

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Lina Eddy Pastor
Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich Sr. Choir Director

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Brynna Hall & McKenna Chambers

Chorale Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, seekers in the night and wanderers in the shadows.

People: We come with questions and longing.

Leader: Come, you who are born of the Spirit.

People: We come to be renewed by God's love.

Leader: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world -

People: But that the world might be saved through him

All: Let us worship the God of light and new life!

*Hymn No. 226 “Spirit of the Living God”

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

Holy God, You meet us in our questions and in our doubts. You come to us in the quiet of night and the brightness of day. Breathe Your Spirit upon us once more. Open our hearts to be born from above. And awaken us to Your saving love. In Christ's name we pray. 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 “Praise Him, Praise Him” p. 6 verse 1

Children’s Time

Anny Roll

Anthem “People Need The Lord”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Brad Friedrich

Gracious and Holy God, As Your Word is read and proclaimed shine Your light upon us. In our questions, meet us with truth, in our doubts, meet us with grace, In our weariness, breathe into us Your Spirit. Open our Hearts to be born from above, so that we may not only hear Your Word, but receive it, trust it, and walk in its light. Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Romans 5:1-5,13-17 p. 980

Second Lesson: John 3:1-17 p. 924

Sermon

A Journey of Faith

Hymn No. 325 “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Invitation to the Offering

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

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, You have given us new birth through Your Spirit. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them to ring light where there is darkness. Hope where there is despair, and love where it is most needed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to **all** who seek to receive the Gift of God in Jesus Christ. This table is spread for you and for all.*

The inner circle contains white wine. The outer circles contain red grape juice.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we pray together -

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

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements (*Please hold the elements until all have been served, so that all commune together.*)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, We give You thanks for this holy meal – for bread broken and cup shared, for grace poured out and love made visible. In this sacrament You have met us again, not with condemnation, but with mercy. Not with judgment, but with saving love. Having been nourished at Your table, send us into the world as people born of the Spirit – to walk in the light, to love as Christ loves, and to serve with humble hearts. May this meal strengthen us for the journey of Lent and for the work of Your Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Hymn No. 334 “Amazing Grace”

*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

***Ushers – Larry Schoeneberg & Anny Roll
Greeters – Cinda Scheidt and Hadley Milligan***

***Church office: 573-796-4885 Website: www.calmo-ucc.org
rhonda@calmo-ucc.org***

Wednesday Evening Meal, March 4 ~ 5:45pm

Smoked Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and Rolls

Don't forget to sign up!

Activities Calendar: March 1, 2026 ~ March 8, 2026

Sunday, March 1

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship -Communion

12:30 p.m.- Consistory Appreciation Dinner at Burgher Haus

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

11:00 a.m. - Quilters

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance Meeting

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:20 p.m. – God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – Worship – Sr. Choir practice after Worship service

Thursday, March 5

9:30 a.m. – California Care Center Worship

Friday, March 6

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

1:00 p.m.- World Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 7

9:00 a.m. – Called To Be Conference

Sunday, March 8 – Daylight Savings Time

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship -Ken Mathes- R.O.K.

Looking ahead.....

March 9 -Consistory 6pm

March 15- Ross Robertson

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

March 18 – Women’s Guild 1pm

March 22 – Steven Burger

March 23 – Brotherhood 7 pm

March 28 – Young Christian Day at Silver Dollar City in Branson

- Easter VeggieTales

- Salem Shrimp and Chicken Dinner 5:30 to 7 pm

March 29 – Palm Sunday – Rite of Confirmation – Rev. Damien Lake

Wednesday, March 4

Statement of Faith-Lena Bieri

Special Music-David & Cressida Gattermeir and Jess Medlin

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

Sunday, March 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.

Next High School Mission Trip Information Meeting

March 22nd following worship service.

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the month of March, Tuna is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Carol Rackers

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*)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6, 2026 ~ 1:00 p.m.

This year the theme is Nigeria. Guest speaker is Father Tony. Women's Guild invites you to come!

Office Hours for Rev. Lina Eddy

Wednesday, March 4th 10 am to 12 pm

Thursday, March 5th 11am to 1 pm

Salem United Church of Christ

Shrimp and Chicken Dinner

March 28 ~ 5:30-7:00 pm

Dine-in or Carry-out

Meal includes: shrimp or chicken, cheesy potatoes, slaw,
dessert and drink.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 22 to

Brenda Oesterly

Home: 573-796-3013 ~ Cell: 573-291-7165

email: oesterlyb@yahoo.com

Stained Glass Window Project

The project is complete and the total was \$11,430. The windows that were repaired now have shiny flat metal straps that reinforce the glass in addition to the black ones that have been in place for years. The main repairs were on the south side of the church along Stella Street, the back of church on each side of the clock and the south tower.

Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8 — Pray the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. “Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the church and not in man.” Amen

Your Pastor Search Committee

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).

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!!!

Spirit of the Living God

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me,
2. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me,
3. Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, Cast out my fear,

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.
Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me.
Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, Cast out my fear.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me,
Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me,
Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, Cast out my fear,

Just As I Am, without One Plea

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea
2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;
4. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive,

But that Thy blood was shed for me,
With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind;
Wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;

And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be - lieve,

O Lamb of God, I come! I come! A - men.

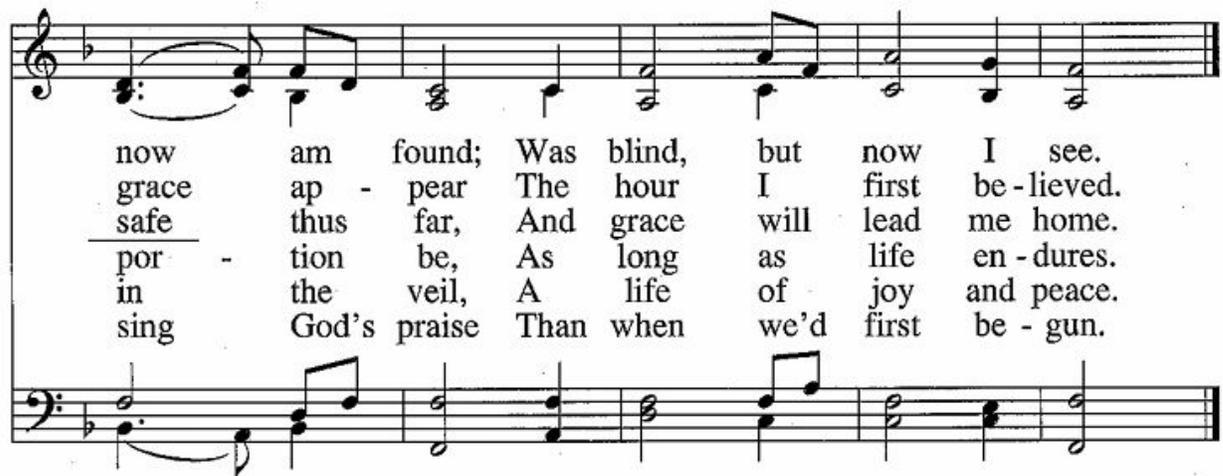
Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound That
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace hath brought me
word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved.
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
por - tion be, As long as life en - dures.
in the veil, A life of joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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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