



**United Church of Christ of California – California, MO**  
**Brenda Oesterly** **Guest Speaker**  
**Mrs. Beth Dampf** **Organist**  
**Mrs. Becky Schnieder** **Bell Choir Director**

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**February 15, 2026 ~ Transfiguration Sunday**

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Nora Wolford & Lee Bieri

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to the mountaintop to be covered in Your presence, O God.

**People: We gather to witness Your glory and to listen to Your voice.**

Leader: Just as the disciples beheld the radiant light of Christ, may we open our hearts to the wonder of Your love.

**People: We come to worship, to be transformed by Your grace and to share in Your mission.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**People: We lift our voices in praise, for You are our God, and we are Your people.**

Leader: Let us worship together in spirit and in truth!

**People: Amen!**

\*Hymn No. 57                      “Fairest Lord Jesus ”

\*Prayer of the Day (Unison)

**Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation, long ago you showed yourself to the disciples in Jesus’ transfiguration—his face glowing like a field of daffodils on a bright, spring morning. Shine in us, around us, and through us, that the world may see your glory in the faces of your people—faces transfigured in the light of your love. 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

Ginnie Medlin

Anthem            “The Power of Your Love”

Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Burger

**Prepare our hearts Lord as we come before You today. We pray that You would give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding. Lord, we pray for illumination of Your Word and that You would open our eyes to the truth of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and the great sacrifice He made for us at Calvary. Amen**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:*        Psalm 99                      p. 520

*Second Lesson:*    Matthew 17:1-9            p. 851

Sermon **Transfiguration and Transformation**

Hymn No. 367 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*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. 146 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (sing twice)

\*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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**Wednesday Evening Meal, February 18 ~ 5:45pm**

**Chili dogs & Potato Bar hosted by the Youth**

***Don’t forget to sign up if you are coming!***

**Activities Calendar: February 15, 2026 ~ February 22, 2026**

**Sunday, February 15th**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Tuesday, February 17th**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, February 18th**

1:00 p.m. – Women’s Guild

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:20 p.m. – God’s Singers, Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. – Ash Wed. Service

8:00 p.m. – Sr. Choir

*March Tidings  
News Due by  
February 20<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, February 22nd**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship - Lina Eddy

4:30 p.m. - SS Family Night/Chili/Soup Cookoff

*Looking ahead.....*

*February 23 – Brotherhood*

*March 1 – Lina Eddy – Communion*

*March 2 – Sunday School Teachers and Officers meeting at 6:30 pm*

*March 5- California Care Worship at 9:30 am*

*March 6 – World Day of Prayer at 1pm*

*March 8 – Ken Mathis and R.O.K. Sunday*

*March 9 – Consistory 6:00 pm*

**Office Hours for Lina Eddy**

*Lina plans to be in the Church office beginning Wednesday, February 18, from 12 to 2 pm and Thursdays, from 9-11 am for anyone that would like to visit or need assistance.*

Sunday School is sponsoring Family Night with a Chili and Soup cook-off on **Sunday, February 22, 2026** starting at 4:30, eating at 5:30 pm. Come join us and/or bring your favorite Chili or Soup for bragging rights!

Middle School and High School Girls only - Called To Be – **March 7, 2026 9am to 3pm @ The Crossing, Columbia, MO ~ Please contact Dyan Ingram by Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>** if you are interested in going.

Next High School Mission Trip Information Meeting **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** following worship service.

### **Community Connections Chili & Soup Dinner Fundraiser**

Join us **Saturday, February 28**, from 4:00 to 6:30 pm at Main Street Baptist Church (303 West Main Street) for an all-you-can-eat chili and soup dinner, desserts and beverages, plus a silent auction. Proceeds support individuals with disabilities and unmet needs in Moniteau County. To purchase Tickets: Contact Kristy Gatlin at 573-480-4221 or purchase at the door.

### **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.

*Heavenly Father, grant us the strength to embrace patience in moments of waiting and uncertainty. May Your peace fill our hearts as we trust in Your perfect timing. Amen.*

The Worship Committee invites you to participate in praying for our fellow UCC members/families this upcoming Lenten Season. On the evening of Wednesday, Feb 18, there will be a basket placed in the back of the church with slips of paper with current UCC families identified. Please pick up a slip and find time during this season of Lent to pass prayers for your fellow members. Every family is in need of prayers for something at any given time. Let's all take time to be intentional in prayer and lift these members up.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

*Family and Friends of Bill Merritt*

**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, Jenine Baker, Alan Chambers, Courtney Cassil, Joyce Rohrbach, Jo Suggs, Judy Kilmer

**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*)

**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

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 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 5th**. Easter Flowers may be taken home following worship on April 5th.

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 16th**

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).

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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?

Yes: In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Owed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you!!!

