





\*Hymn No. 227      “Breath on Me, Breath of God”

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of life,  
we confess that we dwell among dry bones.  
We cling to despair.  
We speak words that diminish life.  
We doubt that change is possible.  
Forgive us when we limit your power.  
Open our graves of fear and complacency.  
Breathe your Spirit into us again,  
that we may live as your renewed people.  
Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells  
in you, that same Spirit gives you life.  
**Thanks be to God, who makes us alive in Christ.**

\*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

*Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,  
God is love, God is love; Praise Him, praise Him,  
all ye little children, God is love, God is love.*

Children’s Time

Puppets

Anthem

“Sanctuary of Grace”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Carla Clennin

**Wise, all-knowing God, soften our hardened hearts that we may hear your voice in the reading of the Scriptures. Lead us and feed us as we travel through this Lenten wilderness towards the promised land. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Ezekiel 37:1–14 p. 747

*Second Lesson:* John 11:17-44 p. 934

The word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**Can These Bones Live?**

Hymn No. 170 “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”

Apostle’s Creed

Christians, what do you believe?

**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. 434 “Precious Lord Take My Hand”

\*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

**Wednesday, March 25th**

Special Music- Sabra Mertens

**Wednesday Evening Meal, March 25th ~ 5:45pm**

**Baked Potato Bar**

*Don't forget to sign up!!*

**Reception for Confirmation Class of 2026**

*Hosted by the Women's Guild*

March 25, 2026 ~ following the Lent service  
downstairs in the Friendship Hall. All are welcome!

**New Member Class**

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rkmort60@gmail.com)

Or the Church office at 573-796-4885 or [rhonda@calmo-ucc.org](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> to noon on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 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 25 ~ 12 to 2 pm*

*Friday, March 26 ~ 9 am to 11 am*

## Activities Calendar: March 22, 2026 ~ March 29, 2026

### Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

### Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 p.m. - Brotherhood

### Tuesday, March 24

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

### Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Sixth Wednesday in Lent

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*)

8:00 p.m.- Reception for Confirmands

### Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. -VeggieTales

5:30 p.m.- Salem Shrimp and Chicken Dinner

Young Christian Day at Silver Dollar City

### Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- Rev. Damien Lake

*Looking ahead.....*

*April 2 – Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service 7 pm*

*April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunrise – 7 am – Breakfast following*

*Easter Service – 10:30 am*

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[rhonda@calmo-ucc.org](mailto:rhonda@calmo-ucc.org)*

## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **March 29—Palm Sunday**

Worship 10:30 a.m.—Rite of Confirmation

### **April 2—Maundy Thursday**

Worship 7 p.m.—Holy Communion & Tenebrae

### **April 3—Good Friday**

Church Office Closed

### **April 5—Easter**

Worship 7 a.m.—Holy Communion (Breakfast following worship)

Worship 10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

## **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 TODAY 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!

High School Seniors that are members of California UCC, the Kaiser Scholarship Applications were mailed out and are due in the office **by April 9th!**

Prayer from Search Committee.....

Hebrews 6:12 — Pray that we will patiently await God's timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true person of God and a great leader.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

*Family and Friends of Tom Jones*

**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*)

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

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics provided for four different vocal parts.

life a - new, That I may love what Thou dost  
heart is pure, Un - til with Thee I will one  
whol - ly Thine, Till all this earth - ly part of  
nev - er die, But live with Thee the per - fect

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics describe the spiritual transformation and the desire to love God and His creation.

love And do what Thou wouldst do.  
will, To do and to en - dure.  
me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece with a final Amen. The melody ends with a sustained chord in the bass staff.

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down!  
 That were a pres - ent far too small:

My rich - est gain I count but loss,  
 All the vain things that charm me most  
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all. A - men.

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me  
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
near; When my life is al - most gone,  
near, And the day is past and gone;

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I  
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
hand; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

## 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.*

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.**