

Evergreen UMC – Fort Bragg, CA
March 27, 2022 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

Prelude Paula Butler

Welcome Pastor Diana Hunter

Bell Ringing/silence/ Musical Meditation

Circle Hymn 328 Surely The Presence of the Lord

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 angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.



Call to Worship Leader: God of love, when we wander away it is your grace that calls us back to you.

All: You receive us with mercy, and we give thanks.

Loving Christ, when we are lost and lonely in a far land,
you accompany us in love, and guide us home.

You receive us with grace, and we give thanks.

Holy Spirit, your joy in us calls us, blesses us, and revives us.

We celebrate, for we who were lost are found! We who were dead are now alive! By your invitation we come home to your family in joy. Amen.

Hymn 383 This is a day of new beginning v 1,3,5

This Is A Day Of New Beginnings,
Time To Remember And Move On,
Time To Believe What Love Is Bringing,
Laying To Rest The Pain That's Gone.



For By The Life And Death Of Jesus,
Love's Mighty Spirit, Now As Then,
Can Make For Us A World Of Difference,
As Faith And Hope Are Born Again.

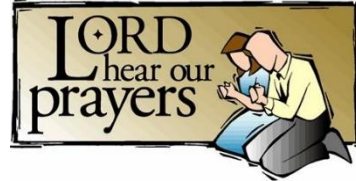
Then Let Us, With The Spirit's Daring,
Step From The Past And Leave Behind
Our Disappointment, Guilt, And Grieving,
Seeking New Paths, And Sure To Find.

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Prayers of the People please share your requests and joys in comments

(Sing 3 times) Lord, listen to your children praying

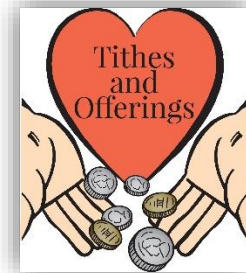
Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us Love, send us Power, send us Grace.



Pastoral Prayer said by Pastor

Lord's Prayer said by all: *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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. (sing) Amen.
Amen. Amen

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Doxology

Laetare Sunday Text

Isaiah 66: 10-13

Gospel Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Hymn 292 What Wondrous Love is this vs 1,3,4

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

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To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Message Rev. Diana Hunter

Hymn 138 The King of Love vs 1,2,6

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never:
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Benediction **Don Sheffel MD / Lay Speaker**
Postlude **Paula Butler**



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This week's Spiritual homework

Delight

*The son said,
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
I am no longer worthy to be called your son."
But the father said, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—
and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate."
—Luke 15.21-23*

God is not bound by our shame.
The robe and ring are not merely gifts:
they signify family. Belonging.

You can't unbelong from God's family,
can't be outside God's intimate bond.
You always belong, always have, always will.

Run away; you are still God's beloved child.
Come crawling back, poor of all but guilt;
you are still rich with God's delight.

Delight, child. Beyond mere acceptance,
deeper than forgiveness: God's utter delight—
reason for singing and dancing.

You belong, sealed, to God's delight—
compassion, healing, gratitude and delight.
God has nothing but delight for you.

Repent of refusing God's delight.
Your penance, hard as it is, is to come in and feast.
Your penance is to enter into God's love and joy.

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