

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO

Rev. Russell Cobb

Pastor

Mrs. Ellen Ash

Pianist

Mrs. Stacy Friedrich

Sr. Choir Director

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Megan Carlock & Max Robertson

Choral Opening

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. 57 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*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

Puppets

Anthem

“If My People”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Brad Friedrich

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: Mark 2:13-17 p. 868

Second Lesson: John 14:1-6 p. 938

Sermon **The People of Jesus: Matthew & Thomas**

Matthew 9:9-13, John 11:16 & John 20:24-29

Hymn No. 189 “Before the Cross of Jesus”

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. 472 “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

*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, April 2, 2025 Lenten Service

Statement of Faith-Rylan Robertson & Brenyn Robertson

Special Music- Betty Cobb & Carla Clennin

Speaker- Rev. Russell Cobb

Wednesday Evening Meal, April 2 ~ 5:45pm

Baked Potato Bar

Don't forget to sign up!!

*Confirmation robes are available to be
picked up. They are hanging in the Sunday School
hallway with names on them. Thanks!*

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Activities Calendar: March 30, 2025 ~ April 6, 2025

Sunday, March 30 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, April 2, Fifth Wednesday in Lent

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:20 p.m. – God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – Worship (*followed by Sr. Choir*)

Friday, April 4th

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

Saturday, April 5th

9:30 a.m. - VeggieTales

Sunday, April 6th Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking Ahead.....

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.

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*)

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.

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!

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

Confirmation Reception hosted by the Women's Guild –
April 9, 2025 ~ following the Lent service
All are welcome!

Passover Seder Meal
First Christian Church in California
Saturday, April 5th at 5:00 p.m.

VeggieTales Matinee



Saturday, April 5th 9:30 to 11:00am
UCC Fellowship Hall
Take Home: Special Easter Basket

Please sign up for the Matinee Event below so that we are sure to have enough snacks, and Special Easter Basket made up for each child in attendance. You may return the form to church office, or contact Ronda Mortenson

by email rkmort60@gmail.com or call 573-694-3933

Childs Name Attending: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

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. Looking ahead **for April, Tuna or canned meat** is the item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

Fairest Lord Jesus

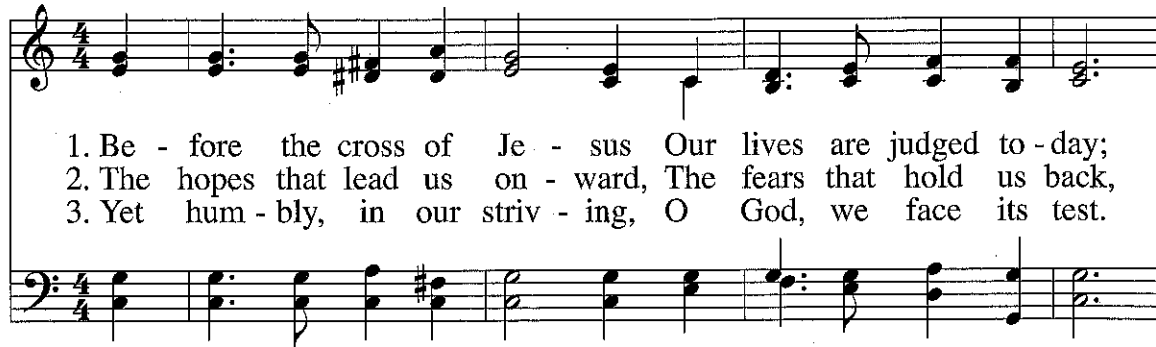
1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God and man the Son,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
And all the twin - kling, star - ry host:

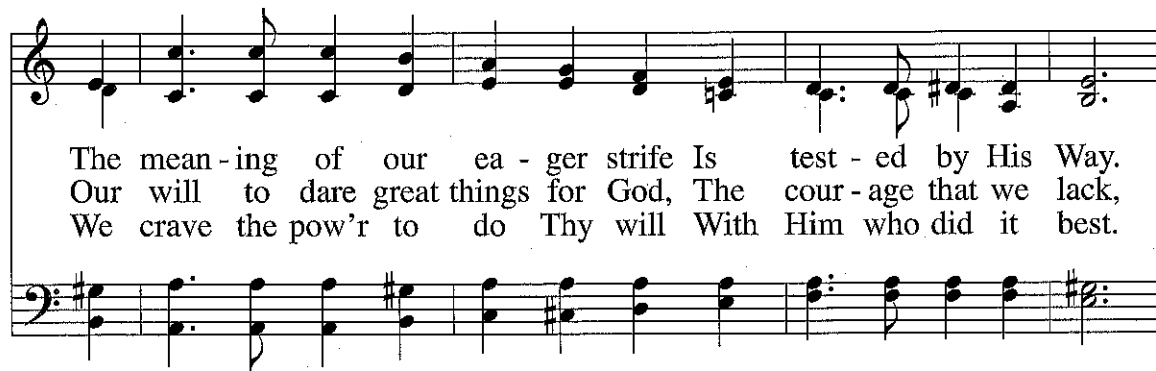
Thee will I cher - ish, Thee will I hon - or, Thou,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, Who
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er, Than

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
all the an - gels heav'n can boast. A - men.

