

a lenten sermon series

The Upper Room discourse

March 19, 2023 9:00am
Lent

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship in the FPC Sanctuary and welcome to those of you worshipping with us online.

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The Lord's Supper Instructions

We observe the Lord's Supper every week in worship. This communion meal is meant to unite us to Jesus Christ as well as each other. In it, we reaffirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God and neighbor. We prepare to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting our trust in Christ, confessing our sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another.

While we are being served communion at the table, the pastor will bring both bread and cup to all who are seated and cannot come to the table.

At the end of all being served, a deacon will come to the table and take from the table some bread and cups, and exit up the aisle.

Later that day and during the week the deacons will take these to our members who could not attend worship, thus extending the communion to all our members.

If you are not a Christian, please consider using this communion time to pray with one of the following printed prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

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by

Gathering around the Word

Hearing the Word

Responding to the Word

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Gathering Around the Word

Singing Our Praise

Your Love Awakens Me

Being Called to Worship

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.

**Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.**

Praise the LORD, my soul. (Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22)

Singing Our Praise

In the Cross of Christ I Glory, #84

Announcing the Gospel

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever.

But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children. (Psalm 103:8-9; 17)

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Confessing our Sin

Merciful God,

Jesus teaches his disciples:

“A servant is not greater than his master.

If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.”

But our lives reveal refusals to follow a mutilated Master.

We seek comfort rather than discipline.

We speak half-truths rather than your word.

We expect the world’s recognition

rather than the world’s rejection.

We separate persecution from blessing,

choosing only the latter.

(silence for further confession of sin)

Gracious God,

Forgive our sin through Jesus Christ, your Son,

whom the world hated without cause.

Thank you for your Word and Spirit,

bearing witness in the world,

and keeping your people from falling away.

Be glorified as we partake in the suffering of Christ. Amen.

Declaring God’s Pardon

The LORD does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,

so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

(Psalm 103:10-13)

Sisters and Brothers:

In Christ we have been forgiven. Know this and be at peace.

Offering Our Lives in Gratitude

How shall we show our gratitude for such a salvation?

“A new commandment I give you: that you love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)**

Passing the Peace

Because Christ has established this peace for us with the Father,
so too ought we be at peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you**

Let's stand and greet one another in this way.

(Children may come forward to the front pew for Telling the Story)

Singing Our Praise

What A Beautiful Name

Offering Our Prayers

Hearing the Word

Telling the Story & Praying the Lord's Prayer

Jesus is Betrayed & Arrested

John 18:1-11

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

Offering Our Music

Ehre sei dir, Christe

(Christ, Our Blessed Savior), Heinrich Schutz

English translation:

Christ, our blessed Saviour, Thine the glory be:

Who for our salvation, wast hanged upon the tree:

And reignest with the Father in eternity.

Help thine erring children e'er from sin to flee.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word

John 16:4b-24

Declaring the Word

The Joy

Responding to the Word

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering Our Music *Jesus Paid It All / O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Servant Schedule

Liturgy Pastor: Jeff Myers

Preaching Elder: Ben Montoya

Offering our Prayers: Kellie Terrell

Offering our Music:

Worship Leaders: Adam Michel

Organist: Jan Feher

Clarinet: Marla Miranda

Director of Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Lenten Small Groups: Our Lenten Sermon Series, 'The Upper Room Discourse' has Small Groups as a companion to the sermons. All are invited to join a small group for discussion about the series. There are small groups that you can still join. These groups will meet during the season of Lent, ending before Easter Sunday, April 9th.

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

A Cry Room/Nursing Room is available with Livestream of our service in our "Prayer Room". You may exit out of the door to the right of the pulpit and continue straight into the room.

Infants and Preschoolers

- "The Nest" (0-4 yrs old) opens at 8:45am and continues through the 10:30a-11:30a education hour.
- Follow signs from the back of the Sanctuary to The Nest

Elementary Students

9am

- Children attend worship with their parents in the Sanctuary
- During "Passing the Peace" they move to the front pew for the Children's Story
- After the Children's Story, students attend "Kidz Worship"- a Bible time for K-5th graders.
- They are returned to their parents in the Sanctuary before Communion

10:30a-11:30a

- "The Flock" (K-5th grade) meets in the Geneva Room in the Christian Education building
- Children study the Bible, memorize scripture, play games and visit the memory Store
- Follow signs to The Flock

Sunday Morning Youth Gathering

Students grades 6-12 are invited to study God's word in the during the education hour, 10:30-11:30am. Right after the worship service, meet at the front left of the sanctuary to walk to the youth room together.

Jazz Vespers – Sundays, 4:30pm – 4th Avenue Chapel

Archie Thompson's Archtones and our pastors lead us in worship with jazz, blues, and gospel, prayers, preaching from the Word of God, and communion.

