



**March 29, 2026
10:00 AM
2700 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95816**

PIONEER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 29, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We're very glad you've come to this service today and we pray our experience of worship here will renew and inspire you. If you are not familiar with our practices of worship, the following information may be helpful to you:

- 1. We are an Open and Affirming congregation. We welcome into full membership, leadership, and participation in our church all persons and their families, of every race, language, age, gender, gender identification and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, economic status, and personal opinion.*
- 2. A cross "+" before a heading denotes standing if you are able:*
- 3. **Bold** print indicates that the congregation reads or sings aloud, in unison;*
- 4. An (*) indicates the selected hymn is a favorite hymn of the congregation.*
- 5. All Bible readings are read from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise indicated.*
- 6. Please silence your cell phone ringers;*
- 7. If you have a prayer concern, you may fill out the prayer request form located in the back pews and the ushers will collect them later in the service.*
- 8. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to fill out the Connection Card located with your Welcome Packet and place it in the offering plate in lieu of an offering. We have a special gift for you.*
- 9. You are invited to join us for an informal time of coffee, food, and fellowship during our Fellowship Hour after the service.*
- 10. We have a Pioneer Guest wifi signal throughout the church. Our wifi password is **welcome2700**. One way to promote our church is to let your friends on your social media know you're in church right now.*

If you have any questions about life in the Pioneer Church or have needs of a personal nature, please speak to the pastor. We are happy to do what we can to help.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**"No matter who you are or where you are in life's journey,
you are welcome here!"**

Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor Melchior Teschner, arr. J.S. Bach

The Light of Christ Enters

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Call

You Are Welcome Here

Gerard DeMan

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G D G A D G/D D G A

You are wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,

G A D G D C G A

no mat-ter where you are, on life's jour - ney, You are

D G/D D G A G A

wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are, come and

D G D G/D A D

join with us, we're u - ni-ted in the church of Christ.

Welcoming One Another (*said in unison*)**Psalm 118:24**

Let us begin our worship service today by saying aloud our Opening Scripture:

“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

+ The Passing of the Peace**+ Call to Worship** (*read responsively*)*Inspired by Psalm 118*

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

People: And also with you.

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

God has given us light.

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

+ Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST. THEODOLPH

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
3 As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.

The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

+ The Invocation (Pastor Led)

Let us pray. Gracious God, let us trust in your presence with us in all times, the sad and scary times as well as the joyous celebrations. Open us to receive you anew today. God be with us. Amen.

Introit

Hosanna! Blessed Is He

Knut Nystedt

Introduction to the Hebrew Lesson

Our Psalm text celebrates God's enduring love and faithfulness.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

²Let all Israel repeat: "His faithful love endures forever."¹⁹Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank the Lord.²⁰These gates lead to the presence of the Lord, and the godly enter there.²¹I thank you for answering my prayer and giving me victory!²²The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.²³This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see.

²⁴This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Please, Lord, please save us. Please, Lord, please give us success.²⁶Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.²⁷The Lord is God, shining upon us. Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.²⁸You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you!²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Introduction to the Gospel Lesson

Matthew recounts Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem, where he is welcomed by crowds who recognize him as the promised king and praise him with joy and expectation.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. ²“Go into the village over there,” he said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.” ⁴This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, ⁵“Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey — riding on a donkey’s colt.’” ⁶The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, “Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!” ¹⁰The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked. ¹¹And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

This is the Word of the Lord. Let us respond by singing together our Scripture refrain.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don-key's gait.
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*said in unison; "sins;" or any version you choose to say*)

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Response*Great Amen*

Carl MaultsBy

A - men. A - men. A - men.

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Invitation to Generosity

We will be receiving the Compassion Fund offering today. As it is passed to you, please put your donation into the wooden plate.

Let us return to God a portion of what we have been given. Let our giving be an Easter testimony of faith and renewal. The Ushers will now come forward to receive your pledges and offerings. We invite you to give in person, on our website, or mail in your offering today. Thank you.

