

SAN DIEGUITO
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors

9:00 am

10:45 am

March 13, 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday In Lent

*“To come to terms with illusion is one of the great jobs of our lives:
to discern what is fantasy and what is reality,
what is dead and what is alive, what are stones and what is bread.”*

-- Nora Gallagher, novelist

Entrance

Prelude — “Hymn Improvisations” Fred Swann

Introit — Come Before His Presence” Albin Whitworth

Chancel Choir

James Shepard, Guest Director

*Processional Hymn No. 150— “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

*Greeting— The Reverend Martha Wingfield

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be honor and praise
both now and forevermore.**

Praise — “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.** ♪

(Latecomers May Be Seated)

Call to Prayer (*Romans 10:8b-10*)

‘The word of faith is near, on our lips and in our hearts.’

So let us come before God in prayer, believing in our hearts and confessing with our lips that the same God who delivered Jesus in the wilderness will deliver us also.

Prayer of the People

**Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you
that we are often tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you,
that our hunger for power and wealth is greater
than our hunger for seeking and doing your will.
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.
We are tempted to use the gifts you give us
to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others;
we are tempted to use deceit to influence and control people;
we are tempted to manipulate you to satisfy our own needs.
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.
So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that,
with the confidence of Jesus Christ, we put our whole trust in you. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance (*Romans 10:11-13*)

The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’

The Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Therefore, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn Response No. 143 “On Eagle’s Wings”

♪ **And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.** ♪

Children's Moment

At this time all children are invited to the front of the church to hear a brief message.

The children will be excused afterwards to attend their Sunday School classes.

Greetings and Announcements

*Please register your attendance by **clearly** printing your **first and last** name in the attendance pad found in each pew, passing the pad to the end of the pew, and then back to the center aisle.*

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer For Illumination — “Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”.....Johann Ahle

The First Reading — Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (Pew Bible page 2, 3).....(9:00) Lori Ackroyd
(10:45) Jeri Badour

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Anthem— “Amazing Grace”arr. Jackson Berkey

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.
‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come.
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun!
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first begun.

The Second Reading— Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible page837).....The Reverend Mark Feldmeir

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen

*Hymn of Preparation No. 2112 — “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

The Sermon — “Beware the Undertow”The Reverend Mark Feldmeir

Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**
**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**
**We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**
**We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.**
**We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.**
**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

Call to Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

*Greeting — Offering Signs of Peace & Reconciliation

The Offering

Offertory — “All Glory, Laud and Honor”Michael Burkhardt

*Doxology No. 94

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! ♪**

Offertory Prayer

**Almighty and merciful God,
your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us,
your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us.
Give us a heart to love and serve you,
and enable us to give up ourselves to your service and will,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn of Consecration No. 269 —“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” (verses 1,4,5)

Sending Forth

*The Light of Christ Leads Us Out Into The World

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction — “God Be With You”.....arr. Dale Wood

*The Postlude — “Crown Him With Many Crowns”.....Jerry Westenkuehler

**Indicates that you are invited to stand.*

TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today’s flowers are donated by Jean & Bud Chavis in celebration of their 64th Wedding Anniversary, and by Valerie Takemori in memory of Akira.

GREETERS: (9:00) Don & Kathy Madren
(10:45) Gerardo & Patricia Rojas

USHERS: (9:00) Paul & Rosella Davis, Bruce & Kristine Headrick
(10:45) Virginia Odend’hal, Griff & Beth Thomas

RECEPTIONIST: (9:00) JoAnne Moran (10:45) Patricia Hoines

40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS-AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON OF LENT

Forty days and forty nights is a phrase rich in biblical imagery. It reminds us of the great flood of Noah and Jesus’ time in the wilderness before the start of his ministry. For Christians, it is also the measure of the time for Lent, a time for contemplation, for action and for growth.

During this time, we seek a deeper relationship with our redeeming God and prepare ourselves for the Easter joy to come. The season of Lent is a time of preparation and intentional living that enables one to focus on the transforming power of the Easter message.

The symbols of the season reflect the penitential nature of these days and point to the journey that Jesus himself made to the cross. The rich shades of purple suggest a mood both somber and meditative. The images of thorns are reminiscent of the crown of thorns that was placed on Jesus’ head at his crucifixion.