TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
First Sunday in Lent - March 6, 2022

♫ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Nothing Can Trouble”
Lorelle Banzett, Heidi Kuzma, Kathy Manifold
Based on a writing from Teresa of Avila (Carmelite mystic, 1515-1582)
"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.
Those who cling to God will lack nothing.
Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.
God alone is enough."

WELCOME AND EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE OF LENT
Pastor Jeanie Shaw
Silence for reflection
♫ KYRIE ELEISON
Kyrie Eleison (Greek meaning “Lord, have mercy”) is an ancient prayer of the church.
After each petition, all respond singing: Kyrie, kyrie eleison.

TESTIMONY
Hanna Bear

PRAYER
Gracious God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.
Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world
toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

♫ GATHERING SONG – “We Pray for Peace”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE
In the blazing light of your love our failings are illuminated
our failure to give,
our failure to love,
our failure to follow,
our failure to serve,
our failure to be the people you would have us be.
Forgive us and renew us.
Give us the courage to walk with you toward Jerusalem, that we may know your love. Amen
Based on a prayer by John Birch

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC - Excerpt from J.S. Bach, Brandenburg Concerto
Cooper Shaffer, violin

CHILDREN’S TIME
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Lord, open our hearts and minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING  Deuteronomy 26:1-3, 8-11
When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel, the Good News of God.
Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “The Invitations in the Wilderness.”  Pastor Jeanie
Silence for reflection

♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “When We are Tested”

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE
Blessed are you, O God.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

♪ SONG OF THANKS – “New Doxology”
*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.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Please conclude your prayer with ‘Lord, in your mercy,” and all will respond, “Hear our prayer.”

* ♩ LORD’S PRAYER

*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

* GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♩ COMMUNION SONG – “Sanctuary”

* PRAYER OF THANKS
We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

* ♩ SENDING SONG – “The Blessing”

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

* BENEDICTION

*SENDING
Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God!

*We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk *
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.** 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.