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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ Second Sunday in Lent ✠

March 16, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Outreach: Marian Langdon and Kathryn Adkins

CENTERING SONG

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

GtG # 829 (v. 1)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior de - vine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt a - way; O let me

from this day be whol - ly thine!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 27:1 (*responsive*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

Come, seek God in this time of worship.

***PRAYER**

***HYMN**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

GtG # 35

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Lord Jesus, like a hen longing to gather her chicks under her wings, I confess that I have often resisted your protection and love. Forgive me for turning away from your embrace, for not fully accepting your care and guidance. Today, I choose to come humbly before you, asking to be sheltered in your love and to be guided by your wisdom. Gather me close, Lord, and let me experience your sheltering presence in my life. *Time for silent reflection.*
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

GLORIA PATRI (*unison*)

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.

ANTHEM

Bow Down Thine Ear

St. Andrew Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (pew song sheet)*

Prayers lifted to God and The Lord's Prayer

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

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

GtG # 815

Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.

Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command.

So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, open us to your Word and your way. Help us to seek you, your truth, and the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 27:4-10

OT page# 503-504

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

NT page #77

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

SERMON

The Chicken and the Fox

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*) - Patmos Abbey, The Order of Saint Columba

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen

OFFERING

Doxology (*unison*)

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. Amen.

Offering Prayer

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

GtG # 440

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee. Leave,
ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

BENEDICTION

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- LITURGIST: Myles Billheimer
- GREETERS: Bill and Nancy Samsel
- COFFEE HOSTS: Sharon and David Allshouse
- OFFERING COUNTER: Kathryn Adkins



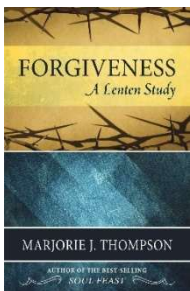
Unity Candle: Today we pray for St. Phillips Presbyterian Church. St. Philip's is the only majority-Filipino congregation in the Presbytery of San Jose. Founded in Salinas, this congregation maintains strong family ties and boasts 3rd- and 4th-generation Americans. Our Presbytery has asked all churches and worshiping communities to pray for the host of the Unity Candle each week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 17th	Operations Mtg @ 10:30 am Bible Study @ 1 pm, read Chapter 2 Bell Choir @ 2:30 pm
Tuesday, March 18 th	Session Mtg @ 4:30 m
Thursday, March 20 th	Choir @ 2 pm

Sunday, March 23rd, Lunch Cluster #2 will be gathering on 11:45 am at the Neighborhood Grill on Soquel Drive at the bottom of our hill. They offer a Sunday Brunch until 12 noon, plus their regular menu. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact Pat Manning at 831-247-9629 or patmanning4@yahoo.com.

Each Monday, we continue our Lenten study series focused on Forgiveness



"Forgiveness is the healing stream flowing out from the crucified Christ over a world that does not know how desperately it needs the healing" - a quote from Marjorie Thompson's study on Forgiveness. You are invited to join us during Lent to explore forgiveness in our lives. Starting March 17th at 1:00 on Zoom (same link as worship). You can purchase the book online.



Rev. Dr. Neal Presa, the Executive Presbyter (EP) of San Jose Presbytery, will be **preaching on March 30** at St. Andrew Church. Neal is an author, Seminary professor, past General Assembly Moderator and a wonderful human being. When I was Co-Chairing the committee to find our new EP, Neal impressed us greatly. He brings compassion, theology, presence and a wonderful mind to our Presbytery. He serves on the World Council of Churches representing PCUSA and yet is so approachable and welcoming. His new book is called, *Worship, Justice, and Joy: A Liturgical Pilgrimage*.

I hope you will all join me in welcoming Neal to our Presbytery and our church on March 30. He will be staying for our FFFF event on the fifth Sunday of the month. Please plan on staying for Lunch so you can get to know Neal.



The Nurture Committee is hosting the first of three 2025 FFFFs (Food, Fund, Fellowship on the Fifth Sunday) Luncheons on March 30 after Worship in Hubler. Lasagna, salad and dessert are on the menu. Bring your appetite, meet the Reverend Dr. Neal Presa, the Executive Presbyter of San Jose, and enjoy food and fellowship with your fellow parishioners. A \$10 donation would be much appreciated.
