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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ First Sunday in Lent ✠

March 9, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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** (*responsive*)

We come to worship the God that walks with us through every challenge.

We come to remember what Jesus did when faced with the wilderness.

When Israel wandered through the wilderness, she was not alone, God was there!

If you are walking through the wilderness, you are not alone, God is with you!

ALL: God gives us strength for every journey and courage for every test!

***PRAYER**

***HYMN**

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

GtG # 43

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of infinite patience and love, we come to you, having just gone through the season of greed. We embark on this Lenten journey, not sure if we want to make the spiritual trip. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. We are a people of great "want," and we need to become a people of great "faith." Place us on your track of hope and salvation. Forgive our stubbornness and heal our sorrowful souls. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. *Time for silent reflection. AMEN*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsive*)

**You are loved by God! And in that love rests all safety, security, comfort, and hope.
Rest in God's love.**

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

The Love of God

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.

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O Lord of light and salvation, let these words of Scripture live not only in our mouths, but in our hearts, that we will embody your truth and confess with our lives that Jesus is Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

OT page# 548

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."

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 honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

NT page #61

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.

SERMON

When Faced with Trials

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 (*unison*)

God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the
abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will
provide for our needs. And with these offerings, we give ourselves;
May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

When We Are Tested

GtG # 783

When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
Lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
Teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

BENEDICTION

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- **LITURGIST:** Sandy Petznick
- **GREETER:** Pam Arnsberger
- **COFFEE HOSTS:** Janet Maack
- **OFFERING COUNTER:** Pam Arnsberger

Unity Candle: Today we pray for Northminster Presbyterian Church

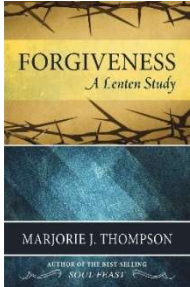
Prayer is a way we take action on the connectional aspect of our church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 10th	Bible Study @ 1 pm, read Introduction and Ch. 1 Bell Choir @ 2:30 pm
Wednesday, March 12 th	Outreach Mtg @ noon
Thursday, March 13 th	Choir @ 2 pm

Dorothy has scheduled a lunch cluster (1) at the Hideout today after church.

On Monday, March 10th we begin 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 10 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.