

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO

ST. JOHN'S

St. John's exists as a new family to embody God's reality & hope in our world.

SEASON OF LENT

10^{am} March 22, 2009

Welcome - you're invited to experience God's presence as you choose.

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Fugue in memory of Alexander Pirumov" by Cyril Deaconoff	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Surely the Lord Is in this Place"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "I Come with Joy" vv. all	red book 28
PRAY	<p>one: Living God, as we continue our journey through this season of Lent we are reminded of the steadfast love that the psalmist wrote about – a love which would endure forever through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ – love given not to judge but to save, causing human sinfulness to be encountered by divine compassion.</p> <p><i>all: Words about the depth of your love for us are etched on our hearts and made visible through our lives. Accept our praise and thanksgiving, O God, for this priceless gift of lives lived eternally with you, a gift made possible through the sacrificial love of Jesus.</i> <i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Forgiving God, we remember the times when we have not reflected that depth of love in and through our lives. God of steadfast love, forgive us of any unloving and unlovely actions and words. God of unchanging love, as this community of faith, we confess the times when our love for the world falls short of your love for us.</p> <p><i>all: Merciful and loving God, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders your life-giving love to shine through our lives. Strengthen us with your Spirit to be credible witnesses of your love as we experience it in and through Jesus, our Savior and Lord.</i> <i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. God, who is rich in mercy, out of great love for us - even when we were dead through our sins - made us alive together with Christ...for by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it</p>	Cindy Harris

is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2.4,5,8) And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are loved and we are forgiven.

all: *Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled and empowered to begin again.*

AFFIRM*

*Jesus, your grace is moving among us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Jesus, your grace is moving among us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

GREET*

(Share a greeting of peace, comfortable for you.)

CHOIR

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Numbers 21.4-9 (p. 242) Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22 (p. 948)
Ephesians 2.1-10 (p. 1818) John 3.14-21 (p. 1650)

ENGAGE

"Light"
"whoever lives by the truth comes into the light," John 3.21

love the darkness

step into light

find some answers

act out truth

SING*

"You Are Mine" vv. all

red book 46

COMMITMENT

PRAY

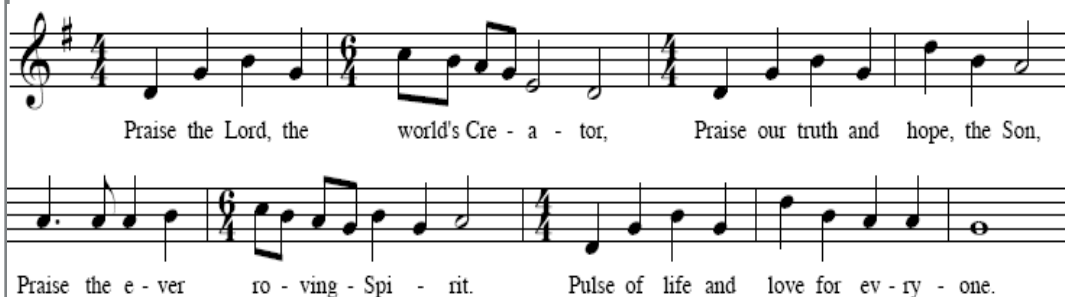
(ecumenical version - or use a version or language you prefer)
Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)

"Reflective Interlude in E minor" by Mawby

AFFIRM*



Praise the Lord, the world's Cre - a - tor, Praise our truth and hope, the Son,
Praise the e - ver ro - ving - Spi - rit. Pulse of life and love for ev - ry - one.

DEDICATE*

Gracious God, accept these gifts which we offer in response to the riches of your immeasurable love. Strengthen us with your Spirit to witness to that love in all we do and say, so that others may come to believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord. Amen

Theresa Cho

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

"Live Into Hope" vv. all

blue book 332

SEND & BLESS*

(You're invited for conversation & caffeine in the back.)

CLOSE

"Short Prelude in G minor" by J.S.Bach

TODAY

COFFEE/TEA - You may indulge before, during & after worship. You're also welcome to share in the snacks.

GUESTS - We welcome you to this family of faith. As your hosts we love your questions & comments.

OUR KIDS - may wander or color at the table at left front. Animals & books in back are for restless parents.

LIGHTHOUSE - our nursery for kids 0-4 located in the chapel on left, front.

