



TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 27, 2022

WELCOME AND EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE OF LENT

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

PRAYER

Holy One,
let this worship be the welcoming place, the place of return for all of us,
the children of God who have wandered from the home of God.
Let this worship be the place where we are reawakened to your love;
that we may respond in opened-armed celebration
and prepare the party for that which has been lost
has returned to be among us once more.

~ inspired by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws.

*** ♪ SONG – “Kyrie Eleison”**

Lorelle Banzett and Miriam Hoffmann

TESTIMONY

Jami Wiseman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, that we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL READING Luke 15:11-31**

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

"My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.'"

MEDITATION – "The Trial of the Prodigal Sons"

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

Judge - Bob Richards, Counsel - Marie Strassburger, Counsel - Denny Lott

♪ SONG - "Amazing Grace"

Ryan McKenzie

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

***THE APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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.

*** BENEDICTION**

*SENDING

Go in peace. God will always welcome you home!

Thanks be to God!

♪ SENDING SONG - "Grace Flows Down"

Lorelle Banzett and Miriam Hoffmann

This is the season of Lent, the 40 days before Easter, a time marked by prayer, bible study, repentance, and walking with Jesus toward Jerusalem. We invite you to check out our website TLPC.org for ways you can be involved. And, as a discipline in Lent, we invite all to join us by giving to the ministry of TLPC. **We thank everyone who generously supports this ministry and enables us to be an online worship presence.** Gifts may be made online through our website at TLPC.org or mailed to: **Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, PO Box 10620, Truckee, CA 96162**

Our congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God's world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, during the pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Washoe people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this country their home.



JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

5:30 to 6:15 pm at TLPC!

An Inspiring Brief Program and Soup To Go!

We have a wonderful long tradition of Wednesday evening Soup Suppers during the Lenten season. This year we will hold the Suppers at TLPC with a theme of Matthew 25, "Do it For the Least of These." We will be featuring speakers from the Truckee community who are actively working to feed the hungry, work for justice, and help to protect our environment.

Eddie and Denny Lott serve on the ELCA Synod Hunger Committee and will be speaking this week on issues of hunger in our nation and around the world. It will be an inspiring evening! Join us!