

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO

Kolten Fulks

Guest Speaker

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Stacy Friedrich

Sr. Choir Director

Mrs. Connie Bestgen

God's Singers Director

Mrs. Ellen Ash

Piano Accompanist

February 8, 2026 ~ The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Camden & Sutton Lawson

Choral Opening

“Go Light Your World”

God's Singers

Welcome and Announcements

Installation of the Consistory

**Doug Dampf, Tara Meisenheimer, Kris Ingram, Anny Roll,
Jim Deeken, Holly Bieri, Jay Bestgen, Larry Schoeneberg,**

Greeting

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

People: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Introduction

Leader: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

Leader: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

People: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Leader: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

People: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

Leader: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

People: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

Presentation

Leader: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Covenant by the Consistory

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Consistory: I am

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Consistory: I do, relying on God's grace.

Covenant by the Congregation

Leader: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our sisters and brothers in Christ, who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

All who are able stand

People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partner with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

Prayer of Installation

Leader: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.

People: Amen.

Declaration

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of California of the United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce you are installed in your respective positions.

Greeting of Christian Love

Leader: In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand of Christian love.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We praise you, Almighty God, for the gift of this day.

Your Spirit has gathered us to be the church of Jesus Christ.

People: May we grow in your wisdom and grace.

May we worship you with awe and wonder.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your joy!

People: Amen.

***Hymn No. 38 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”**

***Prayer of the Day (Unison)**

Most Gracious God, make us one as we worship you. May our hearts be filled with your love and may our voices blend with your praise. Together may we serve you with exuberant and enduring joy; through 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

JoAnn Cantriel

Anthem

“We Will Walk in the Light!”

Sr. Choir

Lead your church, O Living God, so that your word may be written in our hearts. Lead us in the way of Christ Jesus, your Son, so that we may share in his ministry and enjoy his life. Lead us to the truth that sets all your children free. We pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, our crucified, risen, and reigning Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:27-31 p. 620

Second Lesson: John 15: 1-10 p. 939

Sermon **“Waiting for his Fruit”**

Hymn No. 368 “Trust and Obey”

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. 497 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*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 Tara Meisenheimer
Greeters – Philip and Amy Howard

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rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Wednesday Evening Meal, February 11 ~ 6pm
Breakfast -Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Biscuits and Gravy
and Cinnamon Rolls

Don't forget to sign up if you are coming!

Activities Calendar: February 8, 2026 ~ February 15, 2026

Sunday, February 8th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Consistory Installation

Monday, February 9th

5:30 p.m. – Consistory Orientation

6:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, February 10th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, February 11th

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

Sunday, February 15th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Brenda Oesterly

Looking ahead.....

February 18 - Women's Guild and Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm

February 22 – Sunday School Family Game Night-Chili/Soup Cookoff

February 23 - Brotherhood

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

TODAY, February 8th

after children's time until the end of the worship service
children age 4 and up 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.

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.

Lord, help us to be attentive to the emotions and needs of our congregations. Let our ears be quick to listen, our mouths slow to speak, and our spirit slow to anger. Let our committee allow time to really hear what the Lord is trying to tell us and is leading us to in the pastor he knows we need. In Jesus name, Amen.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Eddie Blankenship and Bill Schacht

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*)

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.