# Fairest Lord Jesus

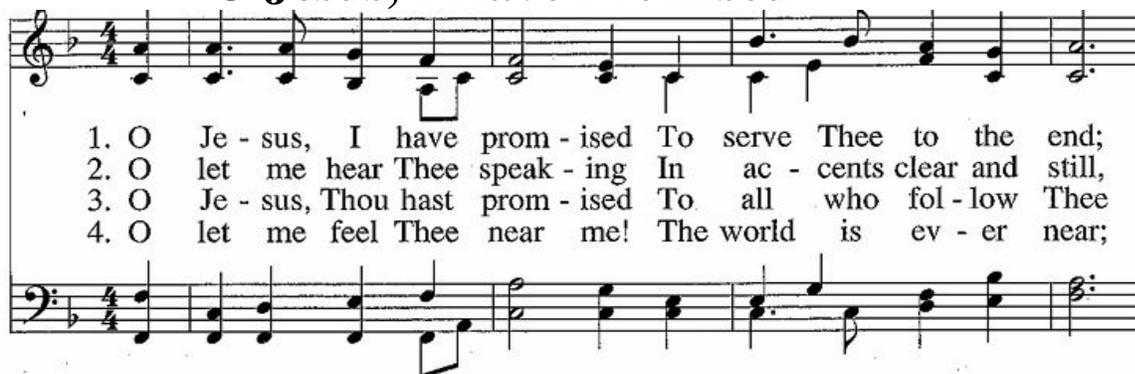
1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,  
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

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

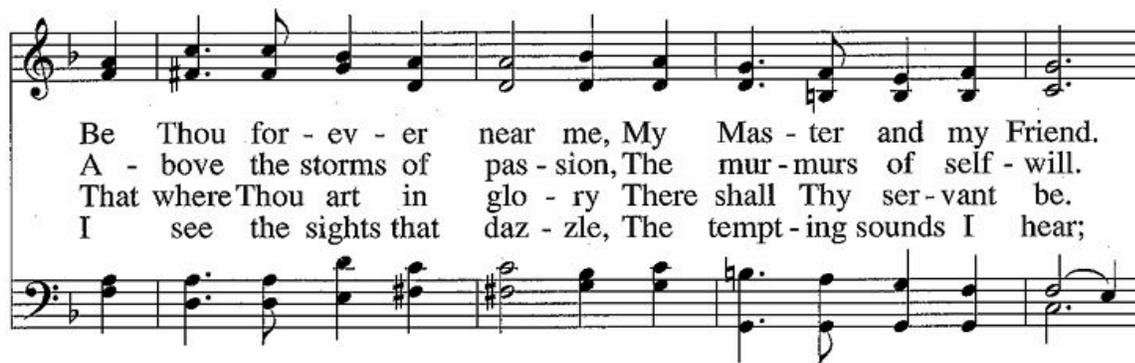
Thee will I cher - ish, Thee will I hon - or, Thou,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, Who  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er, Than

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.

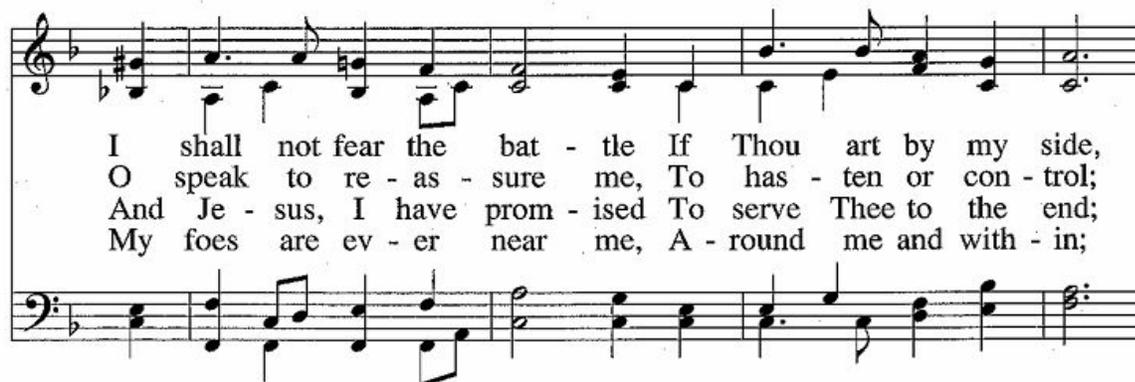
# O Jesus, I Have Promised



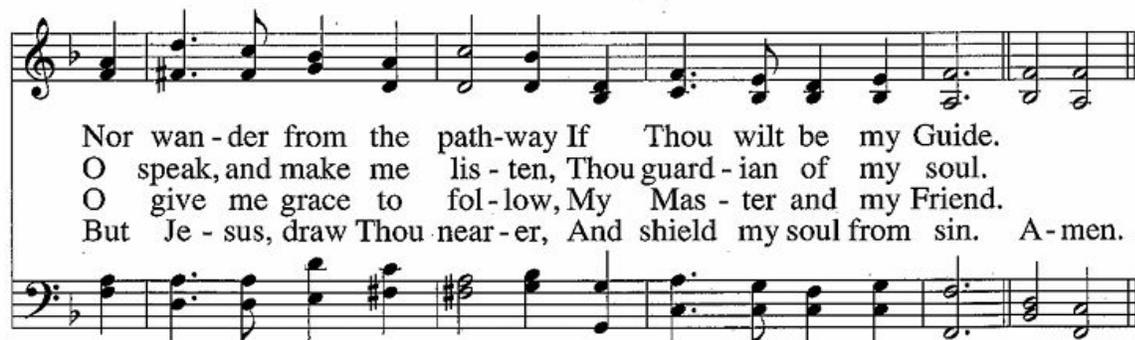
1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;  
2. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,  
3. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee  
4. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend.  
A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.  
That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,  
O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;  
My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my Guide.  
O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.  
O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend.  
But Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin. A - men.

# Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1.

face,  
full in His won - der - ful won - der - ful face, And the  
face,

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G1, F1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0, G0.

things of earth will grow strange - ly dim In the

The third system features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G0, F0, E0, D0, C0, B-1, A-1, G-1.

light of His glo - ry and grace.

The final system concludes with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G-1, F-1, E-1, D-1, C-1, B-2, A-2, G-2.

## 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.**  
*Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
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