LITTLE MARINERS - for ages 2-4, offered 1st & 2nd Sundays of month, downstairs.

A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5th grade, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8 in Fireside Room.

LISTENING DEVICES - Are for hearing impaired, or for parents with kids in *The Lighthouse*, to listen to worship.

NAME TAGS - Help others remember your name. Indicate on the clipboard if you wish one made for you.

PARKING - Guests may Dble-park on Lake St. (DPT ticket if cars blocked) & free @ St Anne's Home, 3rd & Lake.

RESTROOMS - Behind the sanctuary on both levels (upper level is fully accessible & has changing table).

THE EAGLE - Getting the Eagle newsletter? It's in back & on our website. Request to get it, on the clipboard.

WELCOME - If you'd like to help welcome others, bring snacks or tidy after fellowship, any Sunday, please indicate that on the clipboard as it's passed. Please place clipboard pages in the offering basket. Thanks.

LIVING OUR VISION

OUR COMMITMENT is to passionately follow Jesus.

COMMITMENT CLASS - Explore what it means to take a step in a journey of commitment to Christ & being a part of St. John's as your spiritual home. Indicate any interest on the clipboard or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know of the next class. Childcare available upon request.

FAITH on TAP - At The Bitter End pub (441 Clement, btw 5th & 6th Av) March 18 (3rd Wednesdays), 6³⁰-7³⁰pm. No faith required, but curiosity to explore with your own integrity. See pastor John or just show up.

GIVING - envelope boxes for all, in back of sanctuary, or use secure eGive @ our home page, stjohssf.org

OUR COMMUNITY is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

COMMUNITY CLASS - Explore growth in study, prayer, giving & fellowship. Monday, May 4, 7-8^{pm}, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available by request.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Every 1st Saturday, 8-9^{am}, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic Call: John Lenox 752 1365.

STUDY GROUP - Thursdays, 7-8³⁰pm, in Library, studying Galatians. More info: See pastor Theresa

ALPHABET DINERS CLUB - Eating our way thru the alphabet. Meet at Oyaji (3212 Clement), 4/30 @7^{pm}, for good food and conversation. Contact pastor Theresa for more info & to RSVP.

OUR COMPASSION embodies the peace & justice of God.

COMPASSION CLASS - Discover gifts, talents & passions - your compassion. Monday, April 6, 7-8^{pm}, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available upon request.

HAYES HOME - Worship with residents, 2-2⁴⁵pm, 1250 Hayes St. (3rd Sundays). Info: David Miller, 673 4810.

HARVEST - Saturdays, 7³⁰-10^{am}. Come share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

ST. JOHN'S CINEMA - Thurs., April 2, 7-8³⁰pm, Forgiving Dr. Mengele Enduring horrific genetic experiments at Auschwitz, Eva Kor returns with forgiveness. Free. (Views aren't necessarily of St. John's or members.)

OUR GIFTS - 10+% of our income is for others. Some recipients shown on back bulletin board.

What's New!

A.R.K. KID'S PARENTS - In March our kids learn how Jesus feeds 5k. For mission, help your kid raise money in their fish banks to buy flocks of ducks for Heifer (\$20/flock). Return banks to pastor Theresa.

PHOTO DIRECTORY - Eric Guarisco will photograph members & friends. Contact him, 931-9998 eric-sf@pacbell.net as needed.

COMMITMENT CARDS - for '09 commitments, are in the back.

EASTER LILIES - to order lilies (a donation of \$15 each) by April 5, use an offering envelope, indicate in whose memory or honor it is given & place in offering basket. You may pick it up on Easter.

HOLY WEEK Family Pageant: Sunday, April 5th, 10^{am}

Good Friday: April 10th, 7^{pm}, quiet reflection.

Easter: April 12th, 7^{am}- Crissy Field picnic tables, 10^{am}- in sanctuary

PALESTINE REPORT - pastor John & Nancy share impressions & slides of their recent trip. Sunday, April 5th, 6-7^{pm}, in Fireside Room.

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - next on April 19, Easter season - sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys.

SPRING CONCERT - Saturday, May 9, 8^{pm}; Vallejo Choral Society, St. John's choir & musicians from the SF Conservatory. Tickets: \$20 general & \$15 for seniors/students on sale soon.

more info @ stjohssf.org

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