

**SUNNYVALE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

10 a.m. March 7, 2010

As we gather, you are invited to release all that would distract from worship, and to enter into a time of quiet meditation. You may wish to reflect on the Theme for the Day, the Scripture readings, or the words to the songs. Please remember also to turn off your cell phones and pagers.



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THEME FOR THE DAY—While God is faithful and true God can also sometimes seem unpredictable. Of course that may actually be more a measure of our false expectations and assumptions than a matter of God’s caprice. To be a person of faith is to walk life waiting and welcoming the surprise of God that finds us in the most unlikely of places and moves us on from there. Be open and ready to how God might move in our midst in worship today!

ORGAN PRELUDE Partita on “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” Michael Burkhardt
Chorale Prelude on “O Lamb of God Most Holy!” G. Ph. Telemann

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Dr. Steve Harrington
Pastor: As hearts leap at the sound of the beloved’s footsteps,
People: So we rejoice in God, who comes to meet us here.
Pastor: How utterly amazing that the Creator of the universe cares for each of us—loves us with an everlasting love!
People: There is no greater moment than when our spirits are touched by the Spirit of God. We open ourselves now to grace, mystery, truth, and surprise!

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION** #464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***GATHERING PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION** The Rev. Karin Hejmanowski

***AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S LOVE AND GRACE**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #478** Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven (vss. 1, 2)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.**

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S WORD AND WORK

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INTEREST

WE GIVE TO GOD FROM OUR BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY Hymn Prelude on “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Emma Lou Diemer

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along the pew. Be sure to open it as it returns so that you may greet those who are worshipping with you today.
Please also consider filling out a prayer/praise request.*

***The Doxology (#592)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 27 and 28 (selected verses), p. 24 Richard Collins
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Like as the Hart

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me,
“Where, where now is thy God?”

Psalm 42, verses 1-3, King James

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 8:4-8, 26-39, p.121

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Discovering God... In the Surprising Place

The Rev. Dr. Steve Harrington

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH AND LIFE

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #513 Let Us Break Bread Together

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Hold the bread until all are served, symbolizing that we are one body in Christ.
Drink the cup as you are served, for we must also have a personal relationship with
God through Jesus Christ.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #411 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*BENEDICTION

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me,
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, family' all are we,
Let me walk with all others², in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

*(Original composition: ¹“brothers;” ²“my brothers;” alternate words used with permission of Jill Jackson.)
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POSTLUDE

Processional on “Lift High the Cross”

Donald Busarow

You are invited to remain and listen to the postlude as a conclusion to your worship.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

VISITING TODAY? We welcome you and are glad you are here. We have three services at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. The Early Light contemplative service meets at 7:50 a.m. and includes communion each Sunday. At 10 a.m. we have a traditional service, and at 5 p.m., a contemporary service which is casual in format. All of our services are held in the sanctuary and offer the same message. If you would like to know more about Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, we invite you to visit our Hospitality Center in Trinity Court after the service.

EARLY LIGHT LENTEN EXPERIENCE—At the Early Light service each Sunday of Lent there will be an experiential activity in the narthex. Today there were **candles to light in prayer**. Next Sunday there will be stands to “water paint” messages of joy or repentance. Come early or stay late to participate.

ADULT LEARNING—This morning at 8:50 a.m. in Soulé Hall (Room 501), we conclude our series, Steadfast Hope: The Quest for Just Peace for Palestine and Israel. Miriam Kishi will reflect on ways to support peace for Jews and Palestinians. Guest speaker Una Stevenson talks about “Three Faces of Human Trafficking” at the 11:30 a.m. class today in Soulé Hall. This program will repeat tomorrow, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 702.

FAIR TRADE coffee, tea and chocolate orders will be taken at the WriteOn! Advocacy Center today after the 10 a.m. service.

SPRING GULF COAST MISSION TRIP April 18-24—Informational meetings will be held tonight at 6:15 p.m. in Room 304, and following the Annual Congregational meeting on March 14 in Room 304 for those interested in the spring Gulf Coast Mission trip to Texas City, Texas. Trip organizers will be on hand to answer your questions. You can also check out the church web site for information and pictures. Just look under “Making a Difference/Gulf Coast Mission Trip.”

HUMAN TRAFFICKING will be the topic of the first annual Charlie Jensen Lectureship. Una Stevenson of Longmont, Colorado will share her knowledge about human trafficking with Adult Learning classes today at 11:30 a.m. in Soulé Hall (Room 501) and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Room 702. The Mission and Service Ministry Area established the lecture program in memory of Charlie whose dedication to concerns around the world is well known.

FEATURED AT THE WRITEON! ADVOCACY CENTER today in Trinity Court after the 10 a.m. service is the January through February Issue of “Washington Report to Presbyterians,” which addresses International Relations; Energy, Environment and Economic Justice; and Public Education and Criminal Justice.

JOIN OTHER CARING PARENTS for the Parent Support Group. We meet from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the church library (Room 213). Members are committed to supporting each other as we parent children and youth who need extra help. If your child has issues related to learning differences, sensory processing, attention, social, uneven, or personal development, we invite you to come. Meetings are facilitated and confidential. If you’d like more information, please email parentsupport@svpc.us.

