



MARCH 11, 2018

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



**COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Pastor: Rev. Victoria Snow (508-277-3973)

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We welcome children to our services, please inquire about nursery and/or children's church.

Fourth Sunday In Lent

THE YEAR OF ABUNDANT GRATITUDE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

REMINDER: *Once the music has begun, we ask that all refrain from speaking in order that everyone may meditate and ready themselves to hear God's still small voice.*

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

GATHERING TIME - "Alleluia"

CHIMES OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please sign the registration pad.)*

GATHERING US TOGETHER:

Pamela Vasali

(Please stand as you are able)

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ,
why have you come to worship this morning?

All: We come to celebrate the love of God.

One: This love reaches through the shadows of our lives to embrace us.
Our challenge is to trust the light of God's love in the midst of our struggles.

All: We come to celebrate the light of God in Jesus who offers love and acceptance, not judgment and rejection.

One: If only we will trust, Jesus leads us in the way of light and love.

All: **We come to celebrate our God who loved and loves us so much!**

***GATHERING HYMN 72: "To God be the Glory"**

GATHERING PRAYER: (In unison)

Pamela Vasali

As we continue our journey through lent, let us remember the words of the Psalmist:

**"Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;
guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long."**

Amen.

***THE RESPONSE - "The Gloria Patri"** (Page 805 in Hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

BLESSINGS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

Choral Response (in Unison)

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

LENTEN CENTERING FOR PRAYER:

Consider the steadfast love of God in every breath you breathe. May that steadfast love inspire you to give generously so that we may live into God's reign of peace and compassion through the offerings of this very church. Let us now receive our offerings.

ANTHEM: "The Heavens Are Telling"

The Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BLESSING OF OUR GIFTS: (in unison)

O Generous One, we give thanks to you for your steadfast love endures forever. May these gifts be used to feed the hungry and satisfy the thirst of all those you love throughout your creation. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD:

Numbers 21: 4-9

Old Testament page 139 of the pew Bible

Psalms 107: 1-3

Old Testament page 559 of the pew Bible

Ephesians 2: 1-10

New Testament page 191 of the pew Bible

John 3: 14-21

New Testament page 94 of the pew Bible

HYMN 558: "Love Divine All Love Excelling"

MESSAGE:

HYMN 563 "Lord, I want to be a Christian"

CLOSING BLESSING:

Let us rejoice: God so loves the world! May God your Maker send you back into the world with creative energies refreshed. May Christ the Light illuminate your darkest moments. And may the Holy Spirit of steadfast love guide you until we worship together again. This day and forevermore. Amen!

BLESSING RESPONSE: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE

***Please stand as you are able.**

USHERS: Ben Smith, Jeanette Brown, Faye Hartman, Gloria Hess

GREETERS: Ben Smith, Jeanette Brown, Faye Hartman, Gloria Hess, Robin Kenna

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2018

TODAY: 10:00 am - Worship
1:00 pm—District NA - Andrus Hall
7:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Andrus Hall

MONDAY: 5:30 pm - Tai Chi Class - Andrus Hall
6 pm - Monday Nite Group - check Events Table

TUESDAY: 10 am—Bible Study - Parish House

WED: 11 am—Lenten Study—Parish House
Noon - NA - Andrus Hall
5 pm - Choir Practice - Choir Room
6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice Andrus Hall

THURS: 12:30 pm - Games Group - Andrus Hall
6:30 pm - NA “Women with a Message”-Andrus Hall

FRIDAY: 7:00 pm - NA Meeting - Andrus Hall

SAT: Noon - NA - Andrus Hall

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