2026 Consistory of the United Church of Christ of California

Jim Deeken- President, Stewardship, Memorial Committee
Term 2024-2028

Jay Bestgen-Vice President, Building & Grounds/Safe Church
Term 2023-2027

Larry Schoeneberg-Financial Secretary, Stewardship Committee
Term 2023-2027

Holly Bieri-Secretary, Worship Committee
Term 2024-2028

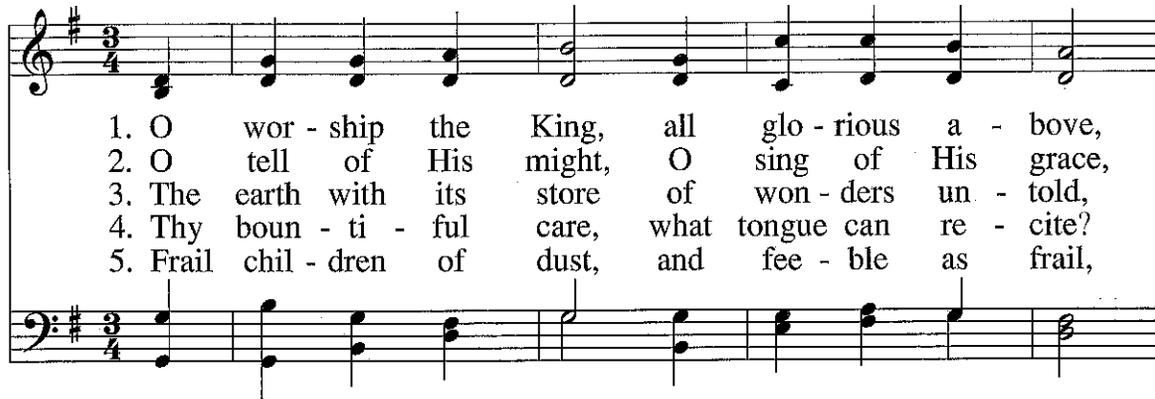
Tara Meisenheimer- Treasurer, Schnuck, Technology &
Communications, Nominating Committee
Term 2026-2030

Kris Ingram-Local Benevolence, Building&Grounds and Safe Church
Term 2025-2029

Anny Roll-Evangelism, Technology & Communications Committee
Term 2025-2029

Doug Dampf- Building and Grounds, Nominating Committee
Term 2026-2030

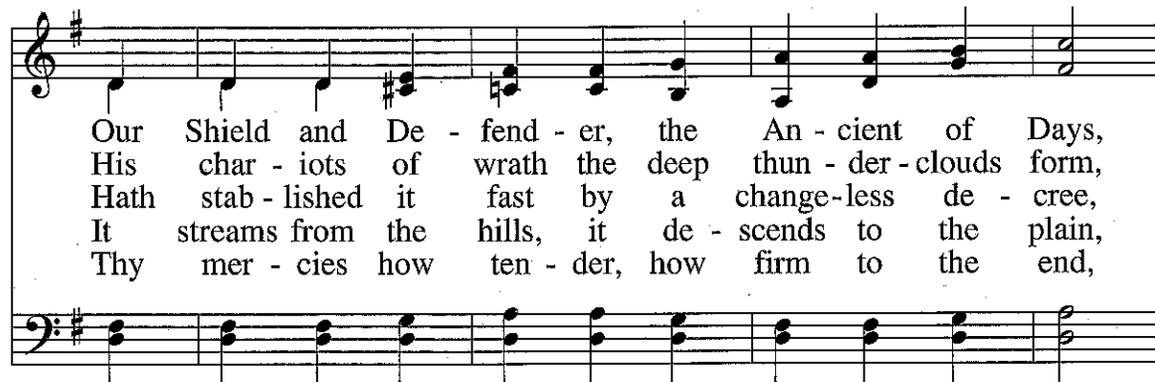
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above



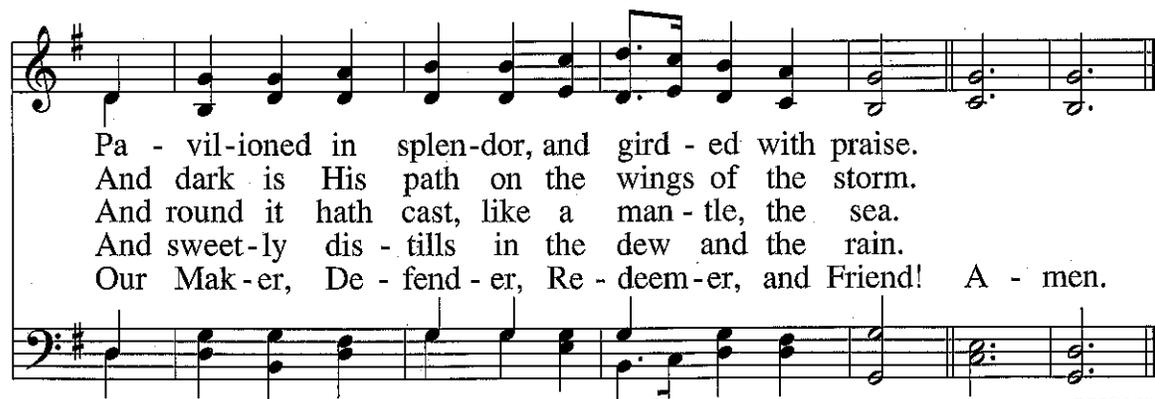
1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove,
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
4. Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;

