March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:45 AM

PRELUDE Gymnopedie #1 John Douglas

By Erik Satie

WELCOME Pastor Mike Holland

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In our gathering we are blessed to listen for the

Spirit's whispering, to discern God's presence, and

to worship with Goddess's people.

Many: Wherever we may be, we are members of

Christ's body, Christ's family, Christ's church, anointed to continue the ministry and spirit of

Jesus.

One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, and we have been

selected to bring good news to each seeker,

recovery of hope to all, and healing to our world and

planet.

Many: May the words in our mouths and the

meditations in our hearts delight You, O Goddess, our Creator and Sustainer.

One: Let us worship in Spirit and in Truth because

our lives and the lives of many depend on it.

And only a Divine Presence can carry us
through chaos to community once again.

Prayer: Gracious God, in this season of Lent, may our

focusing and hungering hollow out in us a place for deeper spirituality. May denial of fear and worry turn our hearts to the Spirit of Christ that gives us a new freedom for faithful living. We ask for these graces with our hearts full of concern for all affected by the pandemic. Grant us courage and discipline, patience and peace for the days ahead. In Christ name we pray.

Amen.

OPENING SONG Come, Now is the Time to Worship

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos

Put a Little Jesus in Your Journey

Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here the Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you. Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be.

SPECIAL MUSIC Moonlight Sonata

By Ludwig Van Beethoven

John Douglas

MORNING PRAYERS

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Kel Henderson

Quiet Meditation Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

By David Paxtor John Douglas

UNISON PRAYER – Reinhold Niebuhr

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone, therefore we are saved by love. By sharing our stories, admitting our fears and failures, yet acting together once again, there is the real possibility that our spirituality will deepen and our world be transformed. Amen.

PRAYER SONG Change My Heart, O God

MESSAGE When Bad Things Happen Pastor Mike Holland Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

CLOSING SONG

One Spirit of Love

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mail envelopes, check and monies to the church office during the week.

Or give online through www.churchofthefoothills.org

BENEDICTION

Pastor Mike Holland

CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (Repeat)

POSTLUDE

Draw Me Close
By Kelly Carpenter

John Douglas