

Welcome to the Season of Easter

Welcome visitors! If you are unfamiliar with the ritual and flow of this service please relax and let the rest of the congregation carry you so that you can just be present to it all.

We celebrate the Resurrection as one body

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 141 in Psalms for Praying)

One: We call to you O Blessed One, suffuse us with Your Love!

Many: Give ear to our prayers when we call to You. May our prayers be known by You as we abandon ourselves into Your Heart!

One: Lead us to words of wisdom and truth, seeds to be planted in our heart-soil.

Many: Guide us to times of solitude and silence that nurture new growth, so that the Word may ripen into abundant fruit.

One: Cultivate in us hearts great with compassion and mercy, that radiates out to all creation.

All: My inner being yearns for You, O Beloved, in You help me find refuge and strength! In the company of this community may we walk the pilgrim road to wholeness and holiness. Today and always. Alleluia! Amen.

***Opening Hymn #2115 (small blue)** Christ has Risen

Sung Prayer:

O God we call, O God we call from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, for You.

Corporate Prayer of Reflection: Where are you looking for resurrection in your life right now? Where do you sense that God is making that known? What might God be doing right now in the day in day out that is leading you into new life?

Sung Response: Listening to the Heartbeat of God

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:
Isaiah 6:1-8

Sung Prayer: **O Word of God be known in this place. O Word of God come send us Your grace. Open our minds show us Your truth. Transform our lives anew.**

A reading from the Christian Scriptures:
Luke 24:36-48

Sermon- How do we expect Resurrection to show up?

What do you hear?

Prayers of the Community: Whether you are on-line or in person please feel free to speak your prayers aloud. Alternatively you may text your prayer requests to Erik's phone at 408-916-8808. We will conclude this prayer time with the Lord's Prayer (we invite you to use language that comforts or challenges you- Father, Mother, Creator, debts, sins, trespasses)

Song of Sending out (insert) **City of God**

***Charge and Benediction** (we invite you to move to the edges of the sanctuary to join hands in a circle for the "Good Word")

Charge and Benediction: We invite you to turn on your video feeds if you are joining us by zoom so that you can see those who are joined with you in the community.

Those Who Bear the Good News

Pastor: Rev. Erik Swanson

Elders: River Brown, Patty McIntyre, Raina Parks, Gary Ruschke, Beth Wylie

Deacons: Mary Campbell, Pat Hudson, Yi Jiang, Lindarae Polaha, Terry Walsh

Deacons in Spirit: Marjorie Pearson, Nan Swanson, Reenie McCaffrey

Music Director: Raina Parks

Vocalist: Ann Burris

Accompanist: Martan Mann

Ministers: All the members of the congregation

+Your Prayers Are Requested+

For the Deacons and Elders as they minister to the congregation
In the larger community we pray for... peace in Sudan and Ukraine, a ceasefire for Palestinian and Israel, an easing of tensions between Iran and Israel, our Jewish siblings during Passover, those who are unhoused as the weather is cold and wet, for unity and accountability in our country, justice for the Muwekma and other indigenous tribes, for an end to white supremacy, for refugees around the world, for the victims of hateful behavior

Health and Recovery of health from surgery, illness, injury or just difficulty in their lives ... Gary and Janet as they grieve, Clark and Janet as they grieve, Marjorie and Kris, Shoshana, Karen R. Colleen, Pat H., Jim Hempler, Tina, Ann, Clark. There is a prayer chain and if needed please contact Clark: clarksapoet@gmail.com.

Contemplative Center and their Board: Melinda Athey, Jim Petersen, Kent Smith, Sharon Wada, Beth Wiley, Brooke Wang, Eleanor Whitney

Grace Flier will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am - 2 pm. Rev. Erik is usually in the office Mon-Thurs from 10-4p. He can be reached on his cell at 408-916-8808.

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*Service of Prayer and Presence
April 21, 2024*

All are welcome here!



When we are engaged in acts of love, we humans are at our best and most resilient. The love in romance that makes us want to be better people, the love of children that makes us change our whole lives to meet their needs, the love of family that makes us drop everything to take care of them, the love of community that makes us work tirelessly with broken hearts.

ADRIENNE MAREE BROWN

Did You Know?

Sexual Violence is a widespread problem in the United States. More than 1 in 2 women have experienced sexual violence/abuse involving physical contact during her lifetime. Almost 1 in 3 men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact in his lifetime. Sexual violence or abuse is a serious health problem that profoundly impacts lifelong health, opportunity, and well being for those who have been victimized. It impacts every community; people of all genders, sexual orientation, and ages. The perpetrators of sexual violence are often someone the survivor knows; a family member or family friend, partner, neighbor, co-worker, or fellow student. When this is the case, repeated abuse often happens. Women and racial and ethnic minority groups experience a higher burden of sexual abuse. The trauma from sexual abuse often takes a long time and a lot of effort to overcome. Recovery and healing can take years and is often very costly. Information for this DYK came from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

A Support Group for Women Survivors of Sexual Abuse is now forming at Westhope.

The Group will meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Session Room, starting on April 30th and going for 8 weeks. Many women who have been sexually abused feel very alone in their struggle to heal from this trauma. Participating in a support group can be a good way to end that isolation. This group is designed to help in the healing process, and to be safe and confidential. For more information and registration contact Marjorie Pearson at 831 295-2423 or Patty McIntyre on email at patty@pattycintyre.com All women are welcome and there is no fee for the group. If you know someone who has been abused sexually, please pass this information onto them. Thank you..



Westhope Presbyterian Church
Seeking spiritual growth in community

WELCOME TO WESTHOPE! Happy Easter season to you and your family! We are glad that you have joined us for worship today and pray that you are touched by the Holy and the warmth of this community of faith. If you are a visitor with us today, a special welcome to you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all gardeners! On Thursday mornings starting at 9am Pam Nomura is inviting folks who like to work in the garden to join her for tending the flowers and sharing fellowship in our beautiful gardens. Please contact Pam for details.

Today after social time Clark Johnson will offer a class on **reimagining the Lord's Prayer**. Come to put your own spin on this classic prayer to make it more your own.

Please note that the Martan Mann Trio is back!! This afternoon at 4pm Martan will be bringing his incredibly talented musicians back to provide an afternoon of fantastic music. There will be an offering taken at the door with a sliding scale.

Social Justice ministry will be presenting Westhope Climate Day on April 28th following service. They will climate alternatives and displays to educate us all regarding caring for the Creation.

Upcoming event dates

Date	Event (classes after church all begin at 11:45 and are hybrid)
April 21 st	Re-imagining the Lord's Prayer
April 21 st	Martan Mann Trio at 4pm
April 28 th	Session
May 5 th	Conversation with Foundations of Faith
May 12 th	Mother's Day- no class
May 19 th	Session
May 26 th	PACT presentation