



TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday in Lent – March 5, 2023

♪ **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Open The Eyes Of My Heart”**

Kathy Manifold and Susan Horst

WELCOME

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, the Holy One gathers us together with purpose:

To dream of futures yet imagined.

To nurture our love for one another.

To empower our leaders.

God's blessing is upon us as we come to wrestle:

with meaning and justice,

with questions of love,

with the calling upon our lives.

The Spirit is moving! Let us worship together.

*** ♪ GATHERING SONG - “This Is Amazing Grace”**

Steve Ogg and Congregation

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*** SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ in a way that you feel most comfortable, saying “The peace of Christ be with you.”

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 3:1-17 (edited)

Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. Joshua gave orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of; do not go near it.”

Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.”

Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people.”

And the Lord said to Joshua, “Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’”

Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. This is how you will know that the living God is among you. See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord **of all** the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. Choose twelve men one from each tribe. And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*** ♪ PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – “Here I Am Lord”**

Congregation

*** THE GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “Joshua and Nicodemus”

Pastor Jeanie

♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “We Are Called”

Congregation

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 – “Doxology”**

Congregation

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Please conclude your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy," and all will respond, "Hear our prayer."

*** 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.

*** 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 – "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Congregation

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Thank you, Gracious God, for the mystery of your healing presence in the bread and the cup.
Strengthen me with the richness of your grace to honor you with my intentions, my words, and my actions.
Empower me to BE the Good News to those around me, through the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Grace Chou, Jami Wiseman, and Jeff Rowe

*** CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

May Almighty God, who has given you all the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. Amen.

*** ♪ SENDING SONG – "Welcome To The Family"**

Congregation

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church, in our local community, and throughout the world.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** SENDING**

Go In Peace. God is Always before you!
Thanks be to God!

*** POSTLUDE - "Here I Am Lord"**

Susan Horst

We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♪ means All Sing!

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

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We are in the season of LENT. Join us every Wednesday night at 7:00 via zoom beginning Wednesday, March 8 for a Lenten Bible Study. You will be provided with a Zoom link prior to each Wednesday meeting.

Pastor Jeanie and the Nicaraguan Mission Team are home from their mission trip to Nicaragua. Their hearts are filled with gratitude for your prayers, support, and generosity! The team was able to provide families with latrines, bicycles to enable youth to get to their High School 15 kilometers away, and water pumps for wells. In addition, they gave school supplies to two schools and installed a computer lab with 11 new computers!

Today we celebrate the ordination and installation of TLPC Elders! Our leadership is elected by the congregation and ordination takes place by the laying on of hands, a tradition of the earliest church that dates back to the book of Acts when the Disciples of Jesus laid hands on Stephen. Our Elders are ordained to serve, not be above the members of our congregation. As a symbol of that service, each of our new Elders will wear a stole made of a towel, a symbol of being “yoked” and a servant of Jesus. Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for a time of fellowship in honor of our new Elders!

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.