Offertory Anthem*The Royal Banners Forward Go*

Johann Eccard

+ The Doxology (*sung in unison*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

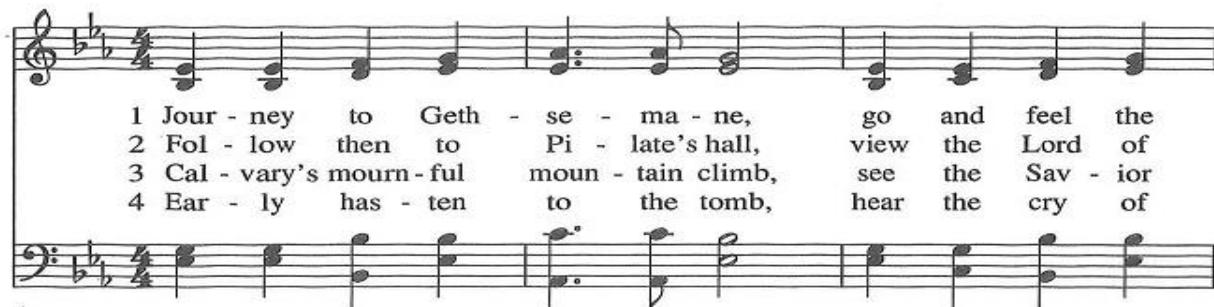
+ Prayer of Dedication (*said in unison*)

**Gracious God, use our offerings and our lives to bring wholeness to this world.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

