



Gathering Rite

Prelude:

Welcome

{centering/somatic practice}

Time for Reflection

{poetry or meditation followed by Taize-inspired singing of Faith, Hope, Love}

FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE/LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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PART 1
Ostinato Refrain

Faith, hope and love, let these en - dure for - ev -
er; faith, hope and love: the great - est of these is
love. The great - est of these is love.

Last time (Repeat as needed)

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Our forty day journey through Lent recalls Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Three times, the devil coaxed Jesus to rely on himself instead of on God. Three times, Jesus resisted, trusting God to give him all he needed.

Friends, I don't know if you have noticed or not— but— we are not Jesus. We forget to recognize ourselves instead of God as a temptation; we even extol self-reliance as a virtue. Join me in confessing this to God, and asking for compassion.

People: God, we confess that we struggle to confess. We want to delight you by doing all things right, and we don't want to admit that we can't do all things right. We know, to receive forgiveness, we must confront our own failures.

God, we confess that we struggle to confess. We're afraid of being a burden to others. We don't want to need anyone too much, so we try to not need anyone at all.

God, we confess that we struggle to confess. Just like we turn away from our vulnerability, we also turn away from the vulnerable. We have rejected our own weakness, and in so doing avoid those who are weak. We have denied our own frailty, and in so doing look down upon those who are frail. We have resisted dependence, and thought less of those who depend on others.

God forgive us, because we struggle to forgive ourselves. We build a wall of self-reliance that separates us from your love.

P: Jesus once said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician.” Jesus didn’t come for those who didn’t need him. He came for me, and for you, and for everyone who has fallen short. Feel how Jesus’ power is made perfect in our weakness. In Christ’s name, I tell you that you are completely and entirely forgiven. We are imperfect. And, we are forgiven. And- we are entirely, fully, thoroughly loved.

Let this forgiven-ness rest in your bones. Not as a sign of our failure to win the fight against sin, but as the realization that God already has. Let us shout with the psalmist:

People: My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust! Amen!

Greeting

P: The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: and also with you

Prayer of the Day

P: Incandescent Christ, signs of your presence fill the world with brightness, but we are weighed down with sleep. Guide our waking and guard our sleeping, so that we may rest soundly in dreams of the world you envision, and wake to reflect even the tiniest bit of your brilliance in all that we do. **Amen.**

Choir Offering

{none this week}

Liturgy of the Word

Hebrew Bible: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm: 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

**2 When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.**

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

**4 One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of
the Lord and to seek God | in the temple.**

5 For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

6 Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the Lord.

7 Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.

8 My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.

9 Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

10 Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,
the Lord will | take me in.

11 Teach me your | way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.

12 Subject me not to the will | of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.

13 This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the Lord
in the land | of the living!

14 Wait for the Lord | and be strong.
Take heart and wait | for the Lord!

Epistle: Philippians 3:17—4:1

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel Acclamation: No. 325 | vs. 1

1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me; _____ I want

Je - sus _____ to walk with me; _____ all a - long my _____ pil - grim

jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me. _____

Gospel: 9:28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon: Intern Pastor Sam

Musical Reflection: Darlene Charles

P: Let's profess our faith together:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life-everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

AM: Our response this season will be sung together once now, and again once we have finished our collective prayers. We pray together in song:

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain — All



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -'. The second staff continues the melody with a half note and a quarter note, then a quarter rest followed by a quarter note. The lyrics are: 'veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our'. The third staff concludes the phrase with a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The lyrics are: 'hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -

veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our

hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

AM: In this season we pray for those who need our care. May we listen with our hearts open, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our actions that we might show that God is always present.

We pray for those who feel alone, that each may experience a true sense of presence and hope.

We pray for those who are experiencing pain, that kindness and healing be granted to them.

We pray for those who experience abuse of every kind, that when they are finally able to seek help, it is not refused.

We pray for those who are without a home, those who have been forced to leave their home. God, bring them shelter of their own, wrap them in a sense of stability and peace.

We pray for children everywhere. May we adults model Christ's love in ways that help them flourish into beautiful co-creators with God.

We pray for the people who feel they have no voice, and the people whose voices are drowned out. May they find joy and rejoicing, despite the challenges they face.

We pray for the lost, those who have not yet been found, those who seek but do not yet stand on holy ground. May they find the intricate threads of your pathways, God, and surely, steadfastly, make their way to you.

For what else do the people of Faith Lutheran Pray?

We pray together in song:

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain — All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

P: Loving God, receive the prayers of your people. We ask that you draw all things together in the way of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offering of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

People: and also with you

P: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's consistent and merciful peace.

O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2
Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517

Prayer Over Gifts

AM: God, you give us what we need to love and serve you. Now, we return a portion of these gifts as fruit of the love you've planted among us. We give our hands, our hearts, our resources. You give inspiration, direction, and a sense of purpose. We ask you to bless these gifts and help us give them to the places they are most needed in this world. **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you

People: and also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: It is not only right, but truly necessary for us to thank you, God.

The universe overflows with your goodness.

You open your hand to satisfy the needs of every part of your creation, and your creation, out of gratitude and joy, joins in an echoing song of praise:

Sanctus: ELW Setting No. 8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God
brimming with your extravagant love.

In the beginning you created– not because you needed to
but because it delighted you.

You made texture of feather and fur,
fragrance of pine and saltwater
glinting minerals and sparkling stars,
humankind in all of its gorgeous difference and diversity

But– we so often reach for more than what you freely give
We seek to meet more than our own needs
rather than trust in your abundant provision of just enough.

