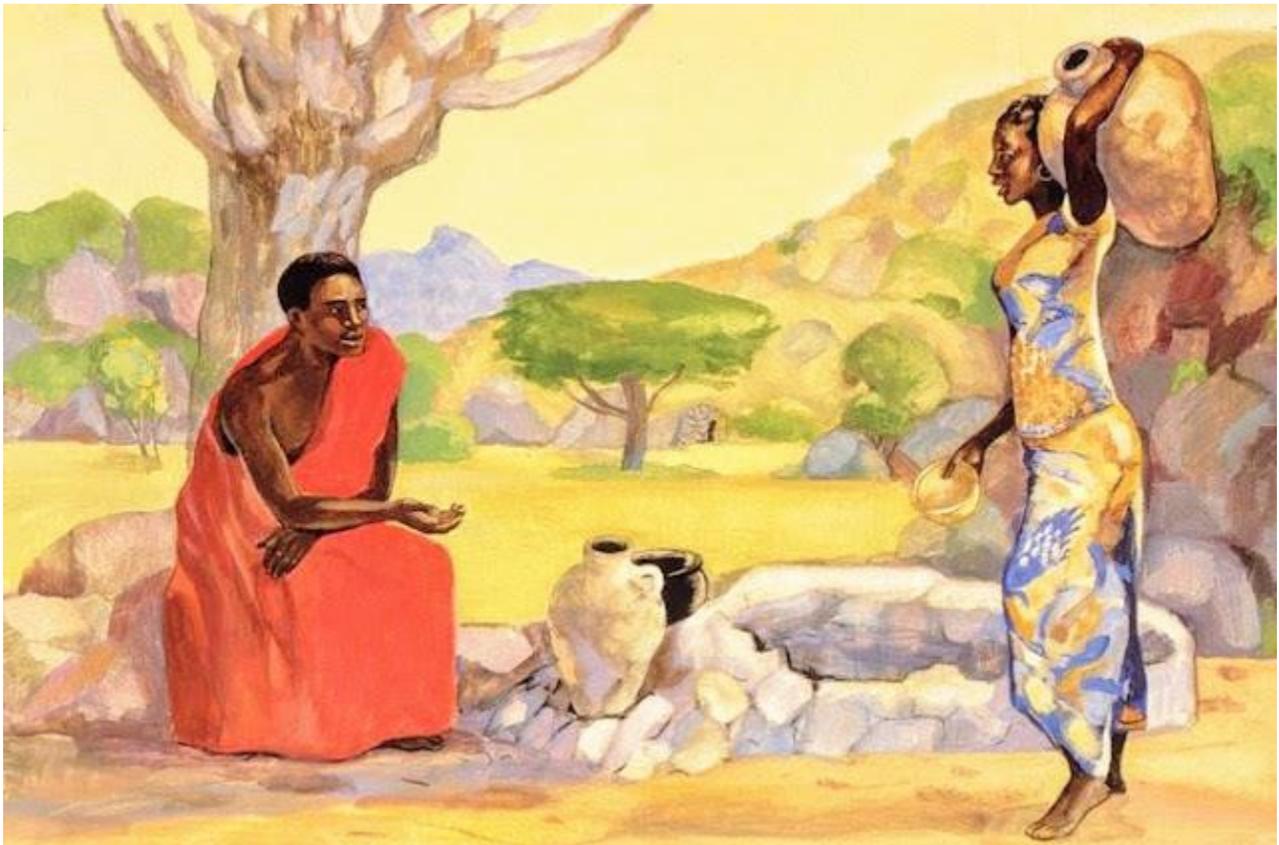




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Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

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Artist: Jesus MAFA project

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 8th, 2026 Worship 10 am

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

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, a hearing loop and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

Children with you?

Activities for kids are in the entry way or kids table in the back of our Sanctuary. Sunday School is offered after *Gathering of the Children* during the service.

Quiet Room open at back of church.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Choral Prelude I" Healey Willan

WELCOME -*If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in the offering plate.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "It Is Well with My Soul" Horatio Spafford
The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Come, let us open our hearts!