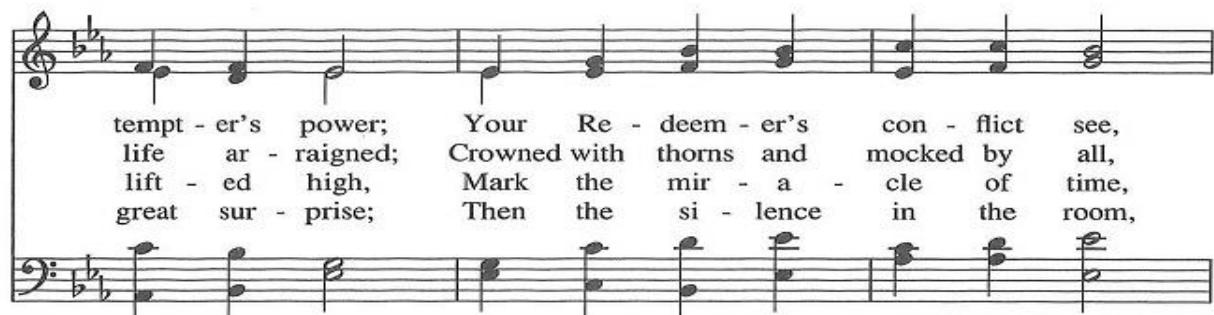
+ Closing Hymn

Journey to Gethsemane

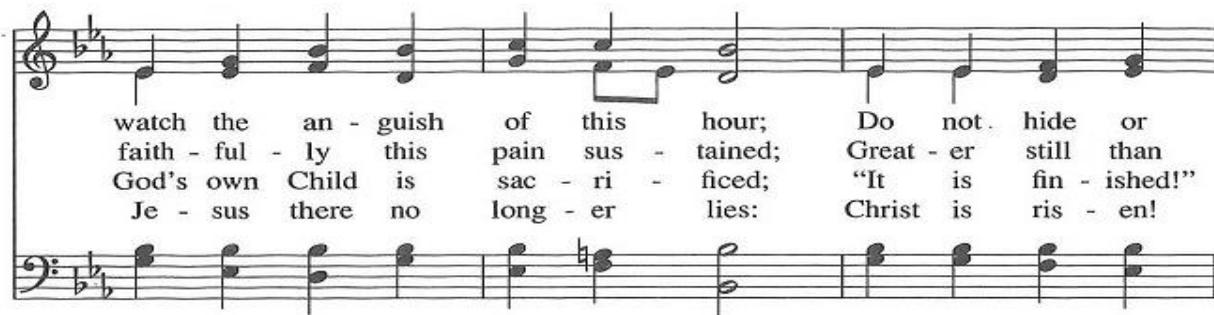
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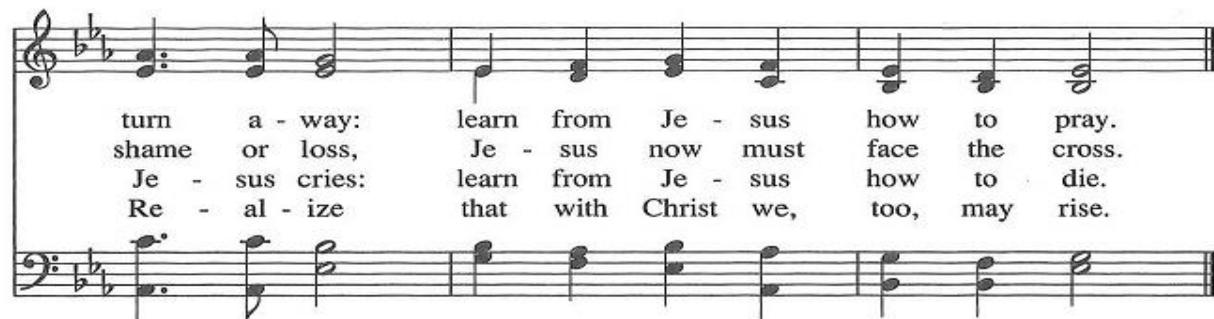
1 Jour - ney to Geth - se - ma - ne, go and feel the
 2 Fol - low then to Pi - late's hall, view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb, see the Sav - ior
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb, hear the cry of



tempt - er's power; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - rained; Crowned with thorns and mocked by all,
 lift - ed high, Mark the mir - a - cle of time,
 great sur - prise; Then the si - lence in the room,



watch the an - guish of this hour; Do not hide or
 faith - ful - ly this pain sus - tained; Great - er still than
 God's own Child is sac - ri - ficed; "It is fin - ished!"
 Je - sus there no long - er lies: Christ is ris - en!



turn a - way: learn from Je - sus how to pray.
 shame or loss, Je - sus now must face the cross.
 Je - sus cries: learn from Je - sus how to die.
 Re - al - ize that with Christ we, too, may rise.

+ Commissioning Song (*sung in unison*)

SERVANT SONG

(Please face one another as you sing.)

We are pil - grims on a jour - ney. We are trav - lers on the road

5
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load

+ Benediction

As we continue through Holy Week, listen for the voice and guidance of Jesus, rather than responding to the shouts of the crowd. Whatever this week brings into your life. God is with you. May you trust in the blessings of God today and always. Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude*All Glory, Laud and Honor, BWV 736*

Bach

“Our worship has ended; our service continues.”



Volunteers for are Reader: Elizabeth Rios **Usher:** TBA **Acolyte:** TBA **Audio Visual Tech:** TBA **Tellers:** TBA **Fellowship:** Randy Triezenberg **Flowers:** TBA

Volunteers for next Sunday April 5th Reader: Levi Fuentes **Usher:** Karen Shipman **Acolyte:** Randy Triezenberg **Audio Visual Tech:** William Ruygt **Tellers:** Mary Kay Rose & John Busschaert **Fellowship:** Potluck **Flowers:** TBA

THE PIONEER CHOIR

Emily Balestrini
Gabriella Einaga
Cynthia Holt
Vanessa Martucci
Garylee Stevenson
Dorothy Vinski

Sue Bryant-Still
Teppe Einaga
Alison Manning
Kathleen O'Rourke
Randy Triezenberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a Bible study led by our pastor in the church parlor. We'll discuss the previous Sunday's sermon, and learn about the Bible and our faith journeys in a judgment-free zone.

 WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM

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Bible study will next meet on Wednesday evening, April 1, at 6:30 PM in the church parlor. We meet to review and discuss the previous Sunday's sermon and then follow a discussion guide based on it. It's a fun time with refreshments and friendship-making. All are welcome to attend, regardless of your knowledge of the Bible.

We hope to see you there!



