

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Ross Robertson **Guest Speaker**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Becky Schneider **Bell's Director**

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Georjie Peck & Max Robertson

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

*Hymn No. 57 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

Light of light, open our hearts to the voice of your Word and free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and a change of heart, for he lives and reigns with you forever and ever. 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

JoAnn Cantriel

Anthem “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” Bells

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Toni Kueffer

God of all faithfulness, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who died but now lives to reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 107:23-30 p. 526

Second Lesson: Mark 4:35-41 p. 871

Sermon **The Storm Before The Calm**

Hymn No. 189 “Before the Cross of Jesus”

UCC Statement of Faith- *Found inside the front cover of hymnal or on the yellow laminated sheet in the pew*

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. 165 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

*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

Statements of Faith ~ Wednesday, March 18

Royce Everett – son of Seth and Kristen Everett



Logan Milligan – daughter of Lisa and James Milligan



Special Music

Hadley & Ada Milligan, Norah Everett,
Brynna & Hunter Hall, Blain Kusgen, & Jess Medlin

Wednesday Evening Meal, March 18 ~ 5:45pm

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Confirmation Reception hosted by the Women's Guild –
March 25, 2026 ~ following the Lent service
All are welcome!

Activities Calendar: March 15, 2026 ~ March 22, 2026

Sunday, March 15th Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, March 18th Fifth Wednesday in Lent

1:00 p.m. – Women's Guild

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:20 p.m. – God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – Worship (*followed by Sr. Choir*)

April Tidings News
Due by **Friday,**
March 20th

Friday, March 20th – First Day of Spring

Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Steven Burger

Looking ahead.....

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

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

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Leta Higgins

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*)

Prayer from the Search Committee...

John 13:34, John 17:21 — Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. "Help us surrender all bitterness, division, and anger within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forgiving love."

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.

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

Confirmation robes are available to be picked up. They are hanging in the Sunday School hallway with names on them. Thanks!

New Member Class

Sunday, April 19th, there will be a lunch immediately following the service for anyone interested in joining the Church. New member classes will follow on Sunday mornings during Sunday School hour taught by Rev. Lina Eddy. Anyone interested in joining the Church let the Church office know.

Mark your Calendars
Cabinet Meeting – April 26th at 2:00 pm

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

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.

Office Hours for Rev. Lina Eddy

Thursday, March 19 11 to 1 pm

Friday, March 20 1 pm to 3 pm

Seniors

The application for the UCC Scholarship has been mailed out or you can pick one up in the church office. They need to be returned by April 9, 2026.

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, **TOMORROW
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!!!

Fairest Lord Jesus

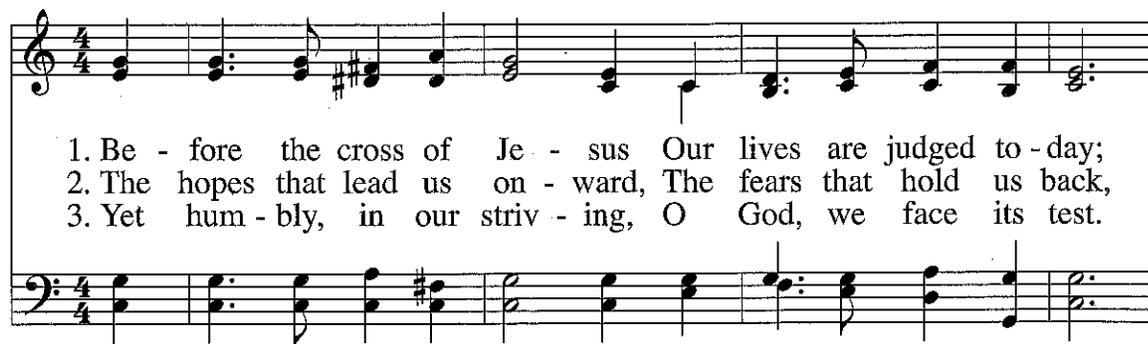
1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

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

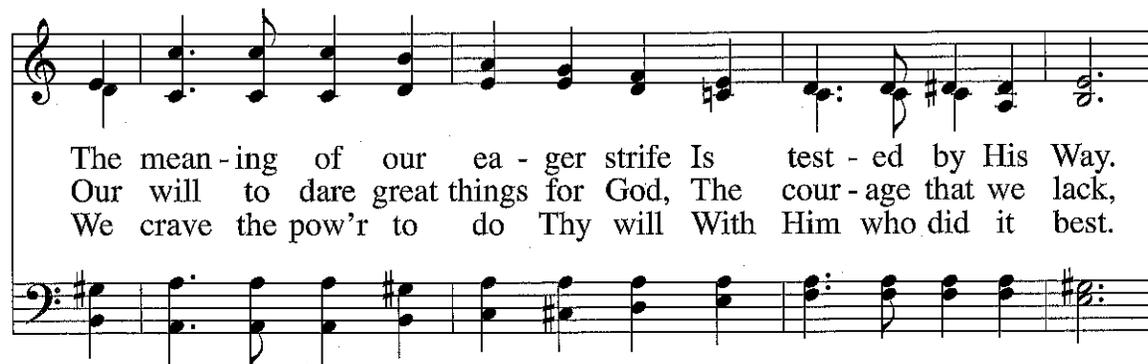
Thee will I cher - ish, Thee will I hon - or, Thou,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, Who
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er, Than

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.