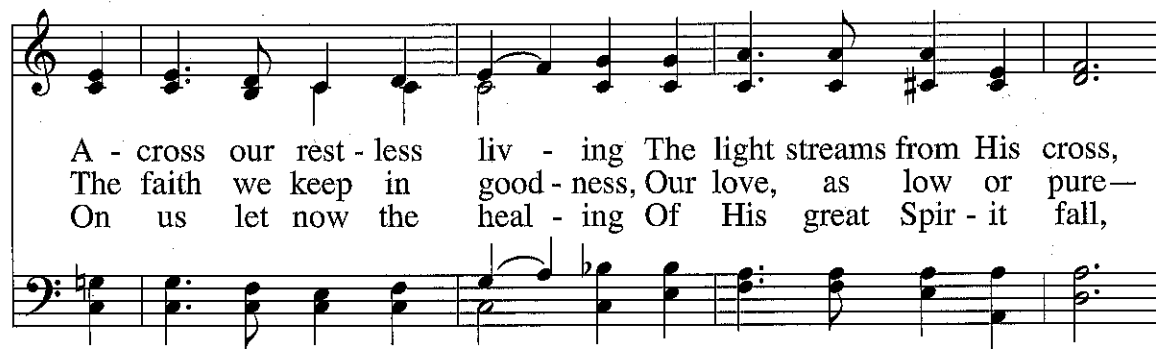
Before the Cross of Jesus




1. Be - fore the cross of Je - sus Our lives are judged to - day;
2. The hopes that lead us on - ward, The fears that hold us back,
3. Yet hum - bly, in our striv - ing, O God, we face its test.



The mean - ing of our ea - ger strife Is test - ed by His Way.
Our will to dare great things for God, The cour - age that we lack,
We crave the pow'r to do Thy will With Him who did it best.

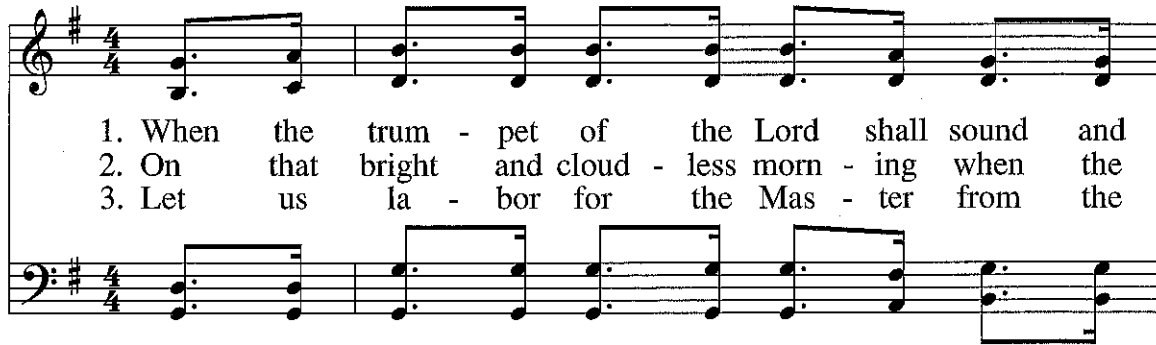


A - cross our rest - less liv - ing The light streams from His cross,
The faith we keep in good - ness, Our love, as low or pure—
On us let now the heal - ing Of His great Spir - it fall,



And by its clear, re - veal - ing beams We meas - ure gain and loss.
On all, the judg - ment of the cross Falls stead - y, clear, and sure.
And make us brave and full of joy To an - swer to His call.

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder



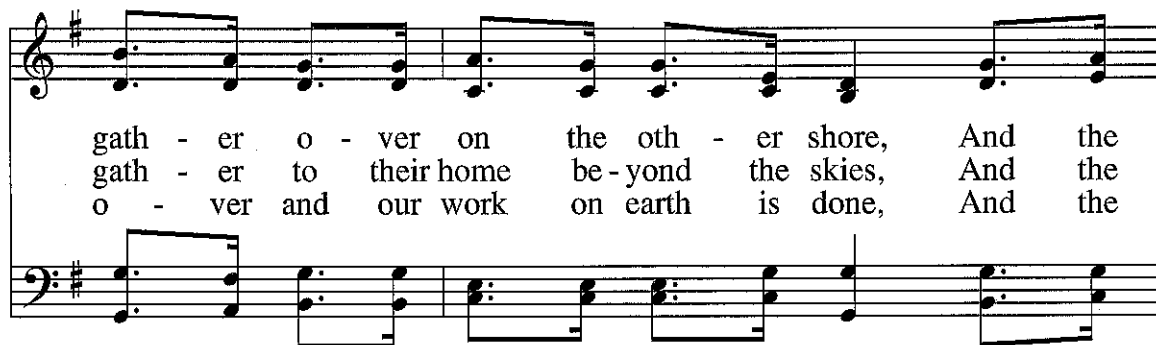
1. When the trum - pet of the Lord shall sound and
2. On that bright and cloud - less morn - ing when the
3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the



time shall be no more, And the morn - ing breaks e -
dead in Christ shall rise And the glo - ry of His
dawn till set - ting sun, Let us talk of all His



ter - nal, bright and fair— When the saved of earth shall
res - ur - rec - tion share— When His cho - sen ones shall
won - drous love and care; Then when all of life is



gath - er o - ver on the oth - er shore, And the
gath - er to their home be - yond the skies, And the
o - ver and our work on earth is done, And the

roll is called up yon - der— I'll be there!
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When the roll is called up yon - der,

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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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