



**Sunday, March 9 2025  
Mexico Mission Sunday**

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

PRELUDE "Ever Faithful, Ever Near" by F. Ritter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Abby Watermulder

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord:

**People: My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

Leader: For God will protect us from evil and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

**People: God is a rescuer and is present with us in trouble.**

Leader: God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

**People: Let us worship God today!**

HYMN "Here (Make us One)" Mexico Youth Band

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Al Cerussi  
**As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. This we pray in Jesus' name, amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Every Move I Make" Mexico Youth Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Tati Cerussi

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Grace Crites and Ella Scott

MEXICO MISSION REFLECTION Taryn Smith

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 146

OFFERTORY

Mexico Mission Slideshow

DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:17-22

SERMON

"Lessons from Losers"

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN

"Who You Say I Am"

Mexico Youth Band

MEXICO MISSION REFLECTION

Margot Walton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

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.

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN

"Benediction Song"

Mexico Youth Band

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

"Toccatà in C Major"

by Domenico Zipoli

Katie Gueorguieva

*Mexico Youth Band and other worship leadership - Al Cerussi, Steve Fainer, Joshua Marimoto, Robert Page, Carlo Panighetti, Ella Scott, Carrick Smith, Mandy Smith, Abby Watermulder.*

*Children will be staying in worship for this special service. They are invited to sit on the rug with Ms. Erin at the front of the church or stay with their families. Erin and the Ushers have coloring pages and crayons to provide for entertainment. Nursery is available for 3 years and under.*

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Audrey Christianson, 96th birthday. Jo Ann Khoobyarian's family after her passing. Eva Wiebracht daughter of Ben and Michelle Wiebracht. Gary Kuhn hospitalized after a fall. Rachel Larsen. Willis Brown. Lee Toney's nephew. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie's daughter). For the people affected by Southern California fires. The family of Jan black after her passing. GFP director Vanessa's mom. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. The Bierly/Shaw families. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Rosemary Will.

### **After Church Today: Full Lunch and Full Forgiveness**

Join us in the Social Hall after the worship service today for a **buffet lunch, followed by the first of two enlightening Lenten classes on "Total Forgiveness" led by Pastor Paul Watermulder** (Pastor Dave's father). We all know that forgiving others can be difficult, especially when the hurt runs deep. But many Christians don't realize that hanging onto grudges can hurt not only our health, but also our relationship with Jesus. In today's class Pastor Paul will speak from the heart about his own experiences in learning to let go, and we'll discuss how we, too, can start moving from bitterness to full forgiveness. The buffet will open for class attendees at 11:15, and the class will run from 11:40 to 1 p.m. The second forgiveness program will be on Sunday, April 6. Both classes are sponsored by PCLG's Adult Education Committee.

**All-Church Mexico** - June 21-28, 2025. Join us for our Summer Mission Trip to Mexico! A group from PCLG will travel to the Tijuana area to build homes with Amor Ministries, supporting families and local churches in need. This is a great trip for anyone going into third grade and up through adulthood! Have questions? You can e-mail trip leadership at [mexico@pclg.org](mailto:mexico@pclg.org) or come on by our info session after church on March 23 to learn more. *Sign ups will open soon!*

**Men's Retreat** - March 14-16. Men of the church are invited and encouraged to join us for a weekend away at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista. We will learn, connect, worship and fellowship together. The cost for the full weekend is \$400. There is a Saturday-only option as well for \$150. Scholarships may be available. Please go to [www.pclg.org/mensretreat](http://www.pclg.org/mensretreat) to sign up.

**Church Work day** Everyone is invited to help spruce up our PCLG campus for Easter! The spring workday will be Saturday April 5th 9am til noon, followed by a delicious lunch together. Come for fellowship, donuts, outdoor gardening, inside cleaning, stuffing of Easter eggs, and more...mark your calendars now to be part of this time with your church family!

**Sunday School Volunteers** We are blessed with a growing Children's Ministries program and we are looking for more volunteers to fill our classrooms. If you are interested in being a loving adult in the lives of the children of our church, please contact Erin Heath, Children's Ministries Director, at [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org).

