



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All



February 20th, 2022

10:00 am Worship

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

First Time Here? Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag. Please join us for coffee and goodies outside after the 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?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Sunday School are provided during the service.

Please keep your masks on around the children and if you are not vaccinated.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

INTROIT "Draw Us To Thee" J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Genesis 15:1-18)

One: Let us worship the eternal God,

All: who is ever faithful, in whom we can trust.

One: Let us worship Jesus Christ,

All: who takes our burdens from us and lives among us.

One: Let us worship the Holy Spirit,

All: our calming Spiritual Presence, who helps us to love all.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #2128 (Sing the Faith) "Come and Find the Quiet Center" B.F. White

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,

find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: Holy God, we are so conditioned to respond with retribution to those who hurt us. The powerful take and take and lie and lie and oppress and oppress seemingly without consequence. Help us be calm in the internal and external storms of life.

All: Teach us to love with skill. Teach us to love without hesitation. Teach us to love with abandon, trusting that when we step into the ocean of your abundant love, we will receive the blessings of your abundant life. Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

One: Let us rejoice at every age and every stage of life, for God has given us hope through Jesus Christ who provides seeds of promise for a life abundant.

All: In Jesus name, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 *Gloria Patri*

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION Robert Cortez

OFFERTORY "Siciliano" by J. S. Bach

PRAYER OF 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 37:1-11, 39-40 Robert Cortez

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land,

and delight in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and rescues them;

he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,

because they take refuge in him.

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

ANTHEM "Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name" Brazeal Dennard

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:27-38

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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

SERMON Post-Pandemic – Life of Compassion Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #435 "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy" F. William Faber, 1854

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,

we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbor, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to continue to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love. Thank you that we can see your light of hope at the end of a long pandemic tunnel. May we keep our focus on showing your tender mercies on those most in need in this world at this time.

***All:* God of compassion, be close to those who are hard to love; those who seem to be our enemies in the world, who deep down want peace and calm as much as we want it. In their darkness, be their light and love; through him who suffered alone on the cross, and forgave those who put him there, Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray saying:**

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 #445

"God, How Can We Forgive?"

Ruth Duck, 1994

God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?
When human loving fails and every hope is gone,
your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.

When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe?
The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs.

A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.

Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Alla Marcia"

by Clifford Harker



*Flowers are donated by Charlotte Finney
in memory of her parents, Olga and Oscar Ruebling.*

PASTOR: Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway | LITURGIST: Robert Cortez
MUSIC: Carol Menke, Althea Wright, Chancel Choir
TECHNOLOGY: Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Nico Wycoff

NEWS FROM PCOR REOPENING TASK FORCE

With the lifting of the mask mandate in Sonoma County, the Reopening Task Force is asking the congregation to align with the Health Officer's recommendation and requirements published on February 9, 2022.

In short, vaccinated people can choose to be unmasked, however we strongly encourage everyone to continue to use masks to reduce the spread of the virus. **Unvaccinated people over age 2 are required to wear masks.** Children and teachers in Sunday school and volunteers at the MHS Breakfast will continue to wear masks in alignment with the continuing K-12 school mask mandate. Please continue to socially distance outside of your Covid bubble. Please respect people's choices and continue to be kind towards one another as we adjust to this newest change.

PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

Upcoming Memorials

A memorial for Tony Burille will be held on March 5, at 2 pm.

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 Susan Smith, as they mourn her passing on Feb. 6, 2022.
- * The family of Pamela Sage's brother, as they mourn his recent passing.
- * The family of Nancy Morgan's mother as they mourn her recent passing.
 - * The family of Margery Baur as they mourn her recent passing.
 - * The family of Rev. Frank Hamilton, as they mourn his recent passing.

Those with health issues

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| Bill Beaumont | Phil Henry | Sharon Sorani |
| Barbara Blinn | Maryann Iodence | Susie Vela |
| Dolores Borchers | Carolyn Kenworthy | Bob Weber |
| Patrick Butler | Margret Kram | Jill White |
| Peggy Call | Vivian Mazeski | Roger White |
| Doreen Cowden | Jessica Morse | Helen Wikle |
| Pat Currier | Spencer Nguyen | Betty Witchey-Ryer |
| Eldon Davis | Nancy Pinney | Avery Yudice |
| Dick Draper | Lynette Randerson | |
| Sam Gomes | Rosa Rosillo | |
| Cathy Guy | Pamela Sage | |
| Michele Hare | Bob Simmons | |

Those serving in our military

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. 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.

Roses
Concert
Series
Is Back!



Masks are
required for
your safety
and the safety
of others.



The program will
include a variety of
a cappella choral
music spanning from
the Renaissance to
the present.
Admission
is free.
Donations are
welcomed.

Cantiamo Sonoma

Carol Menke, Artistic Director

Sunday, March 6th at 2 pm

Presbyterian Church of the Roses
2500 Patio Ct. Santa Rosa 95405

HYMNALS

If you borrowed a hymnal during Covid, please
return it to the sanctuary. We are running low.

Thank you 😊

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SACRED SPACE

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

5-6 PM

HEARING ASSISTANCE

**GO TO THE SOUND DESK
IN THE BACK OF CHURCH**



**A LIONS
COLLECTION
BOX IS IN CAMPBELL
COURT FOR
ITEMS LISTED
BELOW**

- **Broken glasses - recycled for cash for vision programs**
- **Sunglasses - prescription and non-prescription**
- **OTC "readers"**
- **Old cell phones - also recycled for cash for vision programs**
- **Used hearing aids - sent to Ear of the Lion near Fresno where they are refurbished and distributed to low-income clients (a great program).**



EASTER IS COMING, EASTER IS COMING!! But we must endure the darkness before stepping into the Light.

Church of the Roses is so blessed to be able to offer the community a moving concert this Good Friday, conducted by our own Carol Menke and featuring the voices of Cantiamo Sonoma, our own Chancel Choir, and additional musicians from the community. The music presented will be the exquisite *Fauré Requiem*, with chamber orchestra and soloists. This concert has been a staple of Holy Week in Santa Rosa for decades; we are blessed to be able to offer this majestic music to the community and introduce people from outside our congregation to the glory and majesty of God.

This wonderful blessing comes with a commitment from us. The production will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000. God has provided us with an opportunity to reach out to the community, now we need to make it happen. Will you be a Roses Super-Hero and help to sponsor this holy gift? If you are able, please contribute what you can to underwrite this program bringing the voice of God to the ears of man.

Thank you, Roses Super-Heroes!!

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| | <p>YES! I AM A ROSES SUPER-HERO! HERE IS MY GIFT FOR THE</p> |
| | <p>GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT</p> |
| | <p>Amount _____</p> <p>Presbyterian Church of the Roses 2500 Patio Court Santa Rosa, CA 95405</p> <p>_____ Super-Hero</p> |