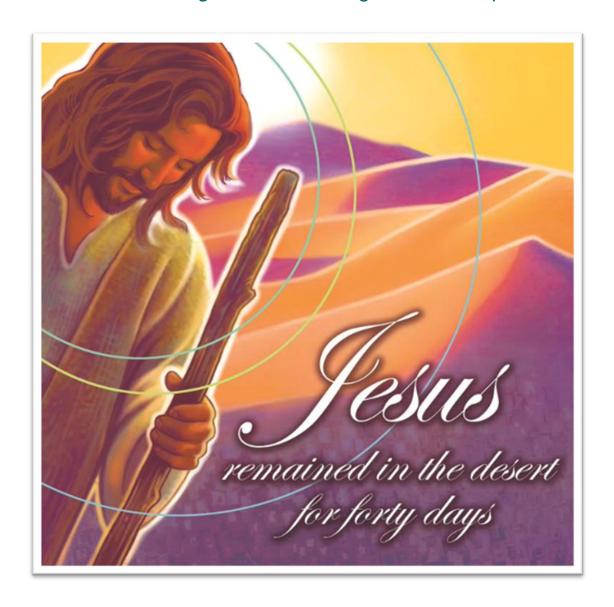


Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



First Sunday of Lent March 6, 2022 Worship 10:00 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.

We recommend that all keep masks on during worship especially if you are not vaccinated and boosted.

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 is provided during the service.

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

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able. The bold type is spoken by the congregation.

PRELUDE

"No. II Zehn Trios Op. 49"

by Joseph Rheinberger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(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 a basket by the doors.)

INTROIT

"I Surrender All"

arr. by Moses Hogan

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 91)

<u>One:</u> As we enter the wilderness of Lent, we rest in the shelter of the Most High.

<u>All:</u> We abide in the shadow of the Almighty; We find refuge under the wings of our Holy Parent.

<u>One:</u> We trust that the angels of God, the words of God, the people of God, the hands of God, will somehow bear us up.

All: And so we come to worship God!

*HYMN #401 "Here in This Place" Marty Haugen, 1979

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, Gather us in, the blind and the lame

Call to us now and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong,
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth, Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you, Nourish us well and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining

Not in some heaven light years away

But here in this place the new light is shining

Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever

Gather us in and make us your own, Gather us in, all peoples together

Fire of love in our flesh and our bones, Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

<u>One:</u> We will wait for you, O God. Your Spirit compels us to go into the wilderness, and we ask for the courage to examine the desert places in our

hearts, and to be willing to face the adversaries in our lives—The things that lure us away from being who you have created us to be.

<u>All:</u> We pray for the courage to face our wild beasts and fears. Relieve the troubles of our hearts, and the devastation of our distress. Return us to your way of the heart, turn your love towards us that we may we know your grace in our loneliness and afflictions.

<u>One:</u> We pray this prayer, knowing that you watch over us, and deliver us. We wait for you, O God. In the name of our Lord Jesus we pray, Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

One: Jesus helps us turn away from greed and hopelessness.

<u>All:</u> When we repent, and turn back to God we receive forgiveness, healing, and wholeness. Alleluia! Amen!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Joe Clarke

OFFERTORY

"Arioso"

by Alexander Schreiner

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Statement about membership

Introduction by Clerk of Session – Dorothy Lecel and Melissa Henry

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION VOWS:

- Do you profess your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?
- Do you intend to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church?

Let us all renew our faith as we recite the APOSTLE'S CREED

<u>All:</u> I believe in God the father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again from

the dead and ascended up to Heaven and sits on the right hand of God the father almighty from there he judges the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of Saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS

<u>One:</u> We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the spiritual gifts you bring to us and for the opportunity to share our gifts with you. Let us pray:

<u>All:</u> Ever-living God, guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever. Lead them to know and obey your Word that they may serve you with joy, in this life and dwell with you forever in the life to come through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry of faith, love, hope and joy, for we are all one in Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #450 (vs.1&4) "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;

thou my best thought, by day or by night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 91:1-6, 9-16 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.
This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you", and

"On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." 'When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! Thanks be to God!

