

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO

Ken Mathes

Guest Pastor

Allan Mortenson

Leader

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Stacy Friedrich

Sr. Choir Director

Mrs. Ellen Ash

Piano Accompanist

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Charley Medlin & Amelia Howard

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

The time for worship has come. Let us gather
beneath the cross of Christ. Let us listen for his
word.

**The time for worship has come. May God's Spirit
prepare our hearts, that we may prove to be
obedient and loving disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Let us worship together in the Name of the God who
creates, redeems, and keeps us forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn No. 19 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Holy God, be near us as we worship. Guide us through
these Lenten days, that our lives may be reformed and**

**renewed in the image of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. In His 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

Carla Clennin

Anthem “The Heart of Worship”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Allan Mortenson

**Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled
world through the life, death, and resurrection of your
Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we
become instruments of your redeeming love; through your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Sermon

F.A.I.T.H.

Hymn No. 316 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

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. 320 “I Saw the Light”

*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*

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rhonda@calmo-ucc.org*

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

TODAY

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. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

Birth

Margaret Ryan Burger was born Thursday, February 26th. She is the daughter of Luke and Katie Burger, granddaughter of Steven and Laura Burger and great-granddaughter of Dolores Burger.

Congratulations to all!

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

Sunday, March 8

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, March 9

6:00 p.m. - Consistory

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 15

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Ross Robertson

Looking ahead.....

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

March 18 – Women’s Guild 1pm

March 20 – First Day of Spring

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 11

Megan Carlock ~ Statement of Faith

Jerene Huff & Larry Rohrbach ~ Special Music

Office Hours for Rev. Lina Eddy

Wednesday, March 11th 12 pm to 2 pm

Thursday, March 12th 9 am to 11 am

Wednesday Evening Meal, March 11th ~ 5:45pm

**Chicken Fettuccine, BBQ Meatballs, Vegetable,
Salad and Bread Sticks**

Don't forget to sign up!

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.

Easter Veggie Tales

Saturday, March 28th

9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Please register by contacting Ronda Mortenson at 573-694-3933 or
rkmort60@gmail.com

Or the Church office at 573-796-4885 or rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Each child will take home a Berenstain Bears First Easter Book
& Bunny Treat Bag

Salem UCC

Annual Shrimp & Chicken Dinner

Saturday, March 28, 2026

5:30-7:00 pm

Dine-in or Carry Out

Shrimp or chicken, cheesy potatoes, slaw, dessert & drink

**Please RSVP by Monday, March 22 to Brenda Oesterly at
oesterlyb@yahoo.com or call 573-291-7165 (cell).**

Freewill donations for the meal. Look forward to seeing our friends and family
on this special night!

Finke Theatre Presents
The Living Lord's Supper
Live Performance at 7:00 p.m. **March 20 and 21**
www.finketheatre.com or 573-691-9939

Next High School Mission Trip Information Meeting
March 22nd following worship service.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Nettie Mouse and Helen Heinen

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*)

Psalm 139:23-24 — Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. "Father, please cause this to be a time of deep cleansing and renewal in our church. May we always be the church You have called us to be. It is all about You and not us." Your Pastor Search Committee

Dear Church,

Just a note to say Thank you for the Lenten devotion, the Tidings and the card you send me once a month, that so many of my Dear Friends have signed.

I grew up in a wonderful church and will never forget all the wonderful Sunday School teachers I had.

May God Bless the U.C.C. in California, MO.

I love one and all.

Nadine Dougherty

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

The Church will be open starting at noon on Good Friday, April 3rd to noon on Saturday, April 4th for members to come and pray. There is sign-up poster located at the back to sign-up for 30-minute intervals. We hope to have all the slots filled so there is a 24-hour period of continuous prayer.

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: _____

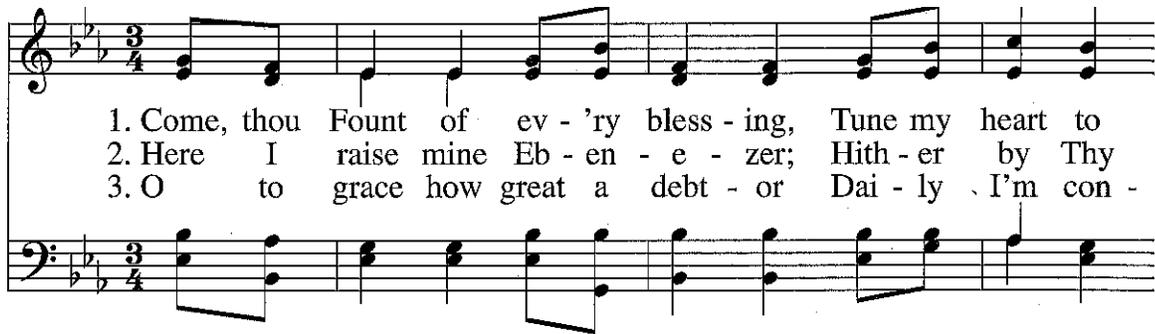
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Total Owed: _____

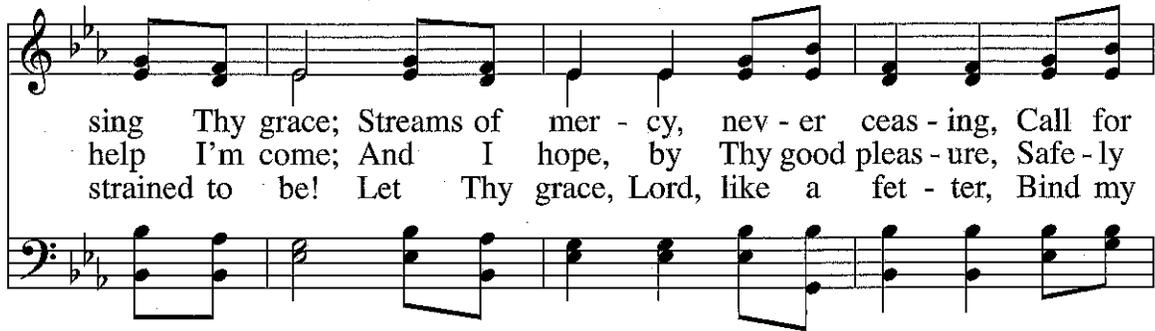
Please make your check out to United Church of Christ of California and write Easter Flower in the memo line.

