

February 21, 2021

The First Sunday of Lent

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP GUIDE

Prelude: Grace Ramley

Welcome & Lighting of the Christ Candle – Pastor Beth Hoyt

Opening Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

*Refrain: "Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

*Refrain: "Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

Call to Worship: Joan Allen

Leader: Our Savior calls us to come home!

People: We come home today! Home to our faith.

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People: We come home today! Home to a place of great hope.

Leader: Our Savior calls us to come home!

People: We come home today! Home to God's love.

Opening Prayer: Joan Allen

Gracious Lord, as we begin this season of Lent we hear you calling us to come home. You call us to remember that we are your beloved children. You call us to trust that you are a good and loving God. You call us to set aside anything that might distract us from this journey home. We ask that you hear our worship of you today as our footsteps on the path leading home. Look upon us as we pray and sing and open our hearts to the movement of your Spirit. See where we are homesick and lost, and beckon to us, that we might find our way to you. You are our One True Home. In the Name of Jesus, who is The Way we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: The Old Rugged Cross

Reawaken Hymns

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-2; 10-12

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Silent Prayer

The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Hymn: "Glory Be to the Father" with Grace Ramley accompanying

Glory be to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end.

Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:1-10 Joan Allen

Children's Message: "Lenten Puzzle" --a Godly Play story told by Steve Hoyt

Hymn: "Man of Sorrows" Reawaken Hymns

Sermon: Pastor Beth Hoyt

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: Pastor Beth Hoyt

Unison

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.

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing – "Because Healing Empowers"

32% of all that you give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is used for "The Self Development of People." Today's Minute for Mission focuses on this unique part of the OGHS offering.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Beth Hoyt

Checks can be mailed to the church at 838 Jefferson Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080, or you may use the tithes and offering link at the top of our Facebook page, or on our web page: pcrb.org. During the season of Lent we also take up our special One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Just put a note on the memo section of your check of what you would like donated to this fund and we will send in your donation.

Offertory: Grace Ramley

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Joan Allen

Lord God, we have been taught that one of the ways we can express the repentance that is a part of the season of Lent is through our giving. As we go without something we might typically enjoy to give more generously to urgent needs in your world we find a new way to draw close to you. Some of us are doing that right now, Lord. We are sacrificing so we can give, and we are a little nervous about it. Will we really be glad we made this choice? Encourage us, strengthen us, make us steadfast and Lord, do not let these gifts be wasted. Use every penny to somehow make your world the place you long for it to become. And let us rejoice that we have had the privilege of participating in your good work. In Jesus Name. Amen.

The Doxology

with Grace Ramley accompanying

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction: Pastor Beth Hoyt

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto the things that are good. Return no one evil for evil, but give strength to those who are fainthearted, helping those who are afflicted, giving honor to all of God's creation. Go and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

Changing of the Light: Pastor Beth Hoyt

Closing Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Prayer Requests from Your Church Family

Pastor Beth is not reading prayer requests aloud during our Facebook service out of respect for the privacy of church members. However, she invites you to email your prayer requests to pastorbeth@pcrb.org to have them included here. Please pray for the following needs in our congregation:

Please pray for Margaret Thyne. She is in ICU at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Please pray for Corey Avilla, Gregg Avilla's son, who is recovering from a heart attack.

Please pray for Billie Jean Gear who has had a series of small heart attacks. Pray for her extended family as well – many health challenges, and Billie has lost several members of her extended family to Covid.

Please pray for Jan Attaway's son, Gregg. Gregg is on dialysis, waiting for a kidney transplant and has now been diagnosed with Covid. He recently returned to the hospital for further treatment.

Please pray for Jan Attaway's sister who is in hospice care.

Please pray for the family of Bettie Jacobs in her passing. Bettie passed away on February 2nd, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her including this, her church family.

Please pray for Mel and Jean Oldham and their son Linc. All are recuperating from a car accident.

Please pray for JoAnn Bosetti, in hospice care and being well supported by her family and friends. Let's keep all the Bosetti family in our prayers as they make this sacred journey. JoAnn expresses her deep gratitude for her church family, thanking the deacons for their meals, thanking the congregation for cards and phone calls.

Please pray for Carl Stoldt as he addresses health challenges.

Please pray for Kathy Sibert's daughter, Shannon, battling advanced breast cancer. Please also keep Kathy in your prayers.

Prayers for our nation and our world – for the success of Covid vaccines, for equal dispersion of the vaccine around the globe, for healing for those suffering illnesses, and for strength for the health care workers who care for the ill.

Please pray for our nation during this season of unrest and pray for our nation's leaders.

Please pray for our church family during this time of grief and loss.

Announcements

Scheduling your Covid Vaccine: If you are having trouble scheduling your Covid Vaccine utilizing the web page or phone app, please call Mary Adams. She is able to help any who may feel challenged by the technology of making an appointment!

We also understand that anyone over the age of 65 who has a regular doctor at Lassen Medical, may now schedule an appointment for the vaccine at Lassen.

An Invitation to Join Pastor Beth in Scripture Reflection: We have just learned that as of July 1, 2021 the Sacramento Presbytery and Stockton Presbytery will officially merge to form the North Central California Presbytery. Churches are being invited to a time of scripture reflection as we help to shape our new Presbytery together. Beth is hosting five Zoom reflections with hopes many of you will join her in this experience. The group will meet Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. and we have two sessions left: today, February 17 and next week, February 24.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!!! Just go to zoom.us, choose “join a meeting,” and enter the meeting ID:

823 4528 4616

The meeting ID will be the same for every meeting. All are welcome, and if you haven't tried out Zoom yet – this is your chance! It creates a real “Pandemic Memory!” Don't miss out. Plus, it is a significant way to have real impact in the life of our Presbytery!

Oldham Family Update: The Oldham family is recovering from a car accident. Mel Oldham is home, with daughter Nancy currently staying with him. He is growing stronger every day and enjoys phone calls and cards. Jean is recovering at Copper Ridge in Redding, and requires memory care. She would enjoy receiving cards, but not phone calls. Linc is at Quartz Hill Care Center in Redding recovering from a shattered pelvis. He is on pain medication and not able to converse easily on the phone at this time but would also enjoy cards.

Jean Oldham: Copper Ridge Care Center, 201 Hartnell Ave., Redding, CA 96002

Linc Oldham: Quartz Hill Care Center, 2120 Benton Drive, Redding, CA 96003