



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Prelude
Greeting
Introit
Video Announcements
Welcome

Call to Worship

Shannon Petersen

One: Scripture is full of questions...

All: Where are you?

One: Am I my brother's keeper?

All: Whom shall I send?

One: Who do you say that I am?

All: Who sinned?

One: How many times shall I forgive?

All: If God is for us, who can be against us?

One: Scripture is full of questions, so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

All: Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.

*Opening Hymn

"We Welcome Your Spirit" (tune #73)

**We welcome today, your spirit divine,
And trust in your love, your presence so kind.
We gather together, unite us today;
We seek to be with you and follow in your way.**

**Your church is our home, our comfort, our stay.
We thank you, we praise you, for this is your day.
In worship, in praying, in scripture and song,
Your guidance we're seeking to keep us from all wrong.**

**Sent forth in your love, compassion our guide
We seek-out your guidance, no-one to be denied
Our lives open to you on Homecoming day,
In Jesus we follow, come guide us all the Way.**

Call to Confession

Shannon Petersen

**Please stand as you are able*

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One: Who here has sinned?

All: We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

One: Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

All: Thanks be to God for a love like that. Have you sinned?

One: I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

All: Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

One: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

All: Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2143

“O Lord, Your Tenderness” *Sing Twice*

O Lord, your tenderness, melting all my bitterness;

O Lord, I receive your love.

O Lord, your loveliness, changing my unworthiness;

O Lord, I receive your love.

O Lord, I receive your love.

O Lord, I receive your love.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time

Pastor Lori

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: John 9:1-41

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Message: Who Sinned?

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

One: We believe in a merciful God,

All: A God who does not keep score, a God who wants good for us.

One: We believe in a creative God,

All: A God who would heal with mud, a God capable of seeing what we cannot.

One: We believe in a saving God,

All: A God who heals, a God who greets our questions with patience, a God who sends us out with hope in our step.

One: What wondrous love is this.

All: Amen.

Song of Prayer #2086

“Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,

To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

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**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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 evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

**Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life.
Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light.
Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above.
Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing!
Alleluia! Bless the God of love!**

*Prayer of Dedication

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Generous God, you have blessed us throughout our lives. Take these offerings, and every gift we give, and use them to show others the breadth of your unfailing love. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #451

"Be Thou My Vision"

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou are.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Benediction

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*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.**



Thank you for worshipping with PBUMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. **All** are welcome at PBUMC!

Our altar flowers today are in abundance! One bouquet is in loving memory of Carolyn Clough from her daughter, Joleene Persky. Our other flower arrangement is from Tim Adams in honor and celebration of his mother Lois' 95th birthday.

For pastoral support or spiritual conversation, please contact Pastor Lori at the church office or via the [website](#). Want to know what's happening at PB UMC? Sign up for our weekly emails! We have several different categories you can sign up for: there's the weekly news with a rundown of that week's sermon and events happening soon, a weekly email with prayer requests, a monthly email with a link to our Beach Breeze newsletter, as well as youth/Sunday school emails and memorial notifications. Whether you'd like to sign up for one or sign up for all, visit <https://pbumc.flocknote.com/>!



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