

Order of Worship
9:30 am – February 19, 2023

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on “King of Love

Raymond H. Haan

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Kyle Hanks, organ

GREETING

HYMN

We Are God’s People

TFWS 2220

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1. We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of the Spirit, established by the Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2. We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

3. We are the body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead.
God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall God’s work on earth be done.

4. We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace.
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Miller, Liturgist

L. We praise the One who can make the earth new again.

P. God wishes to renew more than the earth.

L. What does God seek to transform?

P. God wants to transform us in to the divine image.

L. Doesn’t God love us as we are?

P. God loves you just as you are but desires you to become even more.

L. We offer ourselves to the One who transforms us with love.

BELL OFFERING

Siyahamba from Favorite World Hymns for Eight Bells

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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.

HYMN*How Can We Name a Love*

UMH 111

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1. How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind, indwelling all we know
or think or do or seek or find? Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.
2. If we awoke to life built on a rock of care that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore, Love unconfined,
a father kind, a mother strong and sure.
3. When people share a task, and strength and skills unite in projects old or new,
to make or do with shared delight, our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.
4. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence, sensed and shown
at work, at home, or in the street. Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5: 38-48 (NRSV)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Erin McPhee

CHORAL OFFERING*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

arr. Mark Hayes

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Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson—Director; Kyle Hanks—Pianist; Randy Jones – Trumpet

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Text VenturaUMC to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)

Loving God, you have revealed in Jesus that the boundaries of your love are limitless. Through him you have blessed our lives with healing and wholeness. In response to such gracious gifts, we offer these gifts and the service of our lives, as visible and faithful reminders of your radical love and mercy. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

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SENDING HYMN*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Prayer Requests

Knollwood UMC—Pastor Kelesita Tu'ifua

Grace Korean UMC—Pastor Jin Ho Han

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

Jan Marra—recovering from hip replacement surgery

East Palestine, Ohio—as they recover from the toxic train derailment

Turkey & Syria



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

2023 Lenten Caravan

Wednesdays at 6:30pm • In Person & Livestream

Ash Wednesday, February 22,

seeking: Is this the fast that I choose?

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Oxnard

March 1 • seeking: Who will you listen to?

All Saints Episcopal Church, Oxnard

March 8 • seeking: How do we begin again?

North Oxnard United Methodist Church (Garden Church)

March 15 • seeking: Will you give me a drink?

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oxnard

March 22 • seeking: Who sinned?

First United Methodist Church of Ventura

March 29 • seeking: Where are you headed?

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Oxnard

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I Want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

*Ash
Wednesday*

REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE



February 22

Sanctuary open from 12:00-1:15

Reflection | Imposition of Ashes | Music

Chair Yoga with Laura

Wednesday, 2/ 22,
at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM
in Trotter Hall