“THESE DAYS” DEVOTIONS, which include the month of March, are available on the Booksale display. Use this free resource or find another inspirational book to help you take time to look at your life and faith and grow during this period of Lent. Copies of *Steadfast Hope* (book and DVD) are also available.

CALVIN AND THE REFORMATION, written by Ron Hill for Armchair Theologians, provides concise overviews for the nonexpert. You can borrow it from the Church Library. The wall display is featuring books about Palm Sunday, Passover and Easter.

LEARN THE DESTINATION OF CARAVAN 2010 at the unveiling tonight at 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (Bldg. 300). CARAVAN is a week-long service and learning trip where students put their faith into action as they serve God by serving others. CARAVAN is open to current eighth graders through high school seniors. This year’s CARAVAN will take place July 31 - August 8.

ANNUAL MEETING—The annual meeting of the congregation will be held in the sanctuary Sunday, March 14, immediately following the 10 a.m. service. Child care for all ages will be provided. Items to be covered include a presentation of the financial reports of both the year past and the budget for the next, action on the terms of call for the pastors, and a review of the year’s ministry in a fun and engaging context.

KNIT FOR KIDS—Knitters are asked to bring all their finished sweaters to Jan Mortensen’s home, 823 Helena Drive, in Sunnyvale on Tuesday, March 16, at noon. Bring a sandwich, and dessert will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. by March 13 to 408-733-1220.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF SIXTH GRADERS—There will be a brief parent introductory meeting on Wednesday, March 17 from 7:20 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. in the Youth Room (Room 752) to welcome parents to Youth Ministry. Beginning March 24, sixth graders are welcome to participate in Junior High Youth Ministry events (they will continue to attend BLAST and iBLAST on Sundays). We look forward to meeting with you.

COMING SOON—The Peace and Justice Task Force of San Jose Presbytery will show “Tapped,” a movie that explores the issues around the substance that makes up 61 percent of our bodies—**water**. The showing will be Saturday, March 20, 7 to 9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (Bldg. 300). Bring your own beverage; popcorn will be provided. For more details check the Write On! Advocacy Center in Trinity Court.

OPEN GYM DATES—Basketball, Tuesday, March 9 & 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Volleyball, Saturday, March 20, 9 to 11 a.m.

GLORY CHOIR (3rd-6th graders) will sing at the 10 a.m. service on March 14 in addition to Moment with Children. Please arrive by 9:40 a.m. to rehearse in Fellowship Hall.

INTERSECTIONS iCHOIR REHEARSAL continues tonight. Please pick up your children in Room 405 by 6:10 p.m.

WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS up to 75 words in length should be submitted to bulletin@svpc.us no later than 10 a.m. each Monday.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES up to 120 words in length should be submitted to newsletter@svpc.us no later than the second Monday of each month. April’s newsletter articles are due tomorrow, March 8.

WEBSITE CONTENT should be submitted to website@svpc.us.

LABYRINTH—You are invited to walk the grass labyrinth in a garden on the east side of the sanctuary. Walking the labyrinth can be a form of prayer, a way to be quiet and open to God.

PRAYER/PRAISE REQUEST CARDS—In the pew racks are prayer/praise request cards. If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. If writing on behalf of another, please be sensitive as to how, or even if, the person would want this shared in worship.

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES—

Senior High Gatherings - Grades 9-12:

CLUE – Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m. in Room 752

Junior High Gatherings - Grades 7-8:

FLASH – Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. in Room 702 (Dinner served—\$5 donation)

FLASH AM – Sundays, Junior High Church School class meets in Room 304 during the 10 a.m. service. First Sunday of the month students worship in the service with their families.

BLEND – All youth blend together 7 - 8:30 p.m., **April 28** in Room 752. (No FLASH or CLUE on these dates).

WE CARE—Whom to contact: for a **Stephen Minister**— Deb Halford at 408-739-1892; for a **Spiritual Director**—Jim Peterson at 408-736-9224; with **Concerns and Celebrations** in life—Nurture Coordinator David Bentley at 408-739-1892.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN TRINITY COURT THIS MORNING

THE BOOK SALE DISPLAY will be staffed by Dick Nepstad.

DVDs of today’s church service may be ordered at the Hospitality Center or by calling the Church Office at 408-739-1892. Recordings may also be borrowed from the library.

CHURCH LIBRARY, Room 213, is open on Sunday mornings. The library is also open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

It is with great joy that we gather together to worship. The theme of our large stained glass window is the *Holy Spirit Who Goes with Us into Life*. With the recognition of our Creator God in the stained glass windows that run along the sides of the nave and the representation of our Redeemer God in the cross up on the chancel wall, this new colored glass window completes our celebration of the Trinity—Father, Son and Spirit. The window is faceted-glass as opposed to stained glass, and is a somewhat impressionistic rendering of the Holy Spirit’s part in our lives. We hope this will allow each to interpret the theme of the window in our own way, just as the Holy Spirit moves differently in each of our lives. As we leave the sanctuary after worship may this window help each of us to remember that God goes with us into life, and that in our worship of God we are rooted in Christ so that we can reach out in love to the world – all accompanied and blessed by the Holy Spirit.



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