



TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
First Sunday in Lent – February 18, 2024

*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.*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

Pastor Pat Mecham

OPENING WORDS

We have entered the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives

And journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.

Let us lift up our souls to our merciful God

And humble ourselves in God's service.

God has marked us as beloved dust

And called us together to worship.

Let us worship God in song!

*** ♪ GATHERING SONG – “Baptized in Water”**

Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we approach God with confidence.

Let us pray.

In the season of Lent, O God, we say lofty words about renewing our spiritual life, journeying with you to the cross, or denying ourselves material things for the good of the soul. Forgive us, God, if our words are in vain. Forgive us and wash us in your mercy, and free us to try again, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I declare to you, in the name of Christ, we are forgiven!

Amen! And may God give us the power to forgive as well!

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit 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.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, we ask you to give us ears to hear and hearts to accept your word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PSALTER READING Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*** GOSPEL READING Mark 1:9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “Lead Me in Your Truth”

Pastor Pat Mecham

*** ♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”**

Congregation

* 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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and
these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Pat Mecham

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.

INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♪ COMMUNION SONG – "As the Grains of Wheat"

Congregation

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God,

for nourishing us as we walk the pilgrim journey of faith. Fill us with your love, and help us to share that
love with a hurting world. We ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

* ♪ SENDING SONG – "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Congregation

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD – ANNOUNCEMENTS *Birthdays/Anniversaries*

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

* BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

* POSTLUDE

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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.

