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This Week:
Monday, 3/21: Deadline for the April Tide
Tuesday, 3/22: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7:30 PM
Wednesday, 3/23: Bell Choir 10 AM
Friday, 3/25: Scott Group 10 AM
Sunday, 3/27: Worship 10 AM, Blaney Group 11:15 AM

Coming Up:
Monday, 3/28: PACT 10 AM

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, the flower chart is available in the Fellowship Hall.

~ In Our Prayers This Week ~

The family and friends of Barbara Flegal on her death.
Condolences may be sent to
Russ and Brenda Flegal, 251 Wingfoot Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

Forrest Willcox Homebound: Rich and DeAnne Hart, LaVern Radeleff, Lollie Starbuck, Ruth Nichols

Gabe House, Pastor
Daniel Goldsmith, accompanist

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March 20, 2022 ~ 10 AM Worship
Third Sunday in Lent

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**Order of Worship**

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship**
O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
**Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**
So I will bless you as long as I live;
**I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Opening Hymn** #2138 “Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes”

**Opening Prayer**
Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer for Illumination**
Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**Scripture** Luke 13:1-9 NRSV

**Sermon** “If It Bears Fruit” Pastor Gabe

**Hymn #351** “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

**Concerns and Prayers**
Merciful God, a broken and contrite heart is the acceptable sacrifice to you. And so we come before you today, in need of your mercy. Grant us your forgiveness. Help us turn from our old ways. Lead us into newness of life, that our actions may be found pleasing in your sight. Amen.

**Offering**

**Doxology #94** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Prayer of Dedication**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** #352 “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

**Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**
At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"