

Spire



Pastor's Pen

Easter is the core celebration of our faith. Without Jesus' death and resurrection, we have no Good News. As Paul might say, we are a clanging gong or a noisy cymbal. Our faith tells us there is something more than simply that which we can see and measure. Easter is an invitation to that other way of knowing.

In recent years, Christian faith has continued to be challenged, and its veracity questioned. I believe it is helpful. We must be able to give an account of why we have faith in the face of such challenges and questions. If the only way we know anything is because we can measure it and keep repeating the same measure with the same results over and over (this is how science works), I think we would be less for it. I in no way want to take away from science and the scientific method. Without science and its method, we wouldn't have the advancements in medicine, engineering, technology, communications, and many other disciplines on which we depend today. Who could have imagined in 1970 a telephone which you carry with you in the palm of your hand which is not tethered to the wall with wires!?! We might have thought of it as a "Walkie-Talkie," itself an advancement enabled by the gift of science in earlier generations.



The knowing of faith is a different way of knowing. Faith is trusting something to be true even if the way we know in other parts of our life suggests something else. We know we are loved yet measuring that knowing is difficult if not impossible. We can point to the person saying or doing particular things to suggest they love us: make a favorite meal, pick up after us, help us with daily living tasks, take us to a movie, or not scold us when we know we've come up short. We can point to actions and attitudes which suggest, "The other person loves us." We are never inside their minds or hearts. We must trust that which we can't measure. In some ways it's like looking for a black hole.

In astrophysics we can't actually see a black hole, but we can see the effects it has upon the light coming near it. The black hole itself, we can't "see." We can suggest measures for it, but after a bit of research I've discovered the suggested ways of measuring are more like "best guesses" since we can't measure the black hole directly. In other words, even science points toward things which science has yet to be able to observe directly. Human life lived in faith is not dissimilar. Sometimes the best we can do is point toward something, show what we observe.

The resurrection of Jesus is the sign and symbol which points toward God's promise of new life and abundant life. As his tomb is empty, so shall ours be. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed.

Remember to join us on Holy Thursday at 7 p.m. in Grace Chapel and on Good Friday at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary for our Holy Week observances.

May you have a blessed and joy filled Easter.

Peace,
Daniel Diss, Pastor





APRIL WORSHIP

Sunday, April 5 **5th Sunday in Lent**

Isa 43:16-21
Ps 126 (UMH 847)
Phil 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 20 **Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
1 Cor 15:19-26
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 13 **Passion/Palm Sunday**

Palm Service
Luke 19:28-40
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

Sunday, April 27 **2nd Sunday of Easter**

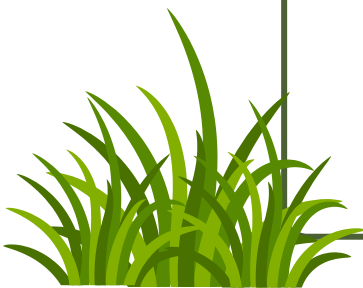
Acts 5:27-32
Ps 150 (UMH 862)
Rev 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Passion Service

Isa 50:4-9a
Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
Phil 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49



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Live Broadcast of Worship Services

Sundays, 10:00AM

Ways to watch our weekly live broadcast:

Vimeo

<https://vimeo.com/lgumc>

LGUMC YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@losgatosumc9282>

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Or head to the Worship Page of lgumc.org





children's ministry

Celebrate Wonder All Ages is a curriculum that honors the spiritual life of children. Celebrate Wonder All Ages will engage children in open-ended exploration and inquiry of the Bible. Through experiential activities, spiritual practices, and reflection, Celebrate Wonder All Ages serves as a biblical guide to help children make meaning for their lives. This curriculum seeks to deepen children's faith formation and to create a safe space for children to ask big questions and claim their spiritual identity as children of God.

Faith Word: **Lent**

April 6

Peter's Denial - Matthew 26:69-75

Jesus was arrested and was accused of doing bad things even though he hadn't. Peter was in the courtyard waiting to see what would happen to Jesus. Some people asked him if he was friends with Jesus.



April 13

Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:1-11

There was a large crowd gathered in the city of Jerusalem. They were there for a festival called Passover. The crowd heard that Jesus was coming to the city too! The crowd took palm branches and went out to meet Jesus.

April 20

Easter Sunday - John 20:1-18

A long time ago, after Jesus died on the cross, a woman named Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. She went early in the morning on the first day of the week. Jesus' body had been sealed inside the tomb by a big rock, but when Mary reached the tomb she saw that the large stone had been moved and Jesus was not there.

April 27

Breakfast on the Beach - John 21:1-19

Peter was struggling. He denied knowing Jesus, then Jesus was killed. It broke Peter's heart. Mary Magdalene had showed him that the tomb was empty. Then Jesus appeared to Mary. Jesus was alive! It was a lot to have faith in.

Happy Easter!



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Saturday, April 19
10AM Sharp!
Rain or Shine

KINDRED SPIRITS

...will meet **April 16th at 1pm** in the Art Gallery for a discussion of *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. The novel is set in America during the 1930s depression. Inspired by true events, it is the story of two giraffes who survived a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic and subsequently were transported from the east coast to the San Diego Zoo. The young driver of the custom-built truck is accompanied by an elderly man, and they in turn are followed by a young reporter intent on publishing a photo-essay of the journey. The twelve-day road trip is fraught with challenges as they meet up with various characters on their route west. The driver has struggled with personal loss, but along the way he learns what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, and the power of human resilience.

“It is in the darkest of times that we often find our greatest strength”
Lynda Rutledge, *West with Giraffes*

Hunter / Frye / UWF Scholarship

Applications for the Hunter/Frye/UWF Scholarship are available in the Narthex. Emailed copies are also available; contact the church office at 408/354-4730.

Deadline for turning in completed applications is May 16.



LIVE OAK ADULT DAY SERVICES

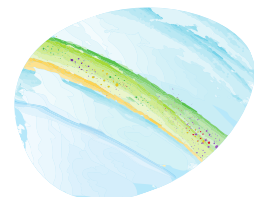


Do you know a Senior or a Caregiver that could benefit from our Program? Live Oak is a nonprofit community based, adult day care which provides a structured day program designed to promote physical, cognitive and emotional health.

We are open Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm. We provide breakfast, a hot lunch and snacks, along with daily exercise, cognitive stimulation and opportunities for socialization. Live Oak accepts adults aged 60 and over who are unable to live independently, are unable to participate in programs for independent seniors and would benefit from the adult day care program.

Our clients have a variety of age-related illnesses such as Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, other dementias, a history of stroke, and depression. Our mission is two-fold: to enhance the lives of dependent seniors and to provide respite for their Caregivers.

Please call to schedule a tour, 408 354-4782



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Our Mission

Growing as followers of Jesus Christ
who live God's love in the world.

*"Serving Christ in this Community
since 1866."*



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Sunday Worship
10AM
or online at
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No one will be excluded from participating in the body of the
church because of age, race, ethnicity, culture, religious origins,
sexual orientation or challenging conditions.