



Prelude: "Lamb of God" Bizet

Silent Meditation: "Then what advantage has the Jew?" – Romans 3:1a

Bringing the Light

Choral Call to Worship

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***Hymn of Praise:** "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" R. 15

Greetings and Announcements

***Covenant**
 We covenant with God and with one another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all His ways, according as He is pleased to reveal Himself unto us in His blessed Word of Truth. (Salem Church Covenant)

***Invocation - The Lord's Prayer - Gloria Patri** B. 575

Children's Moment

Psalm: Psalm 121

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 10:12-18
Romans 2:25 – 3:4

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Giving

Offertory: "Lenten Supplication" Birchwood

***Doxology:** B. 572

***Dedication of Gifts**

***Hymn of Dedication:** "Give Me a Clean Heart" R. 515

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-23

Anthem:

Sermon: "Romans Romp: The Jewish Heart"

***Hymn of Commitment:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" R. 517

***Taking the Light into the World**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude: "At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day" Mansfield

(R=Red Hymnal; B=Blue Hymnal)
 *Congregation is invited to stand
 Please join us for conversation downstairs.

*Flowers were given by Irene Stewart
 For the choir in appreciation of the beautiful music
 Flowers from Carrs on DeBarr*

Welcome to First Congregational Church. We're delighted to have you with us this morning. We hope that you will find something of substance to take home with you and that you will meet new people who will become friends.



Everyone is invited to sign the green visitor cards, which are located in the pews. If you are a visitor or new to our community and would like to receive our newsletter and other church information, please include your address, email address, phone number, and check any appropriate boxes.

We invite each of you to join us downstairs for coffee, tea, juice, and cookies following the service. Stop in and greet the people you know and meet those you don't.

Nursery service is available downstairs for children 3 and under. If you choose to bring your children to the service and they become restless, the boardroom is equipped with speakers, and you are welcome to take them there.

Wonder

God help me
 to feel wonder –
 in a leaf
 in a ray of sun
 in a snowfall.
 To laugh and cry
 with somebody else
 or all by myself.
 To let gaiety in my life
 and to show someone else how.
 To take a friend's hand
 for no special reason.
 To value the small things
 but to want to do great things.
 To believe what Your Son said about
 becoming like little children.
 May I be at home in Your kingdom.
 Amen.

– St. Andrew's Episcopal
 Church, Saratoga, CA

Coming Up

Sunday, March 7th

11:30 Fellowship Hour
 12:00 Deacons Mtg.

Tuesday, March 9th

6:00 Dinner & Discussion

Wednesday, March 10th

6:30 Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 11th

12:00 Hour of Prayer
 7:30 Spirit Seekers

Sunday, March 14th

9:30 Adult Forum
 Choir Rehearsal

10:30 Worship
 Sunday School

11:30 Fellowship Hour
 12:00 CAWS Mtg.
 Music Mtg.

Looking Ahead



Tues. Mar. 9th & 23rd
 Dinner & Discussion

Fri. Mar. 19th

Dinner Koinonia
Sun. Mar. 28th
 Bean-a-Fit and Cache Building

Do you really know Jesus?

Explore with us Sunday at 9:30 the
 "historical" Jesus.

Ministers

PEOPLE OF FCC

Sr. Minister

The Rev. Mark E. Long

Interim Minister of Youth

Randy Tomson

Ministers of Music

Peggy McBride, Choir Dir.

Ellen Sutphin, Handbells

Nursery Ministry

George White

Serving Today

Deacon: Jeanette Dillon

Fellowship: Gordon Shortman

Greeting: Carolyn Rinehart

Lay Reader: Peggy McBride

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Oxys Go to the Fur Rondy Carnival

Sunday March 7th after church, the Oxys will go downtown for the last day of the Fur Rondy carnival. All kids Oxy-age and thereabouts are welcome to come! Parents, please give your child enough money for lunch and plenty of carnival rides and have them dress for the weather. We will return to the church at 4:00 pm for pick up by parents.



Palm Sunday Pageant

On March 28th the Sunday school is going to put on its first Palm Sunday pageant! We will be working with the kids on the pageant and music for the next three Sundays. We have CDs and lyric sheets to hand out so you can practice in the car and at home. We welcome all kids to join in on this day of celebration!

Position Available



Part time admin assistant for church office. Minimum qualifications: high school diploma; college degree or equivalent work experience preferred. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office software to include Word, Excell, Publisher, and Access as well as Quicken are required. Demonstrated strong public contact skills, the patience of Job and a good sense of humor are necessities. Must provide State Trooper background check at the time of interview. Twenty hours per week, \$14.00 per hour. Provide letter of intent, resume and names and contact numbers of three references to: First Congregational Church attn: Human Resources, 2610 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99507.

Closes March 20, close of business.

First You Get An Oryx...

... But in a pinch an Ibex will do. That's Fermen Dillon's description of how to make Bobotie which is what he and Jeanette will be serving for the next Dinner Koinonia on Friday March 19th at 7:00 pm at their home, 19254 Adak Cir. in Eagle River. I think he was kidding about the Oryx – at least I hope he was. Jeanette describes the dish as a spicy beef, lamb, or caribou dish served over rice or couscous. At any rate it sounds like a lot of fun, and you're invited to join in. Give the office a call at 272-8363 by Wednesday, March 16th to let us know you're coming and to find out what part of the meal to bring to round out the feast.

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With passion, meaning,
and dignity in the
presence of God's Love

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