



Sunday March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Metanoia-Change, Repentance, Transformation" by Philip Roberts
Las Cascabeles

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Erica Rader

CALL TO WORSHIP Gretchen Boger

Leader: We come to worship the One who helps us when we are weary

People: Jesus makes our burdens light.

Leader: We come to worship the One who quenches our thirst.

People: Jesus is the living water that we seek.

Leader: We come to worship the One who lights our way.

People: Jesus is the light of the world and our salvation.

Leader: Let us turn to Jesus and sing our praises to him today!

HYMN #182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Jack Longley

God of grace, lover of our souls, you seek us and promise good things for us. You bless us with your kingdom of goodness and grace. We yearn to receive your promises, but we get entangled with all the things of this world. We desire your transformation for our souls, but we want shortcuts to wholeness with no growth pains. Lord forgive us for our sins and wanderings and help us back onto the right path towards freedom and wholeness. Help us to press on, to walk with Jesus through a Holy Lent. Blessed are we, your children, recipients of grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

SONG OF PRAISE "Cornerstone" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Jack Longley

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 34:1-19 Gretchen Boger

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Jack Longley

OFFERTORY "How Can I Keep From Singing" Arr. By Taylor Davis
Music Director Michael Taylor, Chancel Choir, Organist Kirim Eom

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 3:8–17

SERMON "Peace for the Persecuted" Rev. Erica Rader

HYMN "I Trust in God" Worship Band

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Erica Rader

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 #357 "The Days are Surely Coming" LLANGLOFFAN

BENEDICTION Rev. Erica Rader

POSTLUDE "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Karen Roth
Las Cascabeles

Keep in Your Prayers: Tom Smith, recovering from a broken hip. The family of Pat Jones after her passing. Michael & Susan Taylor on the passing of Susan's mother. Sharon LeClaire & family after her mother's passing. Terri Raynaud, on hospice care. Tony Bayne. Ted Bancroft's family after his passing. Mary Smith. Bill Slocum's family after his passing. C. Michael Traw's friends after his passing. Beth Barry. Joan Brown. Patty Kelly. Eleanor Gallmeister. Kristy Cole. Judy Momrow.

Palm Sunday March 29 9:15 am Join us for a memorable beginning to Holy Week. We will gather early at 9:15 am in the Social Hall for Donkey and Donuts: donut holes and coffee and photos with the donkey. We will follow the donkey into the Sanctuary with our palm fronds at 10 am. After worship, children (preschool - 5th) will be invited to participate in our egg hunt and all will be invited to visit our small petting zoo. Parents, please bring a basket for your children. Questions, please contact erin.heath@pclg.org

Holy Week Services

April 2: Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

April 3: Good Friday Prayer Room in Chapel from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

April 5: Easter Sunday: Sunrise Worship at 7:00 a.m. outside in courtyard and Sanctuary Worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Giving Online Please visit 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.



The PCLG Mission Committee invites you to volunteer for a fun, meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger on Sat, Mar 21 from 9-12 a.m. in the PCLG Social Hall. We will again be packing 15,000 meals to be distributed to those in need around the world. Rise Against Hunger uses these meals to enable at-risk communities to become self-sustaining over the long term. This will be similar to past events and is open to all ages as long as one can stand to fill and pour a measuring cup or walk containers from one table to another. Sitting volunteer positions are also available. Please sign-up and sign the online waiver form using this link: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/PresbyterianChurchofLosGatos3/21> For Questions: Please call or email Jeff Thompson 408-455-2784 Jeffsthompson7@gmail.com

On Easter Sunday, we will reaffirm our baptismal vows at the 7am, outdoor Garden Service. In preparation, join us on March 22 at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel for an hour class led by Pastor Dave to consider, prepare for and write out the meaning of our own baptismal vows at this stage of life. Open to all, whether previously baptized or not!

All-Church Mexico—Sign up now! - June 20-27, 2026. 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 or visit pclg.org/mexico

New Members and Inquirers Class Saturday June 6, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fireside Room - Childcare available with pre-registration. If you are considering making PCLG your church home or if you are curious to learn more, come to our new members and inquirers class led by Pastor Dave. We'll talk about what it means to focus on Jesus at our core, and we'll share about our theological heritage and how our church seeks to grow and serve together. It will be an interactive morning with plenty of time for questions and for getting to know each other. For more info contact: members@pclg.org. You can go our website to sign up www.pclg.org/become-a-member.

Worship Band - The Worship Band is recruiting guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and singers to lead the more "blended" songs in our worship! If you or someone you know has a talent to share, come and talk to me on a Sunday morning or email me. Rita Hoegel rita.hoegel@pclg.org

Love coffee and donuts? So do we! Please consider helping us with our coffee and donut hospitality on Sunday mornings. It's a fun and easy way to help out and meet new people at the same time! Or you can volunteer to bring donut holes for pre-worship coffee. Contact Alexis Hoekstra alexishoekstra@gmail.com

Sign-Up to Be an Usher! Are you wondering how you could get involved with PCLG? One of the easiest ways to get involved is to sign up to be an usher for Sunday worship. Come to church by 9:40 a.m., and check-in with the Head Usher who will let you know what to do. It's a great way to meet people and participate in the worship service! To sign up go to <https://www.pclg.org/volunteer-sign-up>.

Come and sing with the Choir The Choir provides music and inspiration for Sunday worship from September through mid-June. Any adult who enjoys singing is encouraged to come give it a try! Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m. Contact the choir director at michael.taylor@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 "Wonderful Wing" and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry "Wilderness 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.

Youth Update Good morning! Middle School Sunday School meets in the YC during worship today. SNIFF for Middle School starts and 5 p.m. this afternoon and High School YG begins at 7:30 p.m. this evening.

Reminder - If you are in High School or going into High School this Fall, talk to Steve or another student about LOG weekend, March 27-29. Let's go!

Dates To Remember

March 13-15	Men's Retreat
March 21	Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing
March 22	Baptism Class (11:30 a.m. in the Chapel)
March 29	Palm Sunday – Donkey & Donuts (9:15 a.m.) Egg Hunt & Petting Zoo (After Worship)
April 2	Maundy Thursday Service (7 p.m. in the Sanctuary)
April 3	Good Friday Prayer Room
April 5	Easter Sunday – Worship in the Garden (7 a.m.) Worship in the Sanctuary (10 a.m.)
April 25	Memorial Service for C. Michael Traw

Recurring Group Meetings

Pastor's Bible Study – Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the Fireside room.

WOW (Women's Weekly Bible study) Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Fireside room. contact: JHLasher01@gmail.com.

PW Morning Circle (Women's Monthly Bible study) Third Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to noon at the Terraces in the Sunroom, located on the 2nd floor in the Assistant Living area.

MINOW Men's Bible Study MINOW (Men In Need Of Wisdom) is a Men's Weekly Bible Study held on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. And we are also on Zoom, if you can't make it to PCLG in the early morning. There is always room for more men at the table so please reach out to minow@pclg.org to be added to the weekly email invite.

Bookends (Monthly Book Club) – The Orphan Keeper by Camron Wright is our March book. Based on a true story, a young man is kidnapped and sold to an orphanage. The story continues his quest to return home. We meet Sunday 3/22 at 2:30 in Fireside room or zoom option.

Sign Language Group Join us as we learn sign language through worship songs! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays after worship service at 12:00 p.m. in Room 9, located in the Children's Wing. In March, we will meet on March 8th and 22nd. For questions, please contact Collette or Charlotte by email: collette.lynnner@gmail.com or cferree@yahoo.com.

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