

March 14, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP GUIDE

Prelude: Grace Ramley

Welcome & Lighting of the Christ Candle – Pastor Beth Hoyt

Opening Hymn: Come! Live in the Light! (We are Called)

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.

Refrain

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain

Call to Worship: *from Matthew 5* Ruth Wittorff

Leader: You are the light of the world!

People: A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

Leader: No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

People: In the same way, may we let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

Opening Prayer: *Ruth Wittorff*

Ah Lord God, we step into your presence today with a deep desire to live in the Light, to shine with your joy and your love. We step into your presence today with a desire to act with justice, to love tenderly, to serve one another and to walk humbly with you. Open our hearts. Show us your mercy. Grant us your hope that we may bring hope to others. And give us the song of your Kingdom to sing, that we might walk as sisters and brothers united in love. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: "Amazing Grace" Reawaken Hymns

Prayer of Confession: Pastor Beth Hoyt

Make us instruments of your love, O God, agents of your justice and peace. Strengthen us to work for unity and harmony between people of every race, color and creed. Enable us to respect all of your creation and to love one another as ourselves, that we may serve one another in humility, simplicity and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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: Luke 19:1-10 *Ruth Wittorff*

Children's Message: "Jesus and Zacchaeus" --a Godly Play story told by Steve Hoyt

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" (The Summons)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Introduction to PDA International Response

PDA provides help for disasters both nationally and internationally. This video helps us understand the work of PDA around the world. A portion of our One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes to support the work of PDA.

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: *Ruth Wittorff*

Great God, you are generous and kind. Give us such wonder, love and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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" (Here I Am, Lord)

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 snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word 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.*

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

Please join us in thanking God that Margaret Thyne has regained her strength and can return home! Margaret worked very hard to accomplish this!

Please pray for Billie Jean Gear and her family in the recent death of Billie's father. Please also pray for Billie as she recovers from a heart procedure.

Please pray for Jan Attaway's son, Gregg. Gregg is on dialysis, waiting for a kidney transplant. He has recovered from Covid, is walking four miles a day and doing quite well!

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

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. We also celebrate that Myles continues to thrive in his new home.

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.

Announcements

Maundy Thursday Courtyard Communion Service: April 1st is Maundy Thursday, the day we remember Jesus taking his Last Supper with his disciples, thereby giving us Communion as a way of remembering Christ forever. You are invited to share in our Courtyard Communion service on Thursday, April 1st, dropping by any time between noon and 1:00. You will meet Jesus' disciples and experience a bit of what that day might have been like. *Facemasks required...thank you!*

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.

Oldham Family Update: The Oldham family is recovering from a car accident. Mel Oldham is home, and on his own now part of the time. He is growing stronger every day and enjoys phone calls and cards. He has given up driving. Jean is settling in well at Lassen House 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: Lassen House, 705 Luther Rd., Red Bluff, CA 96080

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

College Care Packages

For many years this congregation has supported our students attending college away from home as well as any military personnel serving from our church. It is a way for us to stay connected to them and let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. Last year we did not send packages due to Covid and online restricted learning. Some of our young people are indeed away this school year and we would like to once again support them in this way. If you have a family member (child or grandchild or sibling) who qualifies, please send the contact information to Jan Attaway @ aol.com or call her either on her landline 528- 2780, or cell phone 526-2335 to let us know where we can send the package. Thank you!

Church Librarian Needed!

Your church library could use an organizing touch! We have had several donations of new books, and the library has gone untended for a few years now.

If you have some time to volunteer to the cause, we would be most grateful! Let Pastor Beth know if you can help!

**Christian Education, seeking names of 2021 graduates
and those completing 3rd or 8th grade**

Each year for many years our church family has given Bibles to our children and youth who have completed 3rd grade, 8th grade and High School. We would also like to recognize any who have completed a degree in higher learning. In order for this to happen we need your assistance in providing us with the names of those in your family who will reach/attain these goals in 2020. Please do one of the following: either e-mail or call the names and grade completed or degree received to Nicki Carper at the e-mail or phone number below. If no one answers please leave a message with the information and a phone number in case I need to verify something. Please do not call the church office to leave this information as the office is not open at this time.

Thank you very much, your help is greatly appreciated as we do not want to accidentally overlook anyone within our church family.

Nicki Carper, CE chair.

Contact information for recipient names:

nickica17@gamil.com or (530)526-2649

One Great Hour of Sharing: We are currently receiving our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Money collected is used to provide relief from natural disasters, to feed the hungry and to provide support for the poor and oppressed.



