

LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT
MARCH 15, 2026  4TH SUNDAY IN LENT



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL
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What is a human? – Psalm 8:4

PIANO PRELUDE *I Believe* – Drake & Graham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS One Great Hour of Sharing

SINGING BOWL 3 Rings: Creator, Redeemer & Sustainer

* OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION *The Fist, Mary Oliver*

There are days when the sun goes down like a fist, though of course
if you see anything in the heavens in this way
you had better get your eyes checked
or, better still, your diminished spirit.
The heavens have no fist,
or wouldn't they have been shaking it for a thousand years now,
and even longer than that,
at the dull brutish ways of mankind
– heaven's own creation?

* SILENT PRAYER & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Instead: such patience! Such willingness to let us continue!
To hear, little by little, the voices – only, so far, in pockets of the world –
suggesting the possibilities of peace?
Keep looking. Behold, how the fist opens with invitation.

* PASSING THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Exodus 16:6

CHILDREN'S PRAYER ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin'dom come...

* HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #25, vv. 1, 4 & 5

SCRIPTURE READING *I Samuel 16: 1 – 13* Pew Bible, OT, p. 259

SERMON *A Human Is... Adoring* Pastor Benjamin

PIANO INTERLUDE *Lobe Den Herren* – Erneuertem Gesangbuch (1665)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Victoria Mayster

CHORAL OFFERTORY

Come, Share the Lord

– Bryan Jeffrey Leach

* DOXOLOGY

Tune: Vienna

**Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my voice and let me sing; unto You my praise I bring.
Take my lips and let them be filled with words of love from thee.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION CHANTS

Taizé Community

- I. **Our darkness is never darkness in your sight.
The deepest night is clear as the daylight.**

- II. **Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#558

* BENEDICTION

PIANO POSTLUDE

Bradbury

– William B. Bradbury

*Following worship, all are invited to Kinship Time in the Bell Tower Courtyard and,
when the bell rings, to Faith Formation Hour.*



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers	Joanne Matson (Lead), Terri Harper & Ellen Jordan
Piano	J. Althea
Liturgists	Victoria Mayster & Tirza Dawn
Preacher	Rev. Benjamin Broadbent
Worship Music	Chancel Choir
Choir Director	Andy DelMonte
Communion Servers	Cecilia & Jack Christensen
Tech Team	Ainsley Curtis & Eliana Curtis
Chancel Flowers	Andrea Card

STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Congregational Administrator	Joy Richards
Faith Formation Coordinator	Tirza Dawn
Choral Director	Andy DelMonte
Keyboardist	J. Althea
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Bookkeeper	Deanna Euritt
Custodian	Paul Louden



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A Sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.



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