



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People

Hope is eternal,
It may be altering
its source,
shifting in space.
Inner conflicts may be
screening it
intermittently.

Keep in view,
the sunsetting
on your side
is rising as hope
on the other side,
undeterred.
Keep moving
to the hopeful side.
Keep searching for hope.
Keep hoping against hope.



Poem from Choti_pencil

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Second 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 "Contemplation (Tallis Canon)" by Richard Purvis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

INTROIT "We've Come This Far by Faith" by Albert Goodson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Hear and believe the good news: God has called us "my people"!

**God has set up a covenant, over and over again,
choosing us even before we are able to choose,
faithful even when we are faltering.**

In the flood, in the wilderness, in exile;

in certainty and doubt, abundance and scarcity;

God's promise is true to the thousandth generation.

**We see the rainbow, we hear our names, we learn the commandments,
we look up for our help, we know in our hearts:**

we love because God first loved us,

we follow because God first came to us,

we can be faithful because God is faithful.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #838

"Standing on the Promises"

R. Kelso Carter, 1886

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)

Today O God we confess our timidity, our weaknesses,
our fears, and our hesitations.

**As we gather today— as we look at the cross in front of us,
as we remember the crosses that marked our foreheads on Ash
Wednesday, to begin the Lenten journey, as we think of the Cross that
Lent calls us to journey towards.**

May we find strength in new places deep within our souls.

May we find courage, hope, and the peace to really follow Jesus.

May worship today help us to begin the Lenten journey
towards finding our crosses and figuring out how to bear them.

Hear our prayers, remind us of the grace that covers our sin and offers us the
endurance to run the race of faith. Amen.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

Children of God, we are forgiven. As a mother nurtures and holds her babies,
keeping them ever so close, so God does too. Heavenly creator, we trust that
you will continue to inspire us and stay with us, on the mountain, and through
the valleys. **Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I want Jesus to walk with me" Spiritual arr. by Calvin Taylor

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

ANTHEM

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. John Leavitt

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 4:13-22

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

SERMON

Hoping Against Hope?

Rev. Dr Cynthia Alloway

*HYMN Tune #49 "We Hope Against All Hope"

LEONI 6.6.8.4 ("The God of Abraham Praise")

*We hope against all hope! O God, we trust your word —
and we believe in what we've neither seen nor heard.
As Abraham believed and Sarah trusted, too,
so give us faith to hear, O Lord, and trust in you.*

*When everything seems lost, when dreams and visions die,
when things that we can trust are in such short supply,
God, give us faith to see amid the world's despair
that still you call each one of us your child, your heir.*

*God, give us faith-filled eyes to see the things you see —
Not only what there is, but what will surely be.
For everywhere we go, your promises are true:
we're travelers on the journey and we trust in you.*

Biblical Reference: Romans 4:13-25. Tune: ("The God of Abraham Praise").

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)

We are in the wilderness.

We have lost our way.

We cannot fix ourselves.

We need God's intervention in our lives.

And so do many others.

And so we pray:

Come quickly to help us, O God.

Because people are still kept in poverty or slavery,
some are in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors,

some face addiction,
and some are targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are;

Come quickly to help us, O God.

Because we need courage and integrity from leaders in religious, political, economic, and social life; because we love and sometimes struggle with our families, friends, and neighbors; and because the lives of those who sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders are full of challenge and conflict;

Come quickly to help us, O God.

Because there are people who need your healing power, and some who offer healing through their skill and presence; because some have harmed us, and we have harmed others by our action or inaction;

Silence

Come quickly to help us, O God.

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God.

In your compassion, forgive our sins, and intervene to free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray saying

(The Lord's Prayer) Amen. CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" William Bradbury, 1863

*BENEDICTION

Jesus is in you. The God of angel armies surrounds you. The Spirit is moving among us, and driving us out of here to continue in and through each of us what the Spirit has gotten started.

POSTLUDE

"Basse De Trompette"

by Louis Marchand

*Opening prayer ~ written by Rev. Teri Peterson and posted on **LiturgyLink**. <https://www.liturgylink.net/>

*Words of Affirmation written by Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo, Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

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. 18th.
- Please pray for the family of Nicolas St. Juste, who passed away on Jan. 2nd.
- Please pray for the family of Virginia Rylett, who passed away on Jan. 2nd.
- 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.

Liturgist: Chris Rhodes



**Flowers are given by Diane Pierce
In memory of her and Randy's son,
Steven**

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A Documentary **TODAY** in the Rose Room

Your Health: a Sacred Matter

Body and Soul: the Search for Connection
Scientific Research on Religion and Health
Taking Care of Our Own

11:30 a.m Bring your coffee!

Ladies & Gentlemen

WE NEED YOU AT THE SOUND BOARD!

Are you interested in
volunteering some Sundays?

Give it a try!

We will teach you what you need to
know. Please contact the office, Hal
Sneath or Phil Goede. *Thank you!*



April in PARIS

SPRING FLING FUNDRAISER

Luncheon & Silent Auction
Saturday, April 21 ~ 11:30-2:30 pm

DONOR FORMS
AVAILABLE
NOW!

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 pm.**
It lasts less than an hour. It doesn't require
a commitment to volunteer, but gives
anyone thinking about joining us a complete
picture of every task.

PARENT NIGHT OUT

MARCH 9

5:30-7:30 PM

**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY
2020 - Join Pastor Cindy Alloway on
this 12-day tour** which includes 2 days
each in Vienna, Prague,
Budapest, Munich and
Oberammergau!! Informational
Meeting after church **Sunday, March 4.**
Get the Facts and Brochure from
Barbara Nelson, San Marin Travel.



2/25/2018 <i>Sunday</i>	6:00 AM	Troop 32 Annual Pancake Breakfast
	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Healthy BP Screenings
	11:30 AM	Award winning documentary <i>YOUR HEALTH: A Sacred Matter</i> – Searching Connections in Body & Soul
2/26/2018 <i>Monday</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	10:30 AM	New Testament Video Class
	12:00 PM	Qi Gong with Josepha Eveleigh
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop #135
	7:00 PM	Preschool Board Meeting
2/27/2018 <i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	8:30 AM	Buildings & Grounds
	10:00 AM	PW Sewing
	5:30 PM	Church and World
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
2/28/2018 <i>Wednesday</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM	Soup Supper
	6:30 PM	Lenten Study
3/1/2018 <i>Thursday</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	12:00 PM	Committee on Ministry
	12:00 PM	Noon Hour of Prayer (not in Rose Rm)
	6:00 PM	Bells practice
	7:30 PM	Choir practice
3/2/2018 <i>Friday</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	5:00 PM	Set-up for event
	7:00 PM	Korean Youth Group
3/3/2018 <i>Saturday</i>	6:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast PAC 333 Cub Scouts
	6:30 AM	Korean Prayer
	10:30 AM	Tai Chi
3/4/2018 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Sacred Space Evening Service – NEW TIME!

Wednesday Soup Suppers and a Lent Study on Mark's Gospel

The suppers start at 5:30 pm and are followed by the class. Suppers will be simple-choice of meat or vegetarian soup, bread, and fruit. *Those who are attending are asked to bring their own bowl, cup, and silverware if possible.*