

Sunday, March 15, 2026 - 10:00 am

4th Sunday in Lent



Prelude

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”

arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

“An Evening Prayer”

Charles Gabriel

Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee; Forgive the secret sins I do not see;
O guide me, love me, and my keeper be. Dear Lord, Amen.

* Call to Worship

One: We gather now to worship God, our Rock and our Redeemer,

All: The one in whom we find refuge, who rescues us when we call.

One: You are our foundation and our fortress, O God;

All: Into your hands we place our lives.

One: Let us worship the Lord our God together!

* Hymn #187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. You call us to the risky work of justice and peace, but too often we default to what's comfortable and safe. You call us to ministries of generosity and compassion, but we make little room in our lives for gestures of mercy and kindness.

Forgive us, O God, and turn us to the right path. Wash us with your grace and transform us by your Spirit, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed. This we pray in the name of the One who is the way, the truth, and the life...

(Time for silent confession)

Amen.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, this is the Good News:

All: In Christ, God brought us back to our true home, to hope, to love, and to life.

One: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** Song of Praise #581**

“Gloria Patri”

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, amen.

*** Sharing of the Peace**

Choir Anthem

“There is a Green Hill Far Away”

by Deborah Govenor

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall
Where our dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.
We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv’n, He died to make us good
That we might go at last to heav’n, saved by His precious blood.
There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate to let us in.

Dearly, dearly has He loved, and we must love Him, too.
And trust in His redeeming blood, and will His works to do.

Prayer for Illumination

By your Spirit, O God, let your Word speak to us in new and life-giving ways. Grant us the courage to open our hearts and minds, knowing that we will be changed. Amen.

Scriptures

First Reading – John 13:31-38
Second Reading – John 14:1-14

Sermon

“Time to Go”

Rev. Mark Burnham

*** Hymn (see Insert)**

“A Place Called Home”

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Moment for Mission

Elder Elise Teagle

The Offering

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory

**“Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)”
from “Run the Earth, Watch the Sky”**

by Chris Rice

David Knapp, tenor

* **Lenten Doxology** (tune: *Old Hundredth* #606)

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn #696**

“O God, You Are My God Alone”

O God, you are my God alone, whom eagerly I seek,
though longing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my body weak.
Just as a dry and barren land awaits a freshening shower,
I long within your house to see your glory and your power.

Your faithful love surpasses life, evoking all my praise.
Through every day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise.
My deepest needs you satisfy as with a sumptuous feast.
So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has never ceased.

Throughout the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, too mind;
in darkest hours I meditate how God, my strength, is kind.
Beneath the shadow of your wing, I live and feel secure;
and daily as I follow close, your right hand keeps me sure.

* **Benediction**

(Worship is complete after the Benediction. You are free to exit, or stay and enjoy the Postlude music.)

* **Postlude**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

arr. M. Hayes

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Thanks to: Liturgist - Steve McLaughlin; Music Director - Jumi Kim; Sound and Livestream Operators - Mark and Anita Donnell; Greeter - Anne Bergera; Ushers - Sally Day, Wendy Watkins

Join friends in the Fireside Room for fellowship and refreshments.

Announcements



Join Mark in the Library for Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10:00 am (in Person and via zoom)
If you need the zoom link, please contact the church office.



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WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and celebrate all who join with us - the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the gay and the straight, the strong and the weak and the brave -- and though we are different one from another, we are united in loving and praising God and in loving each other.

Welcome Grace Visitors

Visitors who want to learn more about the church and membership are invited to let Rev. Mark know of your interest at anytime. We'll set up a meeting with a small group of elders and the pastor to answer your questions about being a Presbyterian and/or a member of Grace.

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Holy Week Schedule

- Mar 29** Palm Sunday
SERVICE AT 10:00 AM
- Apr 2** Maundy Thursday
SERVICE AT 4:00 PM
- Apr 3** Good Friday
NO SERVICE
- Apr 5** Easter Sunday
SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

Grief Group

A new session of the Grief Support Group begins on Wednesday, March 18 from 2:00-3:30 pm in the Grace Church Fireside Room. The group will meet weekly for ten sessions. The primary resource for the Group will be the book "Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart" by Dr. Alan D Wolfelt. You can find more information on the book and the author at <www.centerforloss.com>.

Church members as well as friends and family are welcome to attend.

If you would like to attend, please sign up on the Registration Sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office at 925-935-2100.

These Days - April/May/June edition is now available in the back of the Sanctuary. You may also contact the church office if you would like a copy.



Lenten Vespers

Jumi Kim, director
 Joe Lim, piano
 Kathryn Hoffer, violin
 Hans Hoffer, cello
 Jim Griesemer, drum
 Sheryl Ruzek-Griesemer, tambourine

Grace Chancel Choir
 Jennie Byun, soprano
 Kathryn Schumacher, alto
 David Knapp, tenor
 Declan Galli, tenor
 Wayne Wong, bass

A PRAYER FOR HOPE & LOVE

(Sun)
Mar 22
3:00 pm

Grace Cooperative Preschool's spring fundraiser with **See's Candies**

Online storefront open **February 24 - March 20**
<https://tinyurl.com/GraceSpringCandy>



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John 13:31-38

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

A PLACE CALLED HOME

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Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

Words and Arr. Michael Joncas



1. A place called home with com-fort for the wea-ry;
2. A place called home where ten-der-ness can flour-ish;
3. A place called home, a prom-ise for to-mor-row;
4. A place called home for ev-'ry hu-man be-ing;



a place called home of nour-ish-ment and rest;
a place called home, a ha-ven from all harm;
a place called home, a vi-sion hand-ed down;
a place called home where arms are o-pened wide;



a place called home that wel-comes in the stran-ger,
a place called home where chil-dren sleep in safe-ty,
a place called home for all God's sons and daugh-ters,
a place called home where all ex-tend the wel-come,



where one un-known be-comes a wel-come guest,
where hurts are healed, a shel-ter from the storm,
where love pre-vails and peace is ev-er found,
where none are lost, a-lone or cast a-side,



where love can find a hu-man hab-i-ta-tion;
where peace can find a hu-man hab-i-ta-tion;
where hope can find a hu-man hab-i-ta-tion;
but mem-bers of a sin-gle hu-man fam-'ly;



God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
God grant us grace to build a place called home.