

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Kolten Fulks **Guest Speaker**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich **Sr. Choir Director**

January 11, 2026 ~ Baptism of Christ Sunday
The First Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Max Robertson & Lee Bieri

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship: (Please stand if able)*

Leader: Faithful God, we come to this time and place to be with you, to worship you, and to learn from you.

People: May our time together by like your creation of light in the darkness that you call good.

Leader: May it be that you will call us good while we respond to your call and as we listen to you.

People: Amen.

**Hymn No. 27 "How Great Thou Art"*

**Prayer of the Day (unison)*

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand” (*verse 1*)

Children’s Time Puppets

Anthem “Down to the River to Pray” Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination Beth Dampf

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and to save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Romans 14:13-18 p. 988

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 p.1004

Sermon

Grace In Our Arguments

Hymn No. 255 “Wonderful Words of Life”

Christians, what do you believe?

Statement of Faith (*found on the inside front cover of the hymnal or yellow laminated folder*)

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. 41 “To God be the Glory”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response –

“Oh, How He Loves You and Me” p. 335

*Oh, how He loves you and me! Oh, how He loves you and me!
He gave His life, what more could He give?
Oh, how He love you, Oh, how He love me,
Oh, how He loves you and me!*

*Postlude

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Ushers – Jim Deeken and Carole Barbour

Greeters – Kent, Gerri and Caleb Howard

***Flowers on the Altar are in celebration of
Dolores Burger's 90th Birthday!***

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) Today!

After children's time till the end of the worship service.

All kids are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Ronda Mortenson. Sunday ROK will take place the second Sunday of each month. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

Wednesday Evening Meal, January 14th ~ 6pm

Breakfast Food ~ Don't forget to sign up!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for donating desserts & helping in the kitchen with clean up, drying dishes & wiping tables down. Your help will be much appreciated!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 25th

A luncheon will be provided (in Friendship Hall) before the meeting.

**Annual Reports are due in the Church Office.
Thank you!**

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of January, Mac and Cheese** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

Sunday, January 11th and Sunday, January 18th, songs from the Christmas Eve program will be performed by the kids during Sunday School Opening. Please come and enjoy!

Activities Calendar: January 11, 2026 ~ January 18, 2026

Sunday, January 11th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship - R.O.K. downstairs after children's time
Mission Meeting after church for Sr. High Youth and Parents

3:00 p.m. – Middle School Youth here at Church

Monday, January 12th

6:00 p.m.—Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, January 13th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, January 14th

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal and Confirmation

6:30 p.m. – R.O.K./God's Singers and Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Thursday, January 15th

6:30 p.m. – Search Committee meeting

Sunday, January 18th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Ross Robertson

Looking ahead.... Jan. 21 – Women's Guild at 1pm

Jan. 25 – Annual Meeting/Youth Lunch fundraiser

Jan. 26 - Brotherhood at 7 pm

Lord, we know Your timing is perfect. When the waiting feels long, remind us that You are working behind the scenes. Help us to trust that You are preparing both our church and the pastor You are calling. Keep us steadfast in prayer and hopeful in spirit. Amen.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friend of Michael Rex

Michael passed on Jan. 7th. Thanks to everyone for their prayers during his lengthy battle with cancer.

Confirmands: Lena Bieri, Megan Carlock, Royce Everett, Logan Milligan and Meredith Wolford

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Charles Velazquez (Dolores Burger's brother-in-law), Diane (Henry) Jobe, Becky Zuidervaart, Bill Schacht, Jenine Baker, Alan Chambers, Courtney Cassil, Joyce Rohrbach, 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, Italy*)

Blake Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Drum, NY*)

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Emma Bestgen**. 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.

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I
3. And when I think that God, His Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -

won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through-out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear-ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou
 art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Wonderful Words of Life



1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me—
2. Christ, the bless-ed One, gives to all
3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call—

Won-der - ful words of
Won-der - ful words of
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Life; Let me more of their beau - ty see—
Life; Lis - ten well to the lov - ing call—
Life; Of - fer par-don and peace to all—

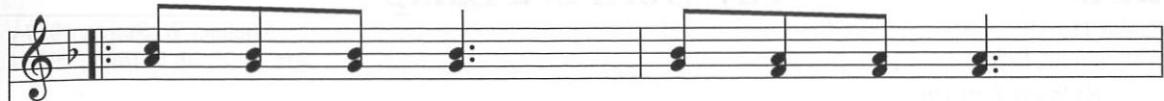


Won - der - ful words of Life. Words of life and
Won - der - ful words of Life. All the won - drous
Won - der - ful words of Life. Je - sus, on - ly

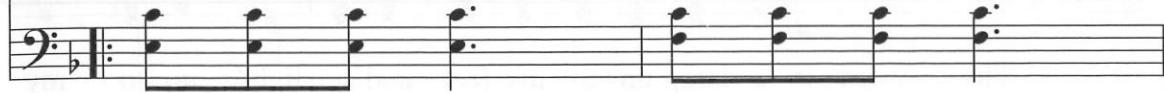


beau - ty, Teach me faith and du - ty:
sto - ry, Show - ing us His glo - ry:
Sav - ior, Sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er:





Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words,



1. 2.



Won - der - ful words of Life; Life.



To God be the Glory



1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath

2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath



done! So loved He the world that He gave us His
blood! To ev - 'ry be - liev - er, the prom - ise of
done, And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the



Son, Who yield - ed His life, an a - tone - ment for
God; The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be -
Son; But pur - er and high - er and great - er will



sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
be Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Je-sus the Son,



and give Him the glo-ry, great things He hath done!



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'ly 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: *Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us.*
Congregation: **Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us.**