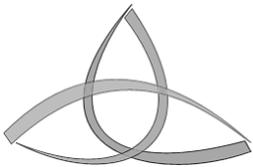




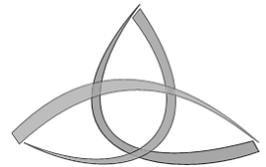
**Worship with Holy Communion
Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022**



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Pastor Jodi Golden-Lund, Presiding



**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.
Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

People: Amen

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Eternal God,

People: your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the
life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your
word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our
lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

God Proclaims His Holy Word

First Reading: Psalm 63: 1-8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

¹O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
³Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
⁴So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
⁵My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
⁶when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
⁷for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
⁸My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Praise be to God

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

¹At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²Jesus asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then Jesus told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Pastor: Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated

Message “Ground Zero”

Pastor Jodi Golden-Lund

Please stand as you are able

Song “How Can I be Free from Sin”

W&P 65

Confession of Faith/Apostle’s Creed

Pastor: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,**

died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

A series of petitions will be offered for the sake of those in need within the church and within the community and world.

Pastor: Merciful God,

People: Receive our prayer

Passing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

God Nourishes Us at His Holy Table

Offering Prayer

Pastor Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,

People: Amen.

Words of Institution

Pastor: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Please stand as you are able

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord. Teach us to pray, saying from our hearts:

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Here is food and drink for the journey
Take and be filled.

Distribution of Holy Communion

All Christians are welcome to share with us in Holy Communion. The gift of Holy Communion is given by God without condition; therefore, we do not condition who may receive. If you would like to receive Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine, simply do so.

Songs During Communion

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”

ELW 334

vs 1-3, Lent 3

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

ELW 542

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: May these gifts of Jesus’ body and blood strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

People: **Amen**

God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Others

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Blessed Jesus,

People: **in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of this life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.
Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Benediction and Blessing

Pastor: You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.

People: Amen.

Sending Song “Restore in Us, O God”

ELW 328

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jan Gibson

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Sharing God's love and grace, we invite, embrace and nurture everyone,
unconditionally, into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Pr. Jodi Golden-Lund
Keyboardist	Jan Gibson
Reader	Tami Hensley
Usher	Juanita Baldwin
Servers:	Muriel Josten
Song Leader:	Dave Hensley
Camera:	Ray Cauwet
Altar Care:	Karin Wiseman, Marga Schaefer
Multi-Media:	Andy Buzzelli

Staff of TLC:

Pastor:	Jodi Golden-Lund
Office Manager:	Toni Dumont
Custodian	Ron Benander
Worship Director:	Jan Gibson
Organist:	
Choir Director:	Dave Hensley
Keyboard	Jan Gibson

Weekly Scriptures to read at home:

Joshua 5: 9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Birthdays:

June Mowles 25th

Anniversaries:

Art and Karen Cardell 25th

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

For Ernie Rodriguez who tore ligaments in his knee. Pray for patience as he works through 3-6 weeks without bearing any weight on his leg (Carolyn Sharp)

For World Peace (Juanita Baldwin)

For Joy, for rebirth and renewal (Andy Buzzelli)

For the family and friends of Sherman Gibson (brother-in-law) in the hope of resurrection (Jan Gibson)

For Sheila Gibson (sister-in-law) for complete healing and recovery from hip surgery (Jan Gibson)

For Tim Olson who was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, for adjustment to this new health challenge (Nancy Chadwell)

Continued Prayer Concerns

For the friends and family of my good friend, Jeanette Davis, who died suddenly on Friday, March 4th. (Carolyn Sharp)

For Paula and her family for the loss of their father to cancer (Susan Firestone)

For family and friends of Stanley due to him succumbing to cancer (Susan Firestone)

Peggy Holt - for continued healing

Julie Elston - for continued health concerns

Brian Nelson (Scott Nelson) - for continuing health concerns

La Vida Nueva UMC - for God to prosper our partnership in the gospel

The Sierra-Pacific Synod - for wisdom and a spirit of true fellowship in our shared ministries

Foothill Presbyterian - for God's blessing on our partnership with their community

Those unable to worship with us:

June Mowles - Sierra Hills

Phyllis Rengsdorf - Kaweah Manor,
Visalia

Rose Johnson - Sierra Hills



Join us every Sunday!

Bible Study

9:45am

Worship w/Communion

11:00am