

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People

**Blessed are we who can laugh
at ourselves for we shall never
cease to be amused.**



**March 13th, 2016
Worship 10 am
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

grace. Through the great mystery of faith, deliver us from our captivity to sin and lead us from death to life. Amen

**WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)*

As Mary anointed Jesus' feet with precious perfume, our God of extravagant love anoints us with grace and mercy.

We are thankful that God pours grace at our feet. In Jesus name, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581*

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Poem Mystique"

by Richard Purvis

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Hymn#451 (Verse 2)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 126

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Via Dolorosa"

arr. Tom Fettke

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:1-8

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON:

"The Science of Humor"

Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

**HYMN "When Mary Poured a Rich Perfume" words below - Tune ("I Sing the Mighty Power of God") ELLACOMBE 8.6.8.6 D text by Carolyn Gillette*

*When Mary poured a rich perfume on Jesus' weary feet,
Her caring filled that humble room; the fragrance there was sweet.
But full of anger, Judas said, "We could have used this more!
Why was her gift not sold instead and given to the poor?"*

*The Lord replied, "Leave her alone! She bought it for this day.
This caring love that she has shown is faithful to God's way.
The poor will always be with you, but you will not have me."
He blessed her and he thanked her, too, for giving lavishly.*

*O Christ, what can your people bring to show you thanks and love?
You need no fragrant offering; for now you reign above.
Since there will never cease to be the poor throughout the land,
May we, your church, serve faithfully by offering them our hand.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)

Loving Father, Lord of clowns and smiling saints, we rejoice that You are a God of laughter and tears. Blessed are You, for You have rooted within us the gifts of humor, lightheartedness and mirth. With jokes and comedy, You cause our hearts to sing as laughter flows out of us. We are grateful that Your Son, calls and invites us to be glad for Your sake. We delight in laughter that becomes medicine to heal the chaos of the cosmos since it calls each of us from the routine of daily life into joy, adventure, and service for those in need. May Your holy laughter ring out to the edges of the universe. Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, Who invites us to be filled with holy laughter and who taught us to pray saying: **(The Lord's Prayer)**

(Prayer adapted from: Prayers for the Domestic Church, Ed Hays)

CHORAL RESPONSE

**HYMN #157 "Lord of the Dance" American Shaker melody*

**BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE "Voluntary V" by Richard Peek

DID YOU KNOW? Notes on "I Danced in the Morning"
Sydney Bertram Carter (6 May 1915 - 13 March 2004) was an English poet, songwriter, folk musician, born in Camden Town, London. He is best known for the song "**Lord of the Dance**" (1967), set to the tune of the American Shaker song "Simple Gifts". Carter once said, *"I did not think the churches would like it at all. I thought many people would find it pretty far flown, probably heretical and anyway dubiously Christian. But in fact people did sing it and, unknown to me, it touched a chord...it's the sort of Christianity I believe in."*

Easter Memorial Flowers Note: The Deacons will deliver to the homebound any flowers that you leave behind after church on Easter.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- ❖ Please pray for the family of David Browne, who passed away February 26th. His memorial will be Saturday, April 30th at 11 am.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Rosella Cooper, a longtime prior member, who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Melissa Jones, who passed away recently.

Please pray for those facing health issues

John Baker	Karla Moberly	Alan Reil
Judy Bello	Amy Hulsman	Pamela Sage
Dan Boland	Sam Imbimbo	Carole Somer
Jim Chestnut	MaryAnn Iodence	Vera Patten
Jackie Del Carlo	Ron Kram	Ed and Fay St. John
Krissy Healy	Marie Patchin	Ines Teague
Jim Mason	Albert Reil	Don Utley

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, US Navy Jason Imbimbo, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center.

Liturgist: Nancy Taylor



The Flowers for this Sunday service are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Sally Kate Henderson, a beloved charter member of Church of the Roses, who passed peacefully into heaven one year ago today, March 13, 2015. How we love and miss you mom, Kathy, Vicki, and Joseph

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Alloway, *Pastor*
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 Althea Wright, *Accompanist*
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UPCOMING EVENTS NO MHS BREAKFAST: Mar. 21- 28 Resumes 3/29

SUNDAYS

BIBLE STUDY 8:15 am *"The Four Gospels"*

MUSIC MEMORY WORKSHOP 9:00 am *Learn Ukulele in Sunday School Rm.*

TODAY! *WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER? Would you like to SEE or BE one? 11:30am*

NEW MEMBER CLASS: March 20th at 11:30 am in Rose Rm.

