



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All



"Wedding Feast" by John August Swanson

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022 ~ ZOOM Worship 10 am

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Aria"

by Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46)

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Come, behold the works of the Lord;

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #664

"Morning Has Broken"

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Morning has broken like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from Heaven,

Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,

Born of the one light Eden saw play.

Praise with elation, Praise every morning,

God's re-creation of the new day!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.....

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we

are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses

for ourselves when called to share.

All: The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

One: Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ellen Marks

OFFERTORY

"My Dearest Jesu"

by Johann Cruger

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Your Word is Like A Lamp" Carolyn W. Gillette

(to the tune of Hymn #722, "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak")

Your word is like a lamp, O Lord, and like a light to guide our way,

For in this ever-changing world, it bears your promise every day.

God, open wide each heart and mind, by your own Spirit, now we pray,
That in your scriptures we may find, new strength to serve you every day.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 36:5–10

Ellen Marks

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"In This Very Room"

Ron & Carol Harris
Carol Menke, Soprano
Althea Wright, Piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 2:1–11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When

the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

SERMON

The Meaning of Miracles

Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #15 (vs.1,4) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

St. Francis of Assisi,(1225), paraphraser: William H. Draper

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (Based on Psalm 46)

One: God, our refuge and strength, shelter us from life's storms, from pandemic pain, from heartache and loss. Strengthen us to withstand the worry, the exhausting but necessary work, the temptations to stray from you

toward idols who only offer fleeting comfort. Hold us close, like the mother hen who covers her chicks with her wing, so we can know we are yours, feel your steady presence, and know your peace.

All: God, you are in the midst of the city, the nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter. Help us to know your presence among us, God, comfort us with the strength of your guidance in a world experiencing so much pain and upheaval. May our world's leaders walk humbly and practice faithful discernment, surrounding themselves with honest truth-tellers who will hold them to your ethic of love and justice.

One: Come, let us behold the works of God, let us be still and know our God. God, help us be still. Help us forget about the work still left undone, the chores piling up, the deadlines approaching. Help us to rest here, in your presence. Help us behold you and belong to you. We cannot continue without the rest you provide. Help us embrace this stillness as your great gift. United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together (The Lord's Prayer).

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

*HYMN #662 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" German folk melody; author, Charles Wesley (1740) adapted: Johann Werner (1815)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies;
Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise;
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

*BENEDICTION: God's grace is extravagant and abundant. Know this grace in your life. Share this grace with others. May God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless you this day and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary VII in D Minor"

by John Stanley

PASTOR: Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway LITURGIST: Ellen Marks
MUSIC: Carol Menke, Althea Wright
TECHNOLOGY: Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Nico Wycoff

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About the Bulletin Cover Artist: “Wedding Feast” by John August Swanson
JOHN AUGUST SWANSON makes his home in Los Angeles, California, where he was born in 1938. His art reflects the strong heritage of storytelling he inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. John Swanson’s narrative is direct and easily understood. He addresses himself to human values, cultural roots, and his quest for self-discovery through visual images. These include Bible stories and social celebrations such as attending the circus, the concert, and the opera. He also tells of everyday existence, of city and country walks, of visits to the library, the train station or the schoolroom. All his parables optimistically embrace life and one’s spiritual transformation.

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PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

Tony Burille's memorial has been postponed.

A memorial for Lucy Poindexter will be held on Sat., March 19, at 2 pm.

Those mourning the death of their loved ones

- * The family of Margery Baur as they mourn her recent passing.
- * The family of Rev. Frank Hamilton, as they mourn his recent passing.
- * The family of Lorraine Nichols, as they mourn her passing on Dec.21, 2021.
- * The family of Shirley Weber, as they mourn her passing on Dec. 3, 2021.
- * The family of Janice Holmes as they mourn her passing on Oct. 23, 2021.
- * The family of Tony Burille as they mourn his passing on Oct. 28, 2021.
- * The family of Jake Parsons as they mourn his passing on Oct. 29, 2021.

Those with health issues

Bill Beaumont	Maryann Iodence	Bob Simmons
Dolores Borchers	Carolyn Kenworthy	Susan Smith
Patrick Butler	Margret Kram	Sharon Sorani
Peggy Call	Arnold Kuprian	Susie Vela
Doreen Cowden	Vivian Mazeski	Bob Weber
Pat Currier	Gail Meister	Jill White
Eldon Davis	Jessica Morse	Roger White
Dick Draper	Spencer Nguyen	Helen Wikle
Sam Gomes	Nancy Pinney	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Michele Hare	Lynette Randerson	Chris Yen's mom
Phil Henry	Rosa Rosillo	Avery Yudice
	Pamela Sage	

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.

Understanding the New Testament

Mondays at 7pm by ZOOM
Beginning January 10th



Professor Brake continues his
lectures on the Gospels with
The Gospel of John

Reading this beloved Gospel
ahead of class is recommended.

Join the
BOOMERS



Oakland Zoo

**Gondola Tram &
California Trail**

Saturday, January 15th

Advanced Reservations Required



See the Rose Clippings for more information

Welcoming all active adults.

Suzanne Ford

Guest Preacher



Sunday, January 23

10 am

Church of the Roses

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Suzanne is a Trans Activist, Chair of the Board of The Spahr Center, Vice President of SF Pride and Communications Coordinator of TransHeartLine