Thank you!!!

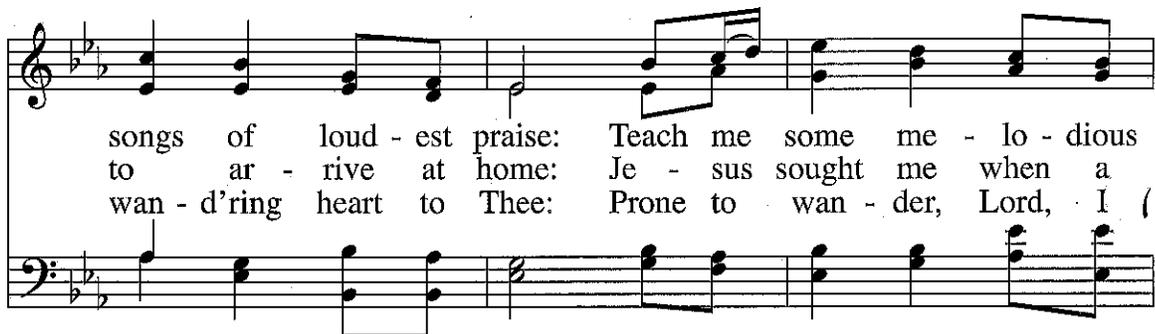
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1. Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2. Here I raise mine Eb - en - e - zer; Hith - er by Thy
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly, I'm con -



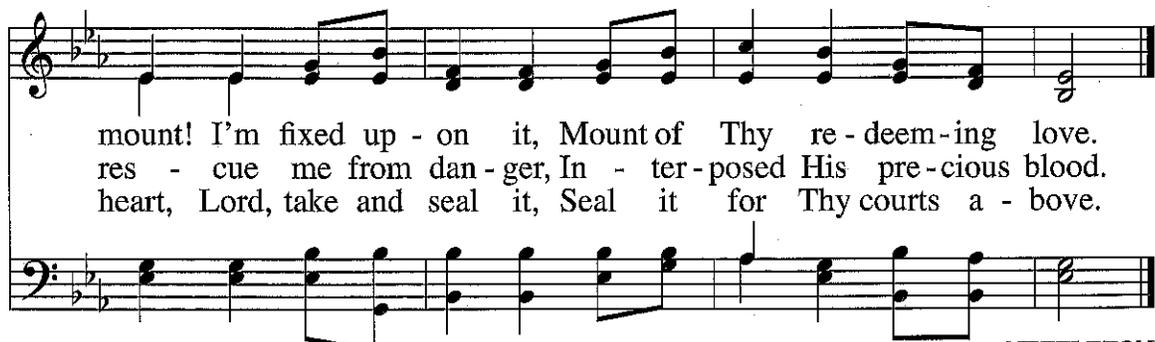
sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for
help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly
strained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my



songs of loud - est praise: Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home: Je - sus sought me when a
wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I (



son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
 4. O for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

Call - ing for you and for me;
 Plead - ing for you and for me?
 Pass - ing from you and from me;
 Prom - ised for you and for me;

See, on the
 Why should we
 Shad - ows are
 Though we have

por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies,
 gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,
 sinned He has mer - cy and par - don,

Watch - ing for you and for me.
 Mer - cies for you and for me?
 Com - ing for you and for me.
 Par - don for you and for me.

Come home, come home,

Come home, come home, come home,

Come home, come home,

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of musical notation. The top line is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It features a melody with a long note on 'Come home,' followed by a series of eighth notes. The bottom line is a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Come home, come home, come home,' are written between the two staves, and 'Come home, come home,' are written below the bass staff.

You who are wea-ry, come home;

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of musical notation. The top line is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It features a melody with a long note on 'You who are wea-ry,' followed by a series of eighth notes. The bottom line is a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'You who are wea-ry, come home;' are written between the two staves.

Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing—

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth line of musical notation. The top line is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It features a melody with a long note on 'Ear - nest-ly,' followed by a series of eighth notes. The bottom line is a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing—' are written between the two staves.

Call-ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth line of musical notation. The top line is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It features a melody with a long note on 'Call-ing,' followed by a series of eighth notes. The bottom line is a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Call-ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"' are written between the two staves.

I Saw the Light

1. I wan-dered so aim - less, life filled with sin.
2. Just like a blind man I wan-dered a - long;
3. I was a fool to wan - der and stray;

I would - n't let my dear Sav - ior in.
Wor - ries and fears I claimed for my own.
Straight is the gate and nar - row the way.

Then Je - sus came like a stran - ger in the night.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Now I have trad - ed the wrong for the right;

Praise the Lord! I saw the light!
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

F

I saw the light, I saw the light.

B \flat F

No more dark - ness, no more night!

Now I'm so hap - py, no sor-row in sight.

C 7 F D.S.

Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

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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