



TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday in Lent – March 12, 2023

♪ **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Gelobet Seist Du, Jesu Christ”**
“Praise To You, Jesus Christ”

Dr. Kuzma and Bach Band
Congregation

WELCOME

Vicar Jonas Ellison

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said: You are the light of the world.
Let our light shine, giving glory to God.
Let us Worship God!

*** ♪ GATHERING SONG - “Be Thou My Vision”**

Elder Ryan McKenzie

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

Vicar Jonas Ellison

Loving God, You are the light of the world.
Forgive us for turning to self-reliance, rather than turning to you.
Help us to trust you, and to live in your light, knowing that you are the Light of the World,
and greater than any darkness.
With this confidence, may we give hope to the world.

*** 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

Elder Ryan McKenzie

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 Isaiah 42:1-9

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,
to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

“I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.

See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare;

before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*** ♪ PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – “I am The Light Of The World ”**

Congregation

I am the light of the world;

I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will never walk in the dark,

will never walk in the dark,

but have the light of life.

*** THE GOSPEL READING John 8:1-20**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” The Pharisees challenged him, “Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.” Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.” Then they asked him, “Where is your father?” “You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “Shedding Some Light”

Elder Ryan McKenzie

♪ 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

Elder Lori Breuch, Elder Ryan McKenzie, and Vicar Jonas Ellison

♪ COMMUNION SONG – “Every Voice In Praise”

Dr. Kuzma, Bach Band and Singers

*** 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.

*** ♪ SENDING SONG – “All This He Did”**

Bach 18th Century Jam Session

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**

Elder Ryan McKenzie

*** SENDING**

Go In Peace. God is Always before you!

Thanks be to God!

*** POSTLUDE**

Dr. Heid Kuzma

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 welcome Dr. Heidi Kuzma and friends for a very special musical arrangement of Bach's Chorales arranged by Dr. Kuzma!

Pastor Jeanie is in Texas at the wedding of Cabot Jackman, a friend of TLPC. **We give a special welcome to Ryan McKenzie and his family.** Ryan is under care of the Nevada Presbytery and serves as Director of Ministry at Westminster Woods Camp and Conference Center. If you are interested in sending your child to a GREAT camp, please talk to Ryan!

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

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.

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