We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

*HYMN #687 (vs. 1, 4, 5, 6) "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" William Croft

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

5. Time, like an ever rolling
stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the
night before the rising sun.

6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall
last, and our eternal home.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (Unison)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation are from Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1, pp.105-106.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 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

CALL FOR OFFERING

Diane Osten

OFFERTORY "Manna" (Holy Spirit Light Divine) Richard Purvis



*DOXOLOGY

(click to donate)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Steadfast God of Hope, you have called us to rejoice—not in ease or achievement—but in the grace that sustains us through suffering, the love that meets us in struggle, and the hope that does not disappoint. You pour your Spirit into our hearts, shaping us into a people who give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. As we bring these gifts, may they testify to your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation you offer the world through Christ. In the name of the one who died for us and lives within us, we pray.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION-

HYMN #282 "Come Down, O Love Divine" Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSVUE) Diane Osten

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

ANTHEM "All Things New" Elaine Hagenberg
The Chancel Choir

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- John 4:5-42 (NRSVUE)

SERMON "Living Waters" Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

1. Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath, first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death.
2. Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through, washing off the chains of bondage channel to a life made new.
3. Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold, opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.
4. Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole, drench our dryness, make us whole.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the needs of the world. Saving God, you are the giver of living water, the source of deepest compassion, the fountain of eternal life, and the wellspring of mercy.

For all who are thirsty—thirsty for a life of meaning, thirst for a word of grace, and thirsty for a drink of water.

For all who are weary—weary from life's long journey, weary from quarreling and testing, and weary from pain or grief.

For all who are broken—broken by sin and suffering, broken by hard disappointment, and broken by acts of violence.

Living God, through your Spirit, pour your love into our hearts, your grace into our lives, your healing into our world, until the earth is filled with you glory as the waters cover the sea; through Jesus Christ we pray as we have been taught:

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, forever. Amen.

Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation are from Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1, pp. 106-107.

*HYMN #623

"I've Got Peace like a River"

African American Spiritual

1. I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (repeat)

2. I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (repeat)

3. I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. (repeat)

*BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE-

"Voluntary V"

edited by Richard Peek

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Diane Osten*

MUSIC: *Carol Menke, the Chancel Choir, along with Althea Wright, accompanist.*

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : *Anthony Cornejo, Phil Goede, Damaris Hamilton, DJ Maxwell-Kellam, Mia Krause, Josh Lim, Nico Wycoff*

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Cents-ability Sunday

As food insecurity persists and inflation continues to raise prices of essential goods, please be reminded that many people in the Presbytery of the Redwoods and throughout the world are relying on your Cents-Ability donations to sustain them in their times of need.

The Presbytery of the Redwoods Hunger Task Force has been hard at work this year, reviewing grant requests and has funded 3 timely, creative, innovative and necessary projects. Through your contributions and by God's grace, we have awarded **\$6,000.00** to date to support hunger alleviation projects in our communities. To date, the Cents-Ability account balance is approximately **\$300.00**.

***Containers for your donation available in the Narthex and Campbell Ct.
Part of your donation goes to our MHS Breakfast program.***



PRAYER REQUESTS- Please include in your prayers-

Greg Basham
Jim Bauer
Dan Bargar
Barbara Blinn
David Barber
Diana Burdick
Walker Cash
Marjorie Cortez
Yvonne Draper
Robert Flandermeyer

Michele Hare
Phil Henry
Macey Luu Kellam
Kensi
Marina
Chris Ledwick
Vivian Mazeski
Carole Michel
Gene Michel
Lesley Pillsbury

Jonathan Steele
Bill St. John
Lynne Vandercook
Dr. Bob Yee

Those serving in our military

Coast Guard Commander Ian Alloway Culver in Washington D.C – Headquarters, Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve, those aboard the USS Midway CVS



“Plant is donated by Barbara Nelson in honor of her adult grandchildren, Steven and Tiffany.”

UPCOMING LENTEN SEASON EVENTS

- ❖ **Palm Sunday Service – March 29th 10am**
- ❖ **Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship is April 2nd at 5:30pm**
- ❖ **Good Friday Concert 7:30pm April 3rd (free)**
Featuring: REQUIEM by Michael John Trotta
- ❖ **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE- 10am April 5th**