Today, we collect an offering that supports our local mission efforts. We provide unhoused people with sack lunches, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and hand warmers. We also offer no-interest loans to church members, friends, and family of church members.

Potluck on the First Sundays



We'll have our Potluck luncheon on Sunday, April 5, after church. On the first Sunday of each month, we host a potluck luncheon after church in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring your favorite dish to feed about 25-30 folks who stay after the service. We also have a few unhoused folks who join us. You don't need to sign up for anything specific, just bring what you like to cook and we'll eat it!



The next Women's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 11, at 9:00 a.m., at the Black Bear Diner, 1830 Arden Way. Please let Sue Bryant-Still know if you plan to attend by noon on Wednesday, April 8th. She will then call the restaurant with the reservation.

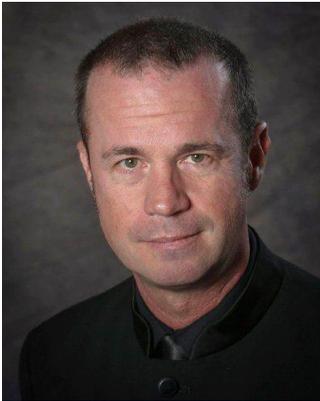


You are invited to join us as we worship with the First United Methodist Church, 2100 J Street in midtown Sacramento for our annual Good Friday service on **April 3rd**. Fellowship time begins at 6:30 PM and the service begins at 7:00 PM.

+ Easter Lilies

Easter lilies, for our Easter Service on Sunday, **April 5**, can be bought through the church for \$15 each in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The deadline for the orders is **Today**. You can take your lilies home after the Easter Sunday service. Please make checks payable to Pioneer UCC. Look for the Easter Lilies flyer in your Sunday bulletin or email Kelton at connect@pioneerucc.org with your order.

SAVE THE DATE!



Dr. Elliot Jones, our well-loved Music Director, is moving to Pacific Grove at the end of April, to begin a new position on May 1st. His last Sunday will be April 26th. On that day at Fellowship, we'll have a potluck party to celebrate his tenure at Pioneer and to wish him well in his new job. Ellen Arden-Ogle will be coordinating the food for the event; please tell her what you'd like to bring. And please see Randy Triezenberg to contribute to a farewell gift.

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The Capital Chorale and Orchestra

presents



Gabriel Fauré – *Requiem*

Leonard Bernstein – *Chichester Psalms*



Friday, April 17, 2026
7:00 pm
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Tickets \$25 at the door
or through Eventbrite:



Tour of the Sanctuary

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**ARCHITECTURE &
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 Tour**

tour guide
**DR. ELLIOT
 JONES**

2700 L Street, Midtown,
 Sacramento, CA

**2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY
 MONTH @ 12:00 PM**

Join us for our next tour on Saturday, April 11 at 12:00 Noon on the steps of the entrance to the sanctuary. Dr. Elliot Jones, our music director, leads a tour of the sanctuary that includes the building architecture, explaining the history of the various stained-glass windows, and offers a history of our organ and plays on it to show its capabilities. Invite your friends to this lovely tour as it is a great way to introduce them to our historic building and church.

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COME AND WORSHIP WITH US.

*Experience a traditional service of worship with
beautiful choral music, meaningful liturgy,
reverent prayer, and an inspiring sermon.*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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open and affirming faith. All are welcome.
Learn more about us at www.pioneerucc.org.





Sunday March 29 th	Morning Service	10:00am
Wednesday April 1 st	Bible Study	6:30pm
Thursday April 2 nd	Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
Sunday April 5 th	Easter Morning Service	10:00am

What's Happening this Week

- + **The newest addition of *The Weekly eNewsletter*, will be available online or at the Information Table on Thursday 2nd 2026.**
- + **Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM.**

****Any changes/updates to future events please make notation on this Bulletin and place it in Kelton's box in the main office.*

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Pastor: **Rev. Dr. David "Bo" Bocock**

Music Director: **Dr. Elliot Jones**

Church Administrator: **Rev. Kelton Jackson**

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

For an appointment outside of these hours please call the church office at 916-443-3727.

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