HAITI ORIENTATION MEETING moved to March 20th at 2 pm.



MONDAYS

STRONGER SENIORS EXERCISE 10 am *in the Rose Rm.* Your body will thank you!

PW EVENING BIBLE STUDY 3rd Mondays at 7 pm

TUESDAYS

PW WOMEN 3rd Tuesdays MARCH 15th CREATE YOUR OWN MANDALA,

Bible Study 10:30 am, Potluck Luncheon 12:15 pm

PARENTING WORKSHOP: RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN – MARCH 15, 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAYS

LAST ONE: Wed. 3/16 LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 5:30–6:30 PM followed by

SCIENCE & RELIGION STUDY 6:30–8 PM . Call for child care.

WINDJAMMERS LUNCHEON AT SRJC CULINARY CAFÉ Wed. April 13th at 12 pm. Call Beverly Mueller for reservations by April 10th.

THURSDAYS

CULTURAL LITERACY RELIGIONS 9:00 am

BELLS PRACTICE 6 pm and CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30 pm *Welcome!*

BOOK CLUB 3rd Thursdays at 3:30 pm – MARCH 17TH *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje. *By sea from Sri Lanka to England with a boy and his friends.*

FAVORITE FILM SERIES - MARCH 31ST @ 2 PM, *The Imitation Game* with Benedict Cumberbatch. Alan Turing breaks the Enigma Code in WWII.

FRIDAYS

NOON HOUR OF PRAYER & Encouragement: *Meditative music & readings.*

The Voyagers will be volunteering at the Redwood Empire Food Bank on Monday, **April 4 from 5:30-7:00 pm**, followed by dinner and socializing at Kaffe Mocha (Airport Blvd. near the Airport Cinemas). Callers will be contacting you soon. Call or e-mail Diane Osten if you need more information.



Thank you!

Bruce and Cindy Peterson have donated two rosebushes in memory of Doris and Neil Peterson, who were active in our church for many years.



JOIN US THIS LENTEN SEASON!

SUNDAYS: Science of..... Sermon Series

WED.: Soup Suppers 5:30 pm & Science & Theology Study at 6:30 pm

FRIDAYS: Noon Hour of Prayer & Encouragement

EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES: MARCH 19 at 10 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY: MARCH 24 at 5:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: MARCH 25 from 12-1pm

EASTER with Choir Cantata: MARCH 27 at 10 am



Sunday Forum March 13 11:30 a.m.

What is a Stephen Minister?

Would you like to SEE one or BE one?



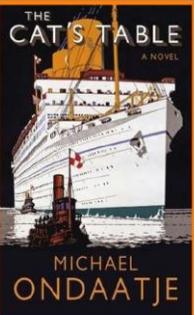
Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, March 15
Bible Study # 7 10:30 a.m.
Salad Pot Luck Lunch 12:15



Create Your Own Mandala

Grown-ups can color!



Book Club
Thurs. March 17
3:30 P.M

The Cat's Table
by Michael Ondaatje

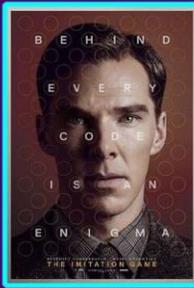
By sea from Sri Lanka to England
and a new life with a boy
and his friends.

New Member Class Sunday March 20



11:30 a.m. in the Rose Room

Learn what it means to become a member of our Presbyterian Church of the Roses family.



Favorite Film Series
Thursday March 31 2:00 p.m.

The Imitation Game

Alan Turig breaks the Enigma Code in World War II

Benedict Cumberbatch

FROM OUR DEACONS:

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO OFFER A RIDE TO CHURCH TO ANOTHER MEMBER ON SUNDAY?

IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO CONNECT YOU WITH A RIDER.