United Church of Christ of California – California, MORev. Russell CobbPastorMrs. Beth DampfOrganistMrs. Connie BestgenGod's Singers Director

The Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025

* 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" (1st 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 LessonsFirst Lesson:Luke 4:14-22Second Lesson:John 9:24-33p. 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 <u>by TODAY, March 23rd</u>

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 <u>Monday, April 7</u> to Brenda Oesterly at oesterlyb@yahoo.com or call 573 796 3013(home) or 573 201 7165 (call)

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!

Rev. Cobb: rev.cobb@calmo-ucc.org; 573-489-7891 (cell phone) Church office: 573-796-4885 Website: www.calmo-ucc.org <u>rhonda@calmo-ucc.org</u>

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

April Tidings News due by March 25th

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

Looking ahead......

April 5th – Easter Veggie Tales 9:30 a.m.

April 7th- Sunday School Teacher and Officers Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

April 9th - Confirmation Reception after Lenten Worship sponsored by Women's Guild

April 13th – Palm Sunday- Rite of Confirmation

April 14th – Consistory Meeting at 6 p.m.

April 16th – Women's Guild at 1 p.m.

April 17th – Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.

April 18th- Good Friday – Church office closed

April 20th – Easter Services 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

April 28th – 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 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 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?

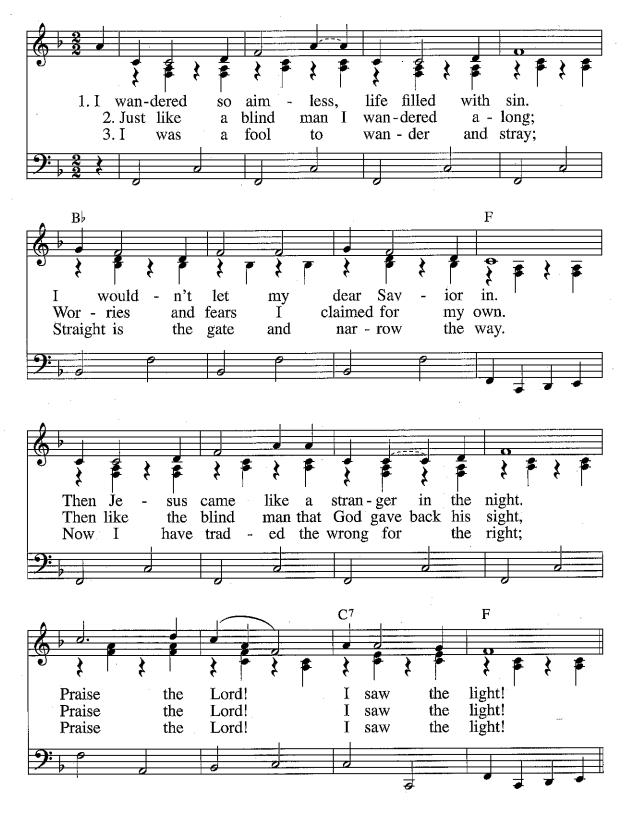
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	Please make your check out to United Church of Christ of California
	write Easter Flower in the memo line. Thank you.

and

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



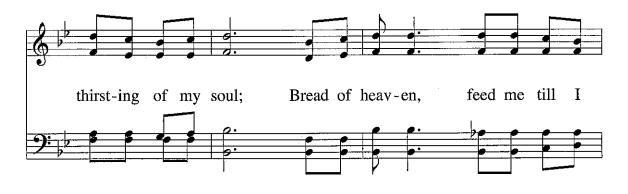
I Saw the Light





Fill My Cup, Lord







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.

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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.

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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.

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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. Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.