Though you sent prophets to teach us compassion,
calling us to share
who have opted to fear scarcity,
to favor safety in self-interest
and still, your faithfulness to us is inexhaustible.

You became like us in Jesus Christ,
whose life magnified the abundance of your grace
and the lavishness of your love.
He saw the richness of a widow's pennies
and the surpassing fineness of a lily's petals
the towering greatness of a tiny mustard seed
and easily fed thousands with five loaves, and two fish

On the night of his arrest,
he gathered his friends for a simple meal
and set a feast of love.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat: this is my body, given for you.
Eat this and remember me.

Again after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin
Drink this, and remember me.

And so we remember: **the command to love as Jesus loved**
We remember: **the life of God poured out for us like wine.**
We remember: **the resurrection that shattered the power of death.**
We remember: **Christ's ascension into heaven and promise to come again.**

Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit upon us,
and on this bread and cup

Let the fragrance of your love fill this holy house
Come Holy Spirit

Let it fill our noses with the sweetness of grapes and the earthiness of wheat
Come Holy Spirit

Let it fill our hearts as lavish compassion for the little, the lost, and the least
Come Holy Spirit.

Let this bread and cup magnify your prodigal love,
mirroring the heavenly feast that has no end.
Bring us at last to the infinite table where you have gathered all your holy ones,
In the new creation where every tear is wiped away, and every need is met in you

All honor and glory is yours, O God, who is both Giver and Gift,
with the Holy Spirit

in your holy church
now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

P: Let's pray as Jesus taught us, using the words/language etched into our hearts:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo.
Santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos
ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén.

Notre Père, qui est aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre
comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons
aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous
du mal. à toi appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la
gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.
Amen.

Agnus Dei: ELW Setting No. 8

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Invitation to Table

P: Draw near and receive gifts of God for you, the people of God. **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ, and Christ in us.**

Communion Song: Tune ELW 644 | Words ELW 803

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
 all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

P: May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you always in grace. **Amen**

Prayer After Communion

AM: Let us pray: Jesus, you have fed us with a gift that has no price: your very self. Send us out like Mary with her perfume, prepared to give the best we have to dignify the whole world you so loved.
Amen.

Concluding Rite

Announcements:

Don't forget our All Our Needs mini-pilgrimage around Santa Rosa with our new friends at Christ Church and First Congregational UCC!



Lent 2025: All Our Needs

What if Lent is less about turning inward, and more about turning ourselves outward? Join us on Wednesdays and discern who God envisions us to be through meeting neighbors and learning about their needs. After all, wholeness is something we all need.

March 5 · 7 pm

Need: Ash Wednesday

Where: Faith Lutheran, 4930 Newanga Ave.

Who: Pr. Diana, Pr. Lindsey, Pr. Sam and you! We begin the season with communal song, word, and ashes.

March 12 · 1 pm

Need: Vulnerability

Where: The Living Room, 1335 N. Dutton Ave

Who: Annie Valentine | We meet, and hear from Annie about The Living Room, who the Living Room is serving, and their needs.

March 19 · Your Choice

Need: Rest

Where: Your Choice

Who: It's all YOU! (and an accountability partner). Rest is a real need for all of us. We'll email you a brief ritual. Then, you decide when and how you intentionally give yourself some extra rest in God. Make sure you report back with your accountability partner. Tell us how it went the following week!

March 26 · 5:30 pm

Need: Advocates

Where: Flat Rock Park, 4230 Flat Rock Cir.

Who: Laurie Bayen, Joe Salinas | Learn about the Sacred Ground app, and about efforts to honor the Southern Pomo tribe, which originally inhabited the area by changing the park name to Bitá-Kom-tara Park. If you can't join us, you can still experience some of the beauty of the space through the sacred ground app. See your pastor for more info.

April 2 · 1 pm

Need: Change

Where: VIDAS, 418 B St. Floor 1, Santa Rosa

Who: Pr. Lindsey, VIDAS Staff | Learn about advocating for immigrants in our community, then take a coffee/tea break to discuss how churches can respond.

April 9 · 7 pm

Need: Beauty

Where: First Congregational Church, 2000 Humboldt St. Santa Rosa

Who: all of us | We gather and enjoy beauty. Bring a piece of music to sing, or play. Knit or crochet quietly. Paint or draw. Rest and listen. Share a piece of poetry. Eat, drink, and laugh together. This night is about everyone's need for beauty, to take it in, to make and share it. Join us!

Holy Thursday · April 17

Where: Christ Church, 1717 Yulupa Ave

Who: Pr. Diana, Pr. Lindsey, Pr. Sam and you! Jesus commanded us to love one another as he loved us. Join us for food distribution at Elisha's in the afternoon, then a communal meal and special Maundy Thursday celebration. You don't have to be present for the whole day, we encourage you to come and go as works best with your energy and schedule. More details and schedule for the day will be available in early April.

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Blessing

P: Now may God, who risks loving an imperfect people, who forges weakness into divine strength, who never leaves us for forsakes us, bless you and sustain you.

Today, God has answered your need, and now the Spirit sends you out to answer the world's need.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW 840

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Dismissal

AM: Go in peace, care for others' needs, as God cares for yours. **Thanks be to God**

Note: No postlude. Depart in silence for Lenten season. Postlude returns for Easter!