

*Order of Worship*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
9:30 am – March 5, 2023

***Participating Live?***

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

**PRELUDE** "Adagio", from "Oboe Concerto in D minor" Alessandro Marcello  
-arr. Aubrey Tucker—Used with permission  
Kyle Hanks, organ

**WELCOME**

**HYMN** *O Love, How Deep* (verses 1-3, 6) UMH 267  
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1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, it fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!
2. For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore,  
for us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
3. For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought;  
by words and signs and actions thus still seeking not himself, but us.
6. All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore, forever and forevermore.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Fran Turner, liturgist

L. We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

**P. We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.**

L. May we open our hearts to Him.

**P. May our lives be healed and strengthened for service. Amen.**

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**HYMN** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* TFWS 2120

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**Refrain:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
2. Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons you called to each thing;  
Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **Refrain.**
2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **Refrain.**

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
And down in the city you called once again,  
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **Refrain.**

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

Through It All

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Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;  
Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon God's word.

**SCRIPTURE**

*John 3: 1-17 (NRSV)*

Fran Turner, liturgist

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

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Matt McPhee

**CHORAL OFFERING**

*Love Filled the Cup from Come to the Cross and Remember*

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Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson—Director; Kyle Hanks—Accompanist

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

**God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

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**HYMN**

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

UMH 629

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**Refrain:** You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.  
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,  
So when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. **Refrain.**

2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. **Refrain.**

3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain.**

4. The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell;  
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain.**

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. **Refrain.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. (UM Book of Worship, The Methodist Publishing House, ©1972)

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

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## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be  
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## 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.**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Rondeau” from “Abdelazer”  
-arr. Audrey Tucker—Used with permission  
Kyle Hanks, organ

Henry Purcell

## *Prayer Requests*

**First UMC of Paso Robles**—Pastor Josh Zulueta

**First UMC of North Hollywood**—Pastor Steve Peralta

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

Kate Stradling—recovering from multiple surgeries in as many days

## *Love Filled the Cup from Come to the Cross and Remember*

Love filled the cup; love broke the bread, poured out and broken for you.  
Come, take the cup; come, take the bread, for they are poured out and broken for you.

Father, I am Your Son; now come and make them one, one through love,  
So that the world will see their love and unity, and all will know, their lives will show

They'll show that love fills the cup; love breaks the bread, poured out and broken for you.

Come, take the cup; come, take the bread, poured out and broken for you.

Love fills the cup, love breaks the bread, poured out and broken for you.

## WITNESS *at the* CROSS



A six-week  
study for Lent

Starting:

Monday, Feb. 27, 6:00 pm,

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 pm,

*or contact the church office  
for more options.*

In-person or on-line.