



# **FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

# First Sunday of Lent

# Worship 10 am

**First Time Here?** Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall.

#### Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers. **Tip for the Service** \*Asterisk means please stand if able. The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation. Please sign the red friendship pad in the pews and pass it.

### Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service. **Questions on where to go?** Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

## **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

"Siciliano"

by J. S Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHIMES Hunger Task Force/25 cents a day collection

INTROIT "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" by Peter Cutts, 1969

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

### Come, Holy Spirit,

The wind of God, the breath of Life.

#### Come, Holy Spirit,

Our Advocate, our Counselor.

#### Come, Holy Spirit,

Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

#### Come, Holy Spirit,

Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

#### Come, Holy Spirit.

May we feel God breathing through our worship.

May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to our all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of justice and love. Amen.

#### **\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

Hear the good news from Romans 5: 1-2 and 5

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. **Thanks be to God!** 

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581Gloria PatriCALL FOR OFFERINGGloria PatriOFFERTORY"Soon I will be Done"\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATIONSpiritual arr. by Calvin TaylorPASSING OF THE PEACEPASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN #2071 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 8 This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!** 

ANTHEM "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" arr. Dale Wood

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 16: 4b-15 Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *We Have the Advocate with Us* Cassie Carroll, MDiv.

\*HYMN #291

"Spirit"

James K. Manley, 1975

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Great God, you wrap us round with love,

like a mighty, gentle mother,

and you carry us like a strong and tender father,

setting us on our feet

to be your free, mature and joyful daughters and sons.

Now, in our weakness, we pray to you because we cannot come through life's troubles unscathed; and, with souls and bodies stressed and strained, we cannot meet each other's needs without your Holy Spirit.

### Holy Spirit, come with healing power;

## Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with us God's love.

Great God, we come to you with the resurrected Christ, who bore the weight of human flesh and blood to Calvary, for your love's sake; and even now, as the conqueror of death, he pleads with you for all your suffering children.

### Holy Spirit, come with healing power;

## Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with us God's love.

We join our prayers to the prayers of Christ for those we know who are ill or troubled, and for all your suffering children who are beyond our reach of mind: we know that all are brought home to your heart in the prayers of Christ and in the silent intercessions of your Spirit, who comes from your deep heart to ours, and returns again to you with all our deepest longings.

## Holy Spirit, come with healing power;

## Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with us God's love.

Heal us and help us, comfort and strengthen us, deepen our joy. Let our love reflect your mighty tenderness and serve you healing gentleness.

## Holy Spirit, come with healing power;

Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with us God's love.

Eternal God, there is great longing in the world; people are desperate because of the suffering they endure. Earth cries out for peace; oppressed people cry for justice; women, men, and children weep in sorrow and pain. How can we have any hope for the world, unless you are with us? Through all the mystery of pain, sorrow and human vulnerability, we dare to believe that you are on our side, that your love for us is greater than ours for you or for each other. Call us, then, to prophesy! By the lives we live, by our patients, by our compassion, by our belief in the future, you will make for us, let your Church proclaim the great things you are doing, with hope for the nations of the world, for every person born, and every living creature.

#### Holy Spirit, come with healing power; Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with us God's love.

So, Living God, let praise begin, here and now with us, welling up from our hearts, rising towards the skies, until praise fills the universe and joy is unconfined: as you delight in us and we delight in you, forevermore. Now, let us pray the prayer Christ taught us saying... **(The Lord's Prayer). Amen.** 

*HYMN #744	"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"	Ruth Duck, 1974

### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Alla Marcia"

by Clifford Harker

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2500 Patio Ct. Santa Rosa, Ca 95405 Phone:707-542-4272 The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Alloway, *Pastor* Barbara McElroy, *Director of Music* Althea Wright, *Accompanist* Cassie Carroll, *Sacred Space Coordinator* Chelsea Howard, *Sunday School Teacher* Eddie Seamans, *Director of Youth Activities* Ruth Canniff, *Office Administrator* Nancy Morgan, *Finance Administrator*  Prayer Requests: Please include in your prayers:

#### Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- Please pray for the family of Frank Lloyd, as they mourn his passing on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.
  His memorial will be on Saturday, February 24, 2018.
- Please pray for the family of Nicolas St. Juste, who passed away on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Please pray for the family of Virginia Rylett, who passed away on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Please pray for Jeanette Bauer's family as they mourn the passing of her brother, Don Morse.

