: Teach me some me - lo - dious  
 to ar - rive at home: Je - sus sought me when a  
 wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I (

son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the  
 stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

# I Saw the Light

1. I wan-dered so aim - less, life filled with sin.  
2. Just like a blind man I wan-dered a - long;  
3. I was a fool to wan - der and stray;

I would - n't let my dear Sav - ior in.  
Wor - ries and fears I claimed for my own.  
Straight is the gate and nar - row the way.

Then Je - sus came like a stran - ger in the night,  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,  
Now I have trad - ed the wrong for the right;

Praise the Lord! I saw the light!  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

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I saw the light, I saw the light.

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No more dark - ness, no more night!

Now I'm so hap - py, no sor-row in sight.

C $^7$  F D.S.

Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

# Fill My Cup, Lord



1. Like the wom - an at the well I was seek - ing For  
2. There are mil - lions in this world who are crav - ing The  
3. So, my broth - er, if the things this world gave you Leave



things that could not sat - is - fy; And then I heard my Sav - ior  
pleas - ures earth - ly things af - ford; But none can match the won - drous  
hun - gers that won't pass a - way, My bless - ed Lord will come and



speaking: "Draw from My well that nev - er shall run dry."  
treas - ure 7 That I find in Je - sus Christ, my Lord.  
save you, 7 If you kneel to Him and hum - bly pray:



Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this

thirst-ing of my soul; Bread of heav-en, feed me till I

want no more— Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

## 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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