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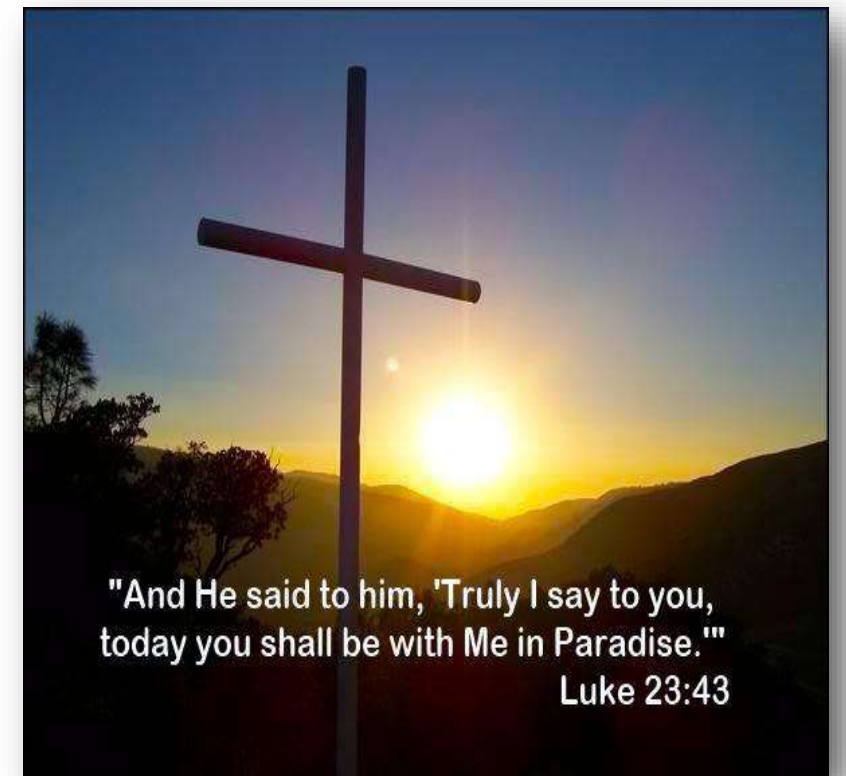
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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## March 17, 2019



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 17, 2019

8:30 AM

### Second Sunday in Lent

#### Gathering

BELL INTROIT *Canticle of Joy* Dan R. Edwards

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Spring Joy (Frolic)* Duane Plash

PRAISE SONGS *Open the Eyes of My Heart  
There is a Redeemer  
Because He Lives*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

#### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Amazing Grace*

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:31-35, Luke 23:32, 39-43

SERMON *NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE:  
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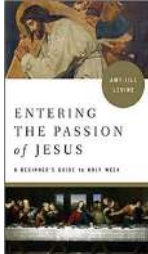
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The United Methodist Church

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This is the disaster relief arm of Global Ministries

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When refugees and migrants all over the world needed help

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### CENTERING WORDS

I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk, by your side  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see when you face is before me  
Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of You be still?  
Will I stand in your presence or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing hallelujah will I be able to speak at all?

I can only imagine...

---Bart Millard, *Mercy Me*

PRELUDE	<i>Herzliebster Jesu</i>	David Blackwell
HANDBELL INTROIT	<i>Canticle of Joy</i>	Dan R. Edwards

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God in heaven, Holy is your name!

**We come to worship, longing for your kingdom.**

What is your will in our lives and for our world?

**In this worship, enlighten us with your Word,**

inspire us with music and enfold us with your community.

**Embrace us with your Vision, that we may go forth from here  
to share hope, joy and love with others.**

*OPENING HYMN	<i>Marching to Zion</i>	No. 733
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### WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

### OPENING PRAYER

God our Maker,

**We walked into church today needing you in different ways.**

**Some of us need strength because we are facing a big challenge.**

**Some of us need hope because we feel like giving up.**

**Some of us need love because we are feeling alone.**

**We trust that you will meet us here,  
whether through words or music,  
or in a quiet moment of reflection.**

**You are here with us all.**

**Amen.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM	<i>Spring Joy (Frolic)</i>	Duane Plash
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT Leonard Lutz  
*Jesus Loves Me* (as children come and go)  
*Nursery care is available*  
*Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Soon and Very Soon* No. 706  
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *Soon and Very Soon* No. 706

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HYMN (remain seated) *Hymn of Promise* No. 707

SERMON *NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE:*  
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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory *A Lenten Prayer* Antonin Dvorak  
 \*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*CLOSING HYMN *When We All Get to Heaven* No. 701

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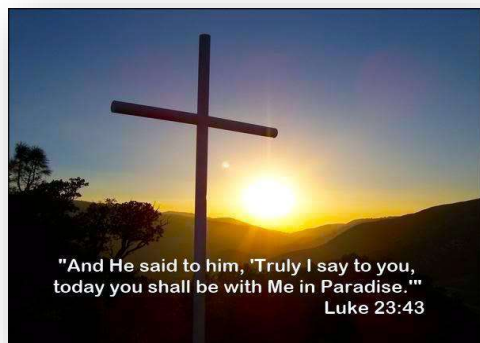
\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amazing Grace* No. 378

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
 I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

POSTLUDE *Aberystwth* Ashley Grote



"And He said to him, 'Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.'" Luke 23:43

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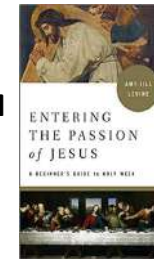
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