Interim Pastor Jan Armstrong will be joining us the beginning of April! Jan was born and raised in New Zealand, came to Newport Beach, CA at the age of 10. He earned his masters of divinity degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1975 and was ordained in 1976. He earned his Doctorate at San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1994. He and his wife, Debbie have two sons and three grandchildren. We are blessed that the Lord has brought Pastor Jan to us.

Support our Missionaries! Joel, Eunjung and their son Joseph will be in San Diego June 5 – July 21. The Missions Committee is looking for help in the following areas. We need several people to host them during this time - for a week each. This will be a real blessing to you! They also need a vehicle that they can use while here – does anyone have an extra car they can spare for this time? If you are involved in a small group would you consider having Joel come speak to you? Please let us know - E-mail Tom & Marilyn Carnes (Roseway@cox.net).

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, Sunday April 2, 9am, Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, Thursday April 6, 6pm Chapel

Good Friday, Friday April 7, 7pm Sanctuary

Holy Saturday, Saturday April 8, 4:30pm Chapel

Easter Sunday, Sunday April 9, 7am Waterfront Park, 9am Sanctuary

The Women's Retreat will be April 21-23, 2023 at the beautiful Mission San Luis Rey.

The Liturgy of the Ordinary *Sacred practices in everyday life*. Using the book by Tish Harrison Warren we will go through one day in our lives. The author connects the moments of an ordinary day with the extraordinary pattern of classical Christian worship. Our speakers this year are ladies from our own community. Come hear their insight and personal journey on topics from this book. Walk with us through one ordinary day as we turn it inside out. Register for retreat online at: fpcsd.org/events.

The Upper Room Discussion

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Begin your time in prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to inspire the hearing of his word—to plant the truth of Jesus in the hearts of his disciples.

Read the text from Sunday's sermon: John 16b-24

1. In 16:5, why is Jesus concerned that they haven't asked him "Where He is going?" How is this connected with the "sorrow that fills their hearts"?
2. In 16:8-11, Jesus describes the Helper (the Holy Spirit). What does the Helper do? As a Christian, what is your role in what the Helper does?
3. Explain the relationship between God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit as described in verses 13-15. In the communication of truth, are you merely a recipient or part of the communication of truth?
4. After hearing that Jesus is 'going away', would you have responded the way the disciples did?
5. Have you experienced short-term pain in order to achieve long term gain? What is your experience with the "joy that no one can take from you" (verse 22)?

At the end of your time or as homework, read next week's sermon passage: John 16:25-33.

6. What is the difference between how Jesus *had* spoken to his disciples in the past and how he *will* speak to them? As Jesus' discourse with the disciples has been confusing at times, how does this passage seem encouraging?

Haven't joined a Discussion Group? Here are a few with space available:

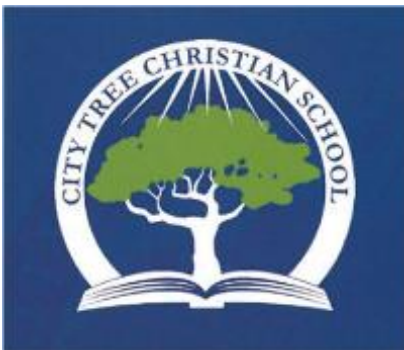
Paulo & Sara Delgado (sara.delgado@citytree.org) – Meets Sundays after worship in A311
Steve & Lorrie Faivre (steven.faivre@gmail.com) – Meets Sundays after worship in Goodwin Annex
Lorraine Turner (lturner31@yahoo.com) – Meets Sundays after worship in the Goodwin Room
Dan & Suzy Walls (walls.dan@gmail.com) – Meets Sundays after worship in the West Tower
Patty Urbanski (gandpurb@cox.net) – Meets Sundays before Vespers, 4pm, in Prayer Room
Tom & Marilyn Carnes (roseway@cox.net) – Meets Mondays, 7pm on ZOOM
Blaine & Peggy Gross (peggy.gross@fpcsd.org) – Meets Mondays, 6pm in Mission Hills

Don't know where you're going? Exit the sanctuary to the right and head across the breezeway to the Welcome Center. They'll show you the way!

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Our **FPC Mission Partners** share the good news of God's love with people around the world. Please pray for them throughout the year as they come alongside people in the difficult places where God has called them, in San Diego and beyond. Pray that we will all learn more about what it means to make mission our life's purpose and the purpose of the church. Read about our mission partners and see how you can pray, give, and go where God calls. For more info, contact: missions@fpcsd.org or visit us at www.fpcsd.org/missions



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Ladle Fellowship, a ministry of FPC since 1983, now *Beyond a Soup Kitchen*, lovingly addresses the needs of the poor and those experiencing homelessness. We serve meals and provide clothing for those in need on Sundays at 2:00pm and Wednesdays at 5:00pm. Our San Diego Street Choir rehearses each week and our medical ministry, Street Corner Care, provides medical care for the poor and individuals suffering on the streets. We have partnered with "Walk With Me" – a new approach to mentoring our vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness through the gift of friendship. www.ladlefellowship.org