

Order of Worship
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
9:30 am – March 27, 2022

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE Meditation on “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” Paul Fey
Lance Crane, organ

WELCOME

HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* UMH 568
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1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Tasha Salas, liturgist

How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

God makes us new in God's Spirit!

Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

Come, let us worship and be thankful.

Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. Amen

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HYMN *Lead Me, Guide Me (3x)* TFWS 2214

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Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (repeat 3x)

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mercy* Susan Bentall Boersma & Craig Courtney
VFUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, interim director; Lance Crane, accompanist

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SCRIPTURE *2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-2, 11b-32 (NRSV)* Tasha Salas, liturgist
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Matt McPhee

LENTEN MUSICAL RESPONSE: *Nothing Can Trouble (2x)* TFWS 2054
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Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us. *(repeat)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Patient God, we cherish the scripture story of the prodigal son. You are always willing to accept us, even in our bleakest moment. You surround us with the hushed silence of your love. Like a compassionate parent, you wait to receive us in your embrace while we struggle to place you first in our lives. Multiply these tithes and offerings so that they open the ears of your lost children to your message of unconditional love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (David S. Bell, www.davidsbell.org, ©2019)

HYMN *Amazing Grace* UMH 378
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1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
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2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Praeludium No 2 in D Minor, BWV 554 J. S. Bach
Lance Crane, organ

Prayer Request

Bethel Korean Mission Church—Pastor Kisung Nam

Atascadero UMC—Pastor Steven Poteete-Marshall

Govette & Spomer Families—grieving the loss of their mother, Jan Govette