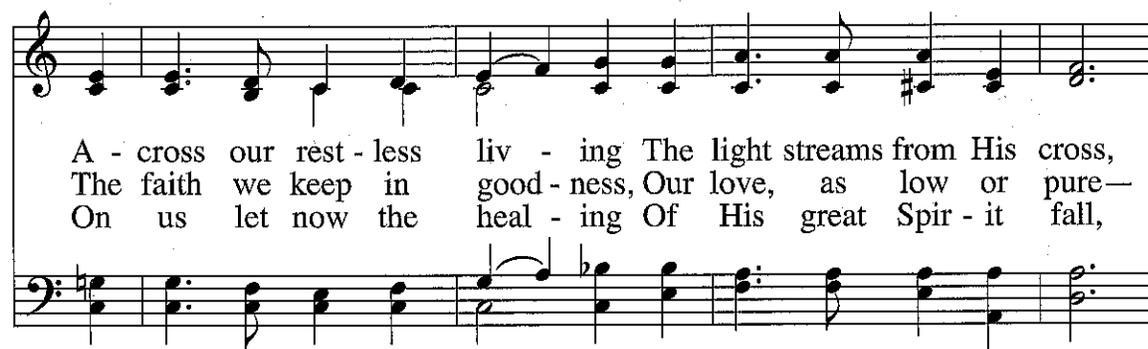
Before the Cross of Jesus



1. Be - fore the cross of Je - sus Our lives are judged to - day;
2. The hopes that lead us on - ward, The fears that hold us back,
3. Yet hum - bly, in our striv - ing, O God, we face its test.



The mean - ing of our ea - ger strife Is test - ed by His Way.
Our will to dare great things for God, The cour - age that we lack,
We crave the pow'r to do Thy will With Him who did it best.

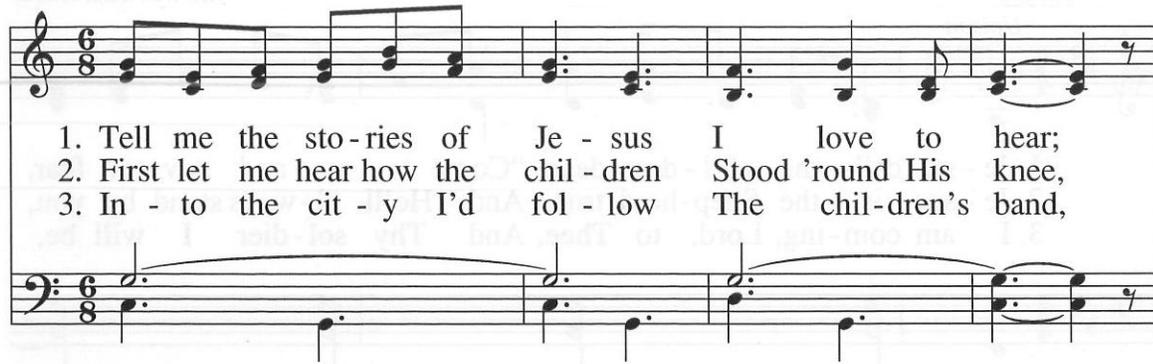


A - cross our rest - less liv - ing The light streams from His cross,
The faith we keep in good - ness, Our love, as low or pure—
On us let now the heal - ing Of His great Spir - it fall,



And by its clear, re - veal - ing beams We meas - ure gain and loss.
On all, the judg - ment of the cross Falls stead - y, clear, and sure.
And make us brave and full of joy To an - swer to His call.

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus



1. Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus I love to hear;
2. First let me hear how the chil - dren Stood 'round His knee,
3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low The chil - dren's band,



Things I would ask Him to tell me If He were here:
And I shall fan - cy His bless - ing Rest - ing on me;
Wav - ing a branch of the palm tree High in my hand;



Scenes by the way - side, Tales of the sea,
Words full of kind - ness, Deeds full of grace,
One of His her - als, Yes, I would sing



Sto - ries of Je - sus, Tell them to me.
All in the love - light Of Je - sus' face.
Loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

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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