



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



Artist: He Qi
Prodigal Son

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27, 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.

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.

Questions on where to go?

Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE "Aria"(Church Cantata) Sig Karg-Elert

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.)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

INTROIT "At Thy Feet" J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Luke 15:11-32)

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

One: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

All: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love!

*HYMN #802

"The King of Love My Shepard Is"

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Diane Osten

One: God of patient love, you await the return of the wayward and wandering and eagerly embrace them in pardon. Give us generous hearts to welcome all who seek a place at the table of your unconditional love.

All: We inhabit a world that all too easily chooses easy, quick, and violent solutions to brokenness. Empower us to consciously reform this world, granting us the diligence to be Your nonviolent hands and feet. Let this work begin with a transformation of ourselves, so that we can wholeheartedly do what others claim cannot be done. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

One: God is our eternal parent with an ever-open door for us, even when we lose our way.

All: God's arms always accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Alleluia for God's amazing grace! Amen!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own" by F. Mendelsohn

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 32: 1-7

Diane Osten

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Selah

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Selah

Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Selah

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

ANTHEM "For God so Loved the World" by John Stainer

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

DRAMA based on Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 "God So Loves"

by PCOR Players; Nita Penney, Linda Lance, Nancy Morgan, Diane Osten

SERMON

Forgiving the Prodigals in your Life

Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #2055

"You are my Hiding Place" (sing as a round led by Carol)

Michael Ledner, 1981

You are my hiding place.

You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,

whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

Lord. I will trust in you."

You are my hiding place.

You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,

whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

Lord. I will trust in you."

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: Holy and Gracious God. You, the one of prodigal grace. We give you thanks for the gift of life and for the blessings of this life, for family and friends and love abundant.

All: Lead us through the trials the suffering and sorrow, the challenges and struggles, the tired time, despair and bleak places. Lead us back to you, and your love so abundant.

One: Be with those who weep or cannot sleep. Who have no peace, who seek release, and comfort them with love abundant.

All: Fill us with hope, sustained in your mercy, with patience and stamina upheld by your Holy Spirit and merciful grace.

One: Transform us and may all our broken ways transform us that we can be made whole; and in wholeness, may we be the hands and heart of Christ who taught us to pray saying:

All: The Lord's Prayer. Amen.

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 #306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

John Fawcett, 1782

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

2 Before our *Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott "

by J.C.H. Rinck



Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

PREACHER: *Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway* LITURGIST: *Diane Osten*
MUSIC: *Carol Menke, Althea Wright, Chancel Choir*
AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY: *Jonathan Parnell and Nico Wycoff*

PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

Upcoming Memorials

A memorial for Susan Smith will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 2 pm.

Those mourning the death of their loved ones

- * The family of Christopher 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

Bill Beaumont	Phil Henry	Pamela Sage
Barbara Blinn	Maryann Iodence	Bob Simmons
Dolores Borchers	Carolyn Kenworthy	Kristina Teixeira
Patrick Butler	Margret Kram	Susie Vela
Peggy Call	Ed Marcoux	Bob Weber
Doreen Cowden	Vivian Mazeski	Jill White
Pat Currier	Jessica Morse	Roger White
Eldon Davis	Spencer Nguyen	Helen Wikle
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.



YES! I AM A ROSES SUPER-HERO!
HERE IS MY GIFT FOR THE

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

Amount _____


Presbyterian Church of the Roses
2500 Patio Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

_____ Super-Hero

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.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

JOIN A MHS BREAKFAST CREW!



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

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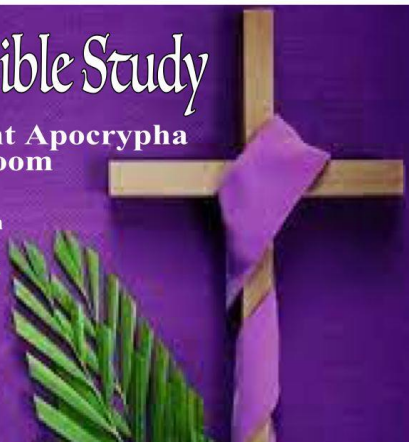
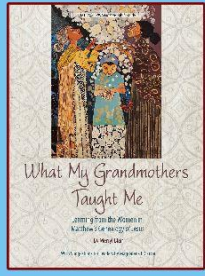
HEARING ASSISTANCE

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

Lenten Bible Study
New Testament Apocrypha
on Zoom

Monday March 29 7:00 pm

THE ACTS OF THOMAS
and
MISSION TO INDIA





Presbyterian Women
April 19 10:30 a.m
Lesson 6
Mary Lesson 7

READ :
 Matthew 1:18-2:23

Join us on ZOOM. You do not have to have the book.

Watch for the ZOOM link in the weekly Church email



Zoom Book Club
Thursday, April 21
2:00 P.M.

Fates and Furies
by Lauren Groff

Story of a marriage from two perspectives:
His and Hers

Jeanne will have copies

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