



**United Church of Christ of California – California, MO**

**Allan Mortenson** **Guest Speaker**  
**Mrs. Ellen Ash** **Pianist**  
**Mrs. Stacy Friedrich** **Sr. Choir Director**

February 1, 2026 ~ The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

# The Bell

## The Prelude

## Lighting of the Candles      Amelia Howard & Max Robertson

# Choral Opening

## Welcome and Announcements

## Gideon Speaker – Gene Eulinger

## \*Call to Worship

Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment,  
**But his favor lasts a lifetime;**

Weeping may stay for the night,  
**But rejoicing comes in the morning.**

Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness.  
**And, let us give thanks for his mercy and grace!**

\*Hymn No. 361 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

### \*Prayer of the Day (unison)

**God of all creation, we gather this morning to worship you and sing praises to your name. You have been by our side from the beginning of all things and you are here now. We**

**are thankful, Father, for all you have blessed us with. May we feel your presence in this place and always know that you are our God. We ask your blessing on our time together today. And, we ask these things in Jesus' holy name. 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

Holly Bieri

Anthem

“Assurance of Unity”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Carole Barbour

**O Lord as we hear your word this morning open our hearts and minds and fill us with your truth that we might live in harmony with one another and cling to the hope that is ours through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:*      Isaiah 35:1-10      p. 615

*Second Lesson:*      Romans 8:18-25      p. 983

Sermon      **“Hope in God’s Healing” (John 5:1-9)**

Hymn No. 204      “Because He Lives”

*Christians, what do you believe?*

(Apostles’ Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty...**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

\*Response    “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn No. 355    “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

\*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



*Ushers – Jay Bestgen and Ellen Ash*

*Greeters – Philip and Amy Howard*

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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today downstairs in Friendship Hall**

***Soup and Chili will be served BEFORE the meeting  
as a fundraiser for the youth.***

**Special Benevolence and Guest Speaker-Gene Eulinger**  
**Today**, and all loose plate offering, as well as special envelopes, will be sent to the Gideon Ministry.

**Wednesday Evening Meal, February 4th ~ 6pm**

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Don't forget to sign up!!

**Activities Calendar: February 1, 2026 ~ February 8, 2026**

**Sunday, February 1st**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship -*Lunch and Annual Meeting to follow*  
*Worship Committee to meet after Annual Meeting*

**Monday, February 2nd**

6:30 p.m. – Sunday School Teachers and Officers Meeting

**Tuesday, February 3rd**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, February 4th**

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

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

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, February 8th**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- Kolten Fulks and Consistory Installation

*Looking ahead.....*

*February 9 – Consistory Meeting*

*February 18 – Women’s Guild*

*February 22 – Family Game Night/Soup and Chili Cook-off*

*February 23 – Men’s Brotherhood*

## **Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)**

### **Sunday, February 8, 2026**

#### **Food Pantry Items Needed**

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of February, Soup** is the food item requested. All food items are appreciated. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

## **UCC HS UPCOMING EVENTS 2026**

**January 11th - Mission Meeting after Church**

**February 7th - Midway Golf w/Kris (boys)**

**February 13th- MU Hockey Game @ 7:30pm  
(\$10 each)**

**March 7th - Called To Be Conference  
(9-3pm) Girls**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> - Life Surge in St Louis**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> - Young Christians Weekend  
@ Silver Dollar City**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> - Lock-In 8pm-8am**

**May 30-31<sup>st</sup> - High School Garage Sale**

**June event ideas needed!**

**July 18 thru 26 - Mission Trip to Barnesville, MN**

**— Contact Dyan @ 714-417-3926 —**

## *Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

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

### **All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

AnJanette Volkart, 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*)

Heavenly Father, We come before You with open hearts, seeking Your wisdom and guidance. You know the needs of our congregation, the challenges we face, and the vision You have placed before us. Lord, lead us to the shepherd who will faithfully teach Your Word, care for Your people, and walk humbly in Your ways. Grant our search committee for discernment, unity, and patience. Protect us from haste, and help us to listen for Your still, small voice. Prepare the heart of the pastor You are calling and prepare our hearts to receive them with love and grace. May this new season bring spiritual growth, renewed passion for Your mission, and a deeper love for one another. We trust You, Lord, to provide in Your perfect timing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of  
2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my  
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -  
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me  
faint - ing heart, My - zeal in - spire; As Thou hast  
round me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness  
sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way; Oh, let me  
died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and  
turn to day; Wipe sor - row's tears a - way; Nor let me  
then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move; Oh, bear me



from this day Be whol - ly Thine.  
change - less be, A liv - ing fire.  
ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.  
A - men.



## Because He Lives

Sheet music for 'Because He Lives' in G clef, 4/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The melody is in the soprano voice. The lyrics for the first line are: '1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; 2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;'. The music features a bass line and a piano accompaniment.

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Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row;



Be - cause He lives all fear is gone;



Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,



And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and

2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un -  
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the  
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But  
chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale My  
whelm-ing floods; When all a - round my soul gives way, He  
Him be found, Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand,  
then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand,  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.



## 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.**