

LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT
MARCH 8, 2026 ☉ 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT



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

PIANO PRELUDE

Teach Your Children

– Graham Nash

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING BOWL

3 Rings: Creator, Redeemer & Sustainer

* OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John 4:5–24 & Exodus 17:1–7

One: Christ our companion, you know who we are and everything we do.

Many: **We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.**

One: We commit ourselves to things that will never last.

Many: **We worship things that do not save us, or liberate us, or fulfill us.**

One: When things don't go our way, we're ready to give up.

Many: **We argue and look for someone to blame.**

One: Still, you offer the gift of living water from a well that does not run dry.

Many: **Forgive us, Gracious One, and give us this living water so that we may never thirst again....**

* SILENT PRAYER & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* PASSING THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Exodus 17:5

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

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

* HYMN

When Our Confidence Is Shaken

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SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17: 1 – 7

Pew Bible, OT, p. 64

SERMON

A Human Is... Quarrelsome

Pastor Benjamin

PIANO INTERLUDE

Lauda Anima

– John Goss

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

One Great Hour of Sharing

HANDBELL OFFERTORY

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Anna Laura Page

*** 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 love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.
Take me now and help me be part of Christ's community.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION CHANTS

Taizé Community

- I. **Stay with me. Remain here with me.
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

- 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**

Shall We Gather at the River

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*** BENEDICTION**

PIANO POSTLUDE

Hanson Place

– Robert Lowry

*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	Steve Reid (Lead), Gregg & Sohni Yaylian
Piano	J. Althea
Preacher	Rev. Benjamin Broadbent
Worship Music	Handbell Ensemble
Ensemble Director	Karna Roa
Song Leader	Andy DelMonte
Communion Servers	Douglas Freeman & Ellen Jordan
Godly Play Facilitators	Joanne Matson & Alvin Hukins
Tech Team	Henry Allen & Elia DelMonte
Chancel Flowers	Garth Watson

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 Loudon



Our mission is to worship God and share the love of Jesus Christ, teaching the message of Jesus to all ages and putting our faith into action.

An Open & Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ.

A Sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.

The sanctuary flowers are sponsored by **Tirza Dawn**:
"Dedicated to my son, **Lakesh**, in celebration of his 22nd birthday!"