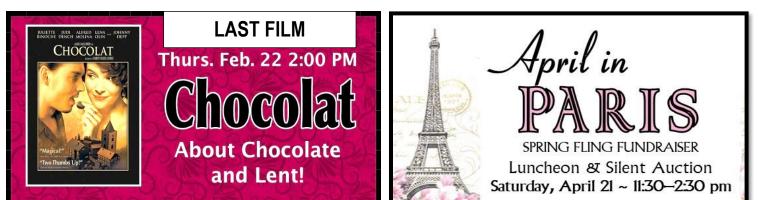
#### Those facing health issues

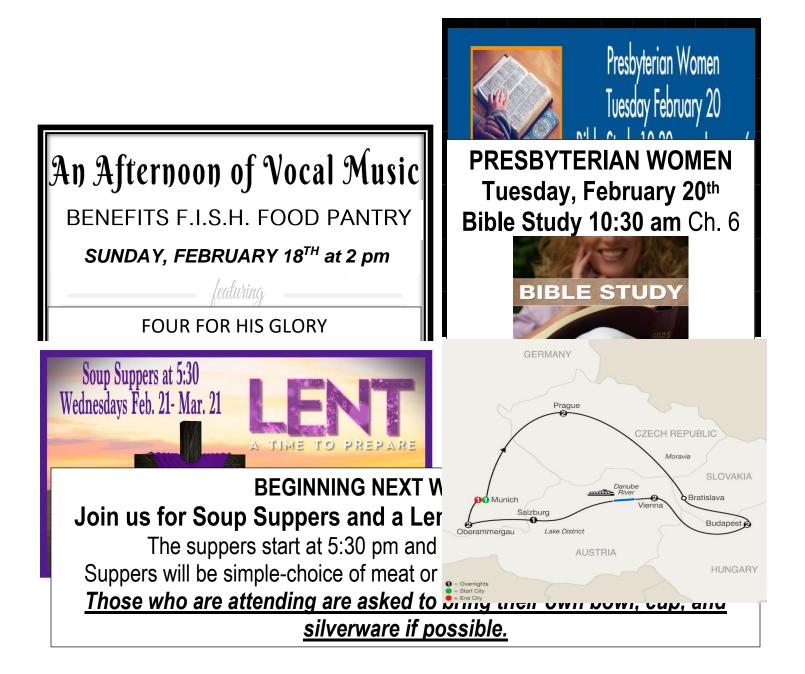
John Baker Judy Bello Barbara Blinn Bob Bunting Patrick Butler Kathryn Alloway Culver Margorie Alloway Dreger Dick Draper Peggy Erhardt Laurie Fenner Ray Foreaker Eric Hoche

Helen MacKenzie Ted McCarthy Jason Montsier Jessica Morse Lucrecia Muñoz Patricia Currier (Joy Olson's mother) Marie Patchin Rhonda Patton Knoles Polly Post Fred Recknagel Bob Simmons Marguerite St. Juste Marisa Taylor Ines Teague Betty and Norm Thornton Bob Weber Helen Wikle Betty Witchey-Ryer Jamie Yen

#### Those serving in our military

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





F.I.S.H. FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS. There will be a new volunteer orientation at F.I.S.H. on Monday, 2/26, at 2:30

# OBERAMMERGAU

2/18/2018	10:00 AM	Worship
Sunday	11:30 AM	Spirituality of Writing
	2:00 PM	Free Community Concert: An Afternoon of Vocal Music
		Four For His Glory, Maria Carrillo Jazz Choir & Song Birds
2/19/2018		NO BREAKFAST
Monday	10:30 AM	New Testament Video Class
	12:00 PM	Qi Gong with Josepha Eveleigh
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
2/20/2018	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Buildings & Grounds
	10:30 AM	PW Bible Study & Luncheon
	5:00 PM	Finance Meeting
	5:30 PM	Worship Committee
	7:00 PM	Christian Ed. Meeting
	7:30 PM	Boy Scouts
2/21/2018	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM	Soup Supper
	6:30 PM	Lenten Study
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