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Worship Bulletin for March 22, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Karla Kress

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

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Come together and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Come, worship the Lord.

We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

***Hymn**

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

GtG #796

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength
runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance:

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

This is the Good News of the Gospel, therefore let us sing to the glory of God.

*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.

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

When Jesus Wept

GtG #194 (*Alt. tune Maryton*)

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.

When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

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:**Psalm 130****OT page #573**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Second Lesson:**John 11:1-6, 11-28, 32-44****NT page #104**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of

them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Sermon

Precursor to Easter

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Solo

In the Garden Medley

Shari Gallegos

***Affirmation of Faith** *by Michael Perry*

We believe and know that Jesus is the Holy One of God.

**We believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God,
who was to come into the world.**

We believe that he is in the Father and the Father is in him.

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that by believing we have life in his name. Amen.**

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 God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our
lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to
you. Amen.**

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

GtG # 250

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sandy Petznick

GREETERS: Bill and Nancy Samsel

COFFEE HOST: Connie Friel

OFFERING COUNTER: Janet Maack

Unity Candle: This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto.

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. 8**

Thursday: **Choir at 2PM**

Saturday: **Homeless Showers at St. John Church in Aptos from 11:30AM-1:30PM**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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What is the Santa Cruz County Immigration Project (SCCIP)?

SCCIP's mission is to promote the wellbeing of the immigrant community in Santa Cruz County and the Pajaro Valley. They accomplish this by helping immigrants acquire legal status, reuniting immigrant families, and making U.S. citizenship more accessible to eligible immigrants. They provide competent and professional legal services, advocacy, and community education and information.

A report issued by the American Immigration Council indicated that without benefit of an attorney at immigration court proceedings, people in our area have a 70% chance of being deported, often erroneously.

**To donate to the local effort, please donate to
SCCIP--Immigration Legal Services
406 Main St., Ste 207
Watsonville, CA 95076**

Upcoming Events

- **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!!!