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Worship Bulletin for March 15, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Gwen Yeo

***Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

Come and let us worship with great joy!

Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

God is about to do something new in our lives!

Let God's will become strong in our lives. AMEN.

***Hymn**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

GtG # 213

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Like Judas, God of new things, we like to complain about your generous ways, rather than living in your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we focus on a perceived golden past, and so we ignore the new things you do in our midst. We are so enamored with our achievements that we are not willing to throw them away in order to follow Jesus.

Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace *(responsive)*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen

***Gloria Patri**

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

St. Andrew Bell 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 our 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**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

GtG # 216

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet (Refrain)

GtG #458

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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First Lesson:

Philippians 3:4b-14

NT page #198

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Second Lesson:

John 12:1-8

NT page #106

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Sermon

Giving Up or Suffering

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith

We are reborn in the Spirit, followers of that Way shown by Jesus:
to love God with our whole being; to love our neighbors as ourselves;
to treat others as we would have them treat us; to strive for justice and peace;
to have respect and compassion for every person and for the whole of creation;
to forgive those who do us harm; to love one another as Christ has loved us.
We journey together on this Way towards reconciliation with the whole creation.
We break bread together and pray together.
We reach out to one another for strength beyond our own.
This is our community. This is our faith.

Offering

Doxology

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*)

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that
through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you,
our Sovereign and our God.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

GtG #223

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Myles Billheimer

GREETERS: Keith McKenzie

COFFEE HOST: Pi Day

OFFERING COUNTER: Janet Maack

Unity Candle: This week we pray for St. Andrew Church in Aptos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday: **Bell Choir at 2:15PM**

Tuesday: **Bible Study: Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ at 1PM, Zoom. Please read CH. 7**

Session Meeting at 4PM, Zoom

Thursday: **Choir at 2PM**

Saturday: **Church Clean-Up from 9AM-Noon**

Upcoming Events

- **Church Clean Up on March 21 from 9:00 to noon.** Please bring buckets, rags, squeegees, step stools, things that might assist in our cleaning efforts. We will provide the window cleaner. Let's make our campus sparkle as we prepare for Easter!
- **April 2nd: Maundy Thursday Service:**
 - **Soup Supper at 5PM**
 - **Service at 6PM**
- **SAVE the DATE: June 2nd - Red Cross Blood Drive, Hubler Hall, starts at 8:30AM by appointment only using the Red Cross app.**
- **2026 Per Capita Fees** - The annual due charged by Presbytery is based on our total membership. It helps our budget when our members contribute their share. The cost per member for 2026 is \$55. WE THANK YOU!!!