

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Melody in F Dr. Mary Crowell
Dr. Jenny Maclay

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Larry Ugarte`

* Call to Worship Psalm 23 Elder Carol Copeland
The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want,
You make me lie down in green pastures, and lead me beside quiet waters.
You revive my soul.
and guide me along the right pathways for your name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Hymn The King of Love My Shepherd #802

*Prayer

*Glory to God in the Highest

*Call to Confession Carol Copeland

*Prayer of Confession Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness for your Name sake through Jesus Christ our blessed Savior.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

You are the Lord giver of mercy!
You are the Christ giver of mercy!
You are the lord giver of mercy

*Assurance of Pardon Pastor Ugarte`

* The Gloria Patri Unison

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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

We Listen to God's Word

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Pastor Ugarte`

Prayer of Illumination Carol Copeland

First Reading 1 Samuel 16: 1-13
pgs. 277-8 Carol Copeland

Anthem : Arioso from Cantata No. 156 Dr. Crowell
Dr. Maclay

Gospel John 9: 1-41
p. 1,061-2 Pastor Ugarte`

Response Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "You Got the Wrong Man " Pastor Ugarte`

We Respond to God's Grace

*Hymn What Wonderous Love is This # 215

* Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of The People Pastor Ugarte`

*The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Nocturne from Midsummer Night's Dream Dr. Crowell
Dr. Maclay

*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.**

* Prayer of Dedication Pastor Ugarte`

*Hymn I Love to Tell the Story #462

*Charge Pastor Ugarte`

*Benediction

* Postlude Ode to Joy Dr. Crowell
Dr. Maclay

***Stand if you are able**

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health) | Duane Counter (Health & Healing) |
| Doris Welch (Home) | Suzanne Weeks (Healing) |
| Dean Steele | Jac Catlett |
| Susie Fogg (Home) | Diane Lynn (Health) |
| Sharon Massey | Gale Cottles (Healing) |
| Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) | Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown |
| Debbi O'Neil (Healing) | Charlotte Lyle (Healing) |
| Joyce Counter (Healing) | Gary Boyd (Healing) |

*Prayers of sympathy and comfort for the Duane Counter
and family on the loss of Joyce Counter*

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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| Brandon Noel - Army | Sean Miller - Army |
| Adam Naves - Marines | Damien Williams - Army |
| Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard | Joshua Hargrove - Deployed |
| Jay Tulley- Middle East | Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard |

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Larry Harris (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Martha Taylor (Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Silvey Family (Healing, daughter, 3 years old)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees and kidneys, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Stephanie Reed (Support, family member of Jan Ruth)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)
Kristie Whitt (Healing, daughter of Alice Whitt)
Charlotte Pickett (visitor to the church)
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father-in-law of Michael & Gail Cottles)
Patricia Cloninger (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Leigh Ann Looyenga (Healing, friend of Gina Haraway)
MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)
Allison Hargrove Bains (Sympathy, neice of Diann Copeland)

For Our Visitors:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night at Revival
- Potter's hand meets each Wednesday morning from 9-12
- Fourth Day, a follow-up for Walk to Emmaus participants, meets each Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Washington St. meeting room by the sanctuary. All are welcome!
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Jim will be out of the office through March 21. Please get in touch with Dr. Karl Kling or a member of the session for any emergencies. (941 228-5165)

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