

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall.

*We warmly welcome Les Roberts and Ivo Shin to our worship service this morning, and thank them for sharing their talents with us! A reminder that the Tucson Pipes and Drums will be playing in our parking lot on March 23rd at 3:30 p.m. We invite you to bring a chair and enjoy both the music, and the food sold from our very own Valley Galley. A free-will offering will be taken at this event. On April 5 at 6:00 p.m., we'll hold the final *Music in the Valley* performance. Tickets for this event are available in fellowship hall after today's service. Come hear the wonderful recipients of the *Music in the Valley Scholarship* in this performance!

Children: Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service. Children who remain in the service can obtain an activity bag in the sanctuary.

The Inquisitors: Last Spring, with "Living the Questions," we started examining our faiths in an environment where participants could interact with each other and fine tune our beliefs to make them more worth having and living. Join us on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1, to continue discussing this topic. For further information contact: Grant Stitt (396-3549 or email stitt@unr.edu).

Women's Ministries is co-sponsoring the PW de Cristo Spring Gathering. Please join us for a rewarding day with keynote speaker, Rev. Yung Me Morris, whose presentation will focus on trauma and healing. More information and registration forms are available at the Women's Ministries Table in Charter Hall today after worship. Please stop by to reserve your spot for an inspirational day of spiritual renewal..

Lenten Devotionals (*On Calvary's Hill* by Max Lucado) are now available for \$5. They can be purchased in the church office during the week and at the Faith Formation Kiosk on Sundays. Pick one up for you and several for a friend.

Sanctuary Flowers: Consider sponsoring a Sunday morning flower bouquet in remembrance of a loved one or as a celebration of a special occasion. Sign up at the Information Table in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$45 for a large bouquet.

Patio Sale is This Week!

Thursday, March 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(\$5.00 Admission Thursday only)
 Friday, March 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.
(Bargain Day)

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Marilyn & Dick Barney,
 Marian Coberly, Barbara Dittmer,
 Betty Kiesle-Yoder

Information Center

Mike & Kay Brouwer

Medical Team

Jim Penney
Visitor's Table
 Dave & Cheryl Stepp

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Roger McFarland, Ed Smith

The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ



Richard H. Ernsting March 1



"Please accept a purple stone and carry it with you during Lent as a reminder of Jesus' love, sacrifice and promise of eternal life."

Liturgy of the Ordinary: A Lenten Study. Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. continues in Classroom 3. Pastor Diane takes a look at all the ordinary things we do each day (getting out of bed, brushing our teeth, checking email), and show us how to become aware of God in our daily routines.

Snacks Needed: Our Volunteers work hard during Patio Sale week. If you would like to bring snacks (cookies, bars, fruit) for their coffee breaks, please bring them to the church office or the church kitchen the week of the sale (sale dates 3/14, 15 & 16).

Friendship Kettle Dinner: Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage, then at 6:00 p.m. enjoy a program of old band music by the AZ Banjo Blasters. Tickets (\$13) will be available in Fellowship Hall today after the worship service.

Mission Breakfast is Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 a.m., will focus on services offered by Posada Life Community Services. Tickets (\$5) can be purchased on March 17 in Fellowship Hall after the worship service.



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To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

✦ **All those who are able, please stand** **March 10, 2019**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION Stillpoint Spirituality
 O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where you invite us to live more simply and deeply. We offer you our Lenten observance, and today we place our feet on the road to Easter, and walk the Way that you have walked before us. Amen.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Christopher
Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing Ben Coppock

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER
 L: Jesus is the Living Water. **P: Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. Margaret Tucker
 Valley Ringers

INTROIT *The First Song of Isaiah*
**Surely, it is God who saves me;
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold
 and my sure defense,
 and he will be my Savior.**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Lectionary Liturgies Rev. Medina
Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy,
 you create a new order for our lives:
 service before success,
 faith before knowledge,
 partnership over independence,
 the cross over the crown.

Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world,
 rejecting your call through our action or inaction.

Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world
 in the light of your great love.

Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.

We now bring our silent prayers of confession to you,
 O Gracious God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased.

We are forgiven and loved, renewed and restored.

Everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**What a friend with have with Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.**

ANTHEM *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

Sanctuary Choir; Les Roberts* – drum; Ivo Shin* – Flute

Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:

“Use your power,” the tempter tells him; “Turn these barren rocks to bread!”

“Not alone by bread,” he answers, “Can the human heart be filled.

Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!”

Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall:

“Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!”

Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:

“God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.”

Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:

“Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you’re sure to gain!”

Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:

“God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!”

When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,

Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our living bread.

By your grace, protect, preserve us, lest we fall your trust betray.

Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please join the Choir in singing the Great Amen.