**Women's Camino May 2025** Do you want to join us? Pastor Erica Rader and Christina Hingle are leading a Women's Camino pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela starting May 16 returning home June 1. Contact Pastor Erica or see our website. For more information visit our website

**Caring Ministries Sunday – March 30** Caring Ministries Sunday–March 30th **"Cultivating Connections: Support, Service, Listening, Prayer"** What is a Deacon? What is Caring Ministries? Please join us for Caring Ministries Sunday. This is an opportunity to meet your deacon after worship in the social hall and learn more about Stephen Ministry and Caring ministries support provided by the church. Come and meet your deacon. Hope to see you there!

**Helping Hands for South Sudan** is a nonprofit charity whose mission is to make education possible for South Sudan's refugee children. Your donation pays for scholarships, room and board, school supplies and uniforms. To learn more or to donate please visit <https://helpinghands4southsudan.org>. You may also donate through the PCLG online giving page. Select MISSION GIVING and then specify "Helping Hands for South Sudan" in the gift note field. Let your hands be Helping Hands!

**Summer Camp!** One powerful, important and FUN experience for children and youth is attending sleep away Christian Summer Camp. There are a variety of Christian summer camps, including Mount Hermon and Westminster Woods, that PCLG families have connected with. We have some scholarship funds available for either of those camps if it will help you get your kids to go. Please contact Erin Heath (Elementary School) or Steve Fainer (Middle or High School).

**Nursery Caretaker-** Children's Ministries is in need of a regular nursery caretaker on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. This is a paid position with an opportunity for additional hours during special events. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact Erin Heath at [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org).

**Children's Ministry** (Infant -5th grade):Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants at the beginning of worship. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry Wing and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry Wing. Visiting families should walk their child back to Sunday School after the children's message so that teachers can meet the parents and know who they are dismissing the child to at pickup. Please reach out with any questions to Erin Heath, the Director of Children's Ministry, at [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org).

**Bookends.** For March, we've taken an old favorite off the shelf, The Shell Seekers by Rosamunde Pilcher. It's the story of three generations of one family in Great Britain. For some of you, it'll be like reuniting with an old friend. We'll meet in the Fireside room on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30, or you may zoom in

### **Youth Update**

We are glad you're here! Today we've got our regular activities happening:

Middle School Sunday School during worship (SS will be off next week for the Mexico Mission Sunday)

SNiFF for Middle Schoolers @ 5 p.m.

YG for High School students @ 7:30 p.m.

The upcoming Love of God (LOG) retreat for High School and rising 9th graders will be March 28-30. Please contact Steve at [fainer@gmail.com](mailto:fainer@gmail.com) for more info!

**Giving Online** Please visit [www.pclg.org/online-giving](http://www.pclg.org/online-giving), or use this QR code, to access our online giving tools. You can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.



### **Dates To Remember**

Mar. 28	Jo Ann Khoobyarian's memorial
April 26	Rise Against Hunger, packing 15,000 meals
May 10	Inquirers/New Members Class
June 21-28	All Church Mexico Mission Trip

## **Regular Group meeting dates**

**Pastor's Bible Study** meets every Wed 2pm Fireside room

**WOW** – weekly drop in Bible study meets every Thursday at 10 am in the Fireside room  
contact [JHLasher01@gmail.com](mailto:JHLasher01@gmail.com)

**PW Morning Circle** The PW Morning Bible Circle will be meeting the third Thursday of each month from 10 to 12 am at the Terraces in the Sun Room, located on the 2nd floor in the Assistant Living area.

**Minow Bible** study meets every Wed. 6:30 am Fireside Room contact  
[minow@pclg.org](mailto:minow@pclg.org)

**Sign Language Sign Language Group** For March, we are going to meet on **Sunday, March 23rd**. For questions, contact Youngla Kwon at [youngla0707@gmail.com](mailto:youngla0707@gmail.com).

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