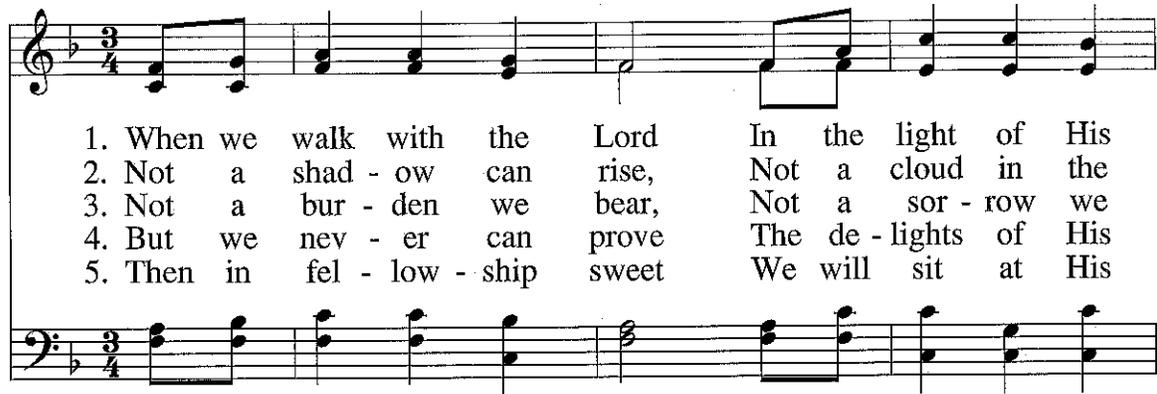


Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
Thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

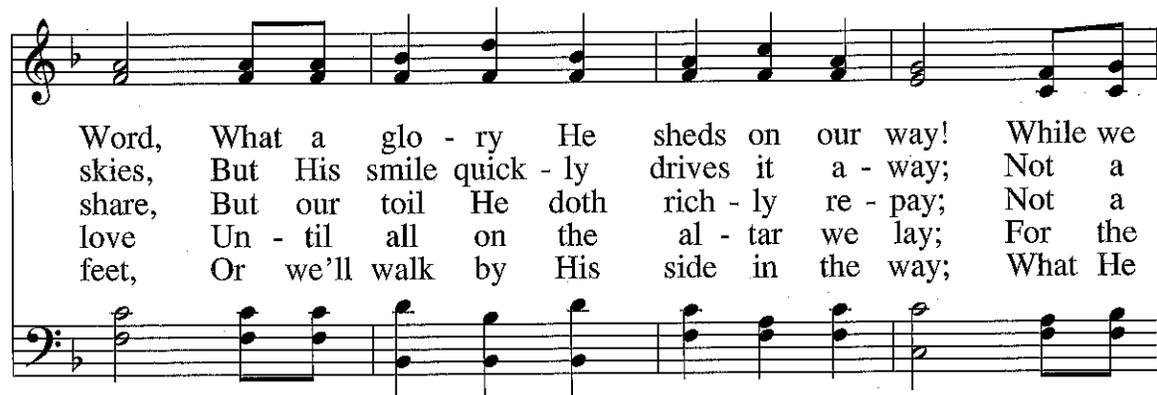


Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend! A - men.

Trust and Obey



1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His
2. Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the
3. Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we
4. But we never can prove The delights of His
5. Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His



Word, What a glory He sheds on our way! While we
skies, But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a
share, But our toil He doth richly repay; Not a
love Until all on the altar we lay; For the
feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He



do His good will He abides with us
doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a
grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a
favor He shows And the joy He be -
says we will do, Where He sends we will



still, And with all who will trust and obey.
tear, Can abide while we trust and obey.
cross, But is blest if we trust and obey.
stows Are for those who will trust and obey.
go— Never fear, on - ly trust and obey.

Trust and o - bey— For there's no oth - er way To be

hap - py in Je - sus But to trust and o - bey.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, Each oth - er's
4. When we are called to part It give us

Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of kin - dred
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are
bur - dens bear; And of - ten for each oth - er
in - ward pain, But we shall still be joined in

minds Is like to that a - bove.
one, Our com - forts and our cares.
flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
heart, And hope to meet a - gain. A - men.

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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