SERMON Coming Out of the Wilderness Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION INVITATION TO THE TABLE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *One:* The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

<u>One:</u> It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor. In the covenant of your steadfast love for your people, you draw us into loving relationships, with you, and with one another. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

<u>All:</u> Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

<u>One</u>: With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

<u>One:</u> Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

<u>All:</u> By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry.

<u>One:</u> As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(Please sing as all partake of the elements in the portable cups. All the cups are filled with grape juice. You may take the bread off the bottom and drink the cup all together as one unified community of Christ.)

HYMN#527 "Eat This Bread"

Jacques Berthier, 1984

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Christ and never be hungry. Eat this bread drink this cup, come to Christ and you shall not thirst!

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: We pray today for all who are walking a hard journey: for those whose daily paths encounter missiles and guns; for those who did not want to leave home but were forced to; for those who set out today in search of food and water; for those whose journey is shattered by economic hardship; for those whose journey is marred by pain or despair, and for those who faithfully journey alongside them; for those who are making a move and beginning again; for those who are clinging on to something that has ended; for those who are being bullied, and for those who are bullying; for those who have just taken their first breath, and for those who today will take their last.

<u>All:</u> May this Lenten journey, give strength and courage to all whose journey is far from easy. And may it inspire us to risk Christ's Way of love as we share the journey with others. We lift up this prayer in the name of our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

<u>All:</u> 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

"We Pray for Peace"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: FINLANDIA ("Be Still, My Soul")

We pray for peace, O God of love and justice, as once again, we face a time of war.

The meek and humble try — amid the crisis — to love and build, to nurture and restore.

May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us — that gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.

We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters — who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples' fear.
You spoke with love and with amazing power; be with us now when trouble is so near.
May leaders see the miracle you offer — that words and deeds can calm the nations here.

We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us; your love emboldens, judges and restrains. Take any hate and acts of impulse from us; make leaders wise, amid competing claims. May we seek peace, O God of love and justice; may love and mercy be our highest aims.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Postlude #6"

by William H. Harrison



Flowers donated by Carole Michel in honor of Gene Michel's 90th birthday on March 13th.

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

References: Call to Worship: ~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith. Congregational prayer: excerpted from a longer prayer by Rev Karla. Posted on RevGalBlogPals.org. Communion Prayer: ~ written by Ann Siddall and posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre website. https://stillpointsa.org.au/

PRAYER REQUESTS Please include in your prayers

Upcoming Memorials

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 Christopher (Jamie) Yen, as they mourn his passing on Feb. 26, 2022
- * 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.

Those with health issues

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

Those serving in our military

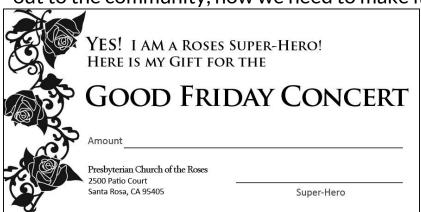
James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center,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

Good Friday Concert – The Fauré Requiem April 15 at 7:30 pm

"Music is God's gift to man, the only art of heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to heaven." – Walter Savage Landor

This year we are honored and blessed to offer our community a moving, sacred concert production of Fauré's Requiem, conducted by our own Carol Menke with Cantiamo Sonoma and Chancel Choir.

This blessing comes with a commitment from us. The production cost will be 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.

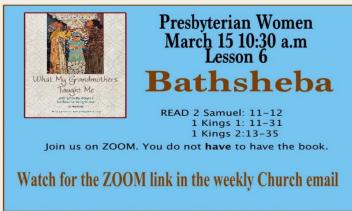


If you are able, please contribute what you can to underwrite this program, bringing the voice of God to the ears of man. Checks may be made out to Church of the Roses with Good Friday Concert in the memo.



NEXT SUNDAY

Daylight Savings Time begins- 1 hr ahead Rev. Stewart Perrilliat "Blessings & Battles" Boomers & Girl Scouts & Blessing Bags!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!





THURSDAY CREW
COULD USE ANOTHER
VOLUNTEER OR TWO
7:30-8:30 am.

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