



Sunday, March 17, 2024  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "In Green Pastures" based on a tune by Turlough O'Carolan  
"The Old Rugged Cross" by Joel Raney, arr. Arnold Sherman  
Los Cascabeles

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP  
(from Ephesians 1)

Karly Page

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**People: who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.**

Leader: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

**People: In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—**

Leader: to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

**People: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.**

Let us worship God together!

HYMN

"My Lighthouse"

Mexico Band

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Grace Crites

**Great God of heaven, even the slightest hint of your presence is enough to overwhelm us, yet so often we feel far away from you. Though our normal human rhythm is to undulate between peaks and valleys, we confess that even in our peaks, we fall short of your desire for our lives. We are self-centered comfort seekers, or speck-in-our-neighbor's-eye judges. We make enemies easily and deep friendships are difficult. Conform us to your will, O Lord, so that even when we are in our darkest valleys, we still follow your ways. Let us not be led into temptation, instead deliver us from evil. This we pray in Jesus' name.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"This is Amazing Grace"

Mexico Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Abby Hoekstra

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mexico Team

MEXICO REFLECTION

Cameron Logie

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 69:1-3, 13-18

Steve Raspe

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Edwin McGugan

OFFERTORY

"Mexico Slideshow"

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

SERMON

"God's Handiwork on Display" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN

"After All (Holy)"

Mexico Band

MEXICO REFLECTION

Ella Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Taryn Smith

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 Band

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

"Sonata in C Major K 19, Allegro"  
Nickie Ledford and Katie Gueorguieva, piano four hands

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Jeff and Krista Yergler praising God for a successful double-lung transplant at Stanford this past week. Roger Heath to be out of the hospital and into rehab. Terry Summa, mourning the sudden death of his daughter Terri Lyn. Rachel Larson recovering from surgery. 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. 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.

**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.

**Directory insert** There is a new members directory insert that you can add to your directory. If you would like one please see an usher. You can also request one from the church office.

**Flower Ministry** Thank you to everyone who donated vases. We were inundated with vase donations. We are now fully stocked with vases and don't need any more at this time thank you!

**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

**Handel's Messiah – The Spring Sing!!** From Messiah Sing Speaker, Pastor Dave:  
You won't be surprised to know that my favorite part of the Messiah Sing is the Hallelujah Chorus. Not only is it the most famous portion, but it is also the one part that I know how to sing! I love to join in with the swell of everyone's voices, and to see the joy on every face. That is a real high moment and I'll look forward to it again this year!  
What's YOUR favorite movement? Palm Sunday, March 24 at 7:00.  
One more optional practice! Sunday, Mar. 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 practice, 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).

**Drop in Grove Group** Wed March 20 at 7:00 pm in Chapel. We will have a monthly drop in Grove Group for those who want to connect with others as we reflect on our year of growing in grace. Our Grove Group curriculum is designed to invite participants into reflecting on a passage of Scripture, applying it to our lives and connecting with one another. No preparation is required. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions about Grove Groups, please contact Diana Koch [kochdiana@gmail.com](mailto:kochdiana@gmail.com)

**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

**Palm Sunday March 24** Join us in the Social hall at 9:15 for our annual "Donkey and Donuts" Sunday. We will have a donkey who is ready for a photo opp, as well as coffee and donut holes. We will process together with palms into our 10:00 worship service. After worship, children will be invited to join our annual egg hunt. Families, please bring a basket.

**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.

**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.

**Theology on Tap** Tuesday, April 2 from 7-9 p.m. at Hapa's Brewing Company (114 S Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos). Please join Pastor Dave and others there for a theological discussion over a frosty beverage. 21+

**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 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 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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*We believe that everyone is created in the image of God and that we are all children of our loving God. We welcome you into the life of our church regardless of where you are on your faith journey. We welcome people of any race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. Simply put, we believe that God loves you and so do we.*