



Sunday, March 10, 2024  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Baker

*from Psalm 126*

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**People: We were like those who dream**

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

**People: We rejoiced and said, "The Lord has done great things for us."**

Leader: For those who go out weeping, those who bear many sorrows

**People: May they come home with joy, may the Lord meet them in this place.**

Leader: Come, let us worship our God today!

HYMN #182

"I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFORD

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

**Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge in our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we all short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient as we grow in who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Here I am to Worship"

Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Erica Rader

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Mark Baker

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY

"Holy Sovereign Lord"

by Lloyd Larson

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:22-30

SERMON "No Backsies" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN "Goodness of 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 #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" NICAEA

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Roger Heath hospitalized. Rachel Larson recovering from surgery. Brenda Costanzo on the passing of her mother-in-law, Carmela. Nancy Holloman, the loss of her son. Emily Barrett beginning treatment for pancreatic cancer. Rosemary Will. Kendra Lewis' father near the end of his life. Carolyn Randall's daughter. Pat Garland. Krista and Jeff. Cody Scott's Sister, Tyler. Jean Richey on hospice. Cindy Decker's Husband Barry, brain tumor. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Kristy Cole. Mardie Daily. Florence Mock. Gerry Young. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry, health concerns. Mike Breuleux's niece Amy. Tony Bayne kidney transplant waiting list. Joy for Tony and Tricia for the birth of their granddaughter.

**All-Church Mexico** *June 22-29, 2024* All-Church Mexico is back again this summer, and you are invited! This is a great trip for anyone in the PCLG family who wants to grow together, give to others, and have a truly awesome time. Ready to sign up? Check out the online form at [www.pclg.org/mexico](http://www.pclg.org/mexico). Questions? Concerns? Contact [mexico@pclg.org](mailto:mexico@pclg.org). The signup deadline is May 15.

**Church Work Day** All are invited to join the fun Sat. March 16th as we spruce up the campus for Easter! There will be jobs large and small, inside and outside. We'll start with donuts and finish with lunch...see you on the 16th! 9am until about 1pm.

## **What Would Jesus Do – As a First-Century Jewish Rabbi?**

Did Jesus memorize Scripture as a boy? Say a blessing before he ate? Break a loaf of bread during the Last Supper? Claim to be the Messiah?

Join us for a **light lunch**, followed by a discussion of these and other fascinating questions at a special Lenten Reflections program in the Chapel **after today's worship service**. Led by **Pastor Erica Rader**, we'll consider how the "real" Rabbi Jesus taught and lived, and how the people of his time would have viewed him.

We'll base our discussion on the book *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith*, by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. The session will end at approximately 12:45 p.m. Lenten Reflections is sponsored by PCLG's Adult Education Committee.

**Handel's Messiah – The Spring Sing!!** From Messiah Sing Conductor David Herberg: My favorite movement is number 48, *The Trumpet Shall Sound*. Not only is this a fine example of Baroque trumpet, its masterful word painting really tells the story of the final resurrection. This was the first *Messiah* movement I learned, soon after beginning to learn to play trumpet. In fact, at the time, I was only barely aware that it was a portion of a larger work. In high school, I sequestered myself in the basement of the city library and transcribed the solo from listening to vinyl records over and over and over. I eventually played it in church. Imperfectly. Bring a friend and compare YOUR favorite movements! **Palm Sunday, March 24 at 7:00** **Optional practices** continue, **Sundays, Mar. 10, 17 at 7:00PM**. If you can **volunteer** to help, sign up on Sign-Up Genius <https://www.pclg.org/signup> or let Chris Bollinger know [chris@thebollingers.org](mailto:chris@thebollingers.org)).

Everything is **FREE**. For the **practices**, just show up in the sanctuary. For the Sing, come to the Messiah Sing table at the fellowship hour after worship to pick up your **FREE (but required) tickets**, or email your request to [messiahsing@pclg.org](mailto:messiahsing@pclg.org).

**Bookends** Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30pm in the Fireside room. The book is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Benedict writes historical fiction about famous women and their role in history. This book is about the librarian for JP Morgan, Miss Belle da Costa Greene

**Pastor's Bible Study** Join Pastor Dave for a mid-week study each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

**The PW Morning Circle** meets on the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Any questions? Please call Ruth Fong at 408-395-9342.

**Maundy Thursday** Family Meal and Service March 28 5:30 pm Social Hall  
All are welcome to join us for a Maundy Thursday family meal including kid friendly choices. We will gather around tables, reflecting on the Last Supper, singing songs of our faith while we share a simple fellowship meal and celebrate Communion together

**Ministry Fellows** Are you a college student who's ready to lead and wants to serve their church community in ministry? Join us as a Ministry Fellow this Summer at PCLG. Fellows help in worship, mission and children/youth ministries as well as growing under the mentorship of Church staff. Please visit [www.pclg.org](http://www.pclg.org) to view and fill out the application.

**Sign Language Group** We are learning sign language through worship songs. We meet on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** after worship service at Room 9 in Children's Wing. The dates are subject to change depending on church events. For February, we will be meeting on **March 3 and March 17**. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon ([younglakwon@yahoo.com](mailto:younglakwon@yahoo.com)).

**WoW Women's Bible Study:** The weekly drop in Bible study for all the women of PCLG (called WOW) meets Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 at PCLG. WOW always welcomes new friends, so contact Julie Lasher at 408/656-8419 or [JHLasher01@gmail.com](mailto:JHLasher01@gmail.com) for info on our in person meeting.

**MINOW Men's Bible Study** is starting the book of Philippians next week. Now would be a great time to join in!! We have a men's study in person in the Fireside Room and via Zoom each Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. This group, called MINOW, Men In Need Of Wisdom, is, much like our Presbyterian church, run by its members! We take turns leading the weekly study, and when the current study topic nears completion, together we choose the next. The choice of reading is quite interesting and varied. Please reach out ([minow@pclg.org](mailto:minow@pclg.org)) to be added to the weekly invite. Thanks, Jeff 408-455-2784

**Children's Ministry (Infant - 5th grade):** Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants - 2 1/2 years old. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry Wing, and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry Wing. Please refer to the church calendar for special Sundays when Sunday School may not be available. 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 [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org)

**Youth Happenings** Our Youth Ministry offers three regular programs on Sundays for students.

- *Middle School Sunday School* begins after the Time for Young Disciples and meets in the Youth Center until worship ends. This year, we're thinking about and talking through some tough questions. Students are dismissed to find their parents.
- *Sunday Night Fun & Fellowship (SNIFF)* meets from 5 to 6:15 p.m. and is also for Middle School students. Games, quick Bible studies and conversation and more playtime after that!
- *Our High School Youth Group* meets from 7:30 - 9:15 p.m. in the Youth Center. Singing, sharing, sarcasm.

For more upcoming event info, to help out with dinners for volunteers, or just to chat, reach out to Steve Fainer @ 408-472-0208 or [fainer@gmail.com](mailto:fainer@gmail.com).

### **Dates To Remember**

March 10	After Worship Lenten Reflections on Rabbi Jesus
March 10	Messiah Sing Rehearsal 7 pm
March 17	Mexico Mission Sunday
March 17	Messiah Sing Rehearsal 7 pm
March 24	Palm Sunday and Easter egg hunt
March 24	Messiah Sing 7 pm
March 28	Maundy Thursday Meal 5:30 pm
March 29	Good Friday Service 1:00 pm
March 31	Easter Services 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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