



It's the Lord!

John 21:1-14

Come and have breakfast.

-John 21:12

Welcome, Guests!

Friends,

We are glad you are here with us and hope you sense God's presence in worship today. If there is any way we can be of help to you, don't hesitate to ask. Here are a few of the questions we often hear from our guests when they first visit:

- ~ **How long is the worship service here at Faith?** Our worship services typically run 60 to 70 minutes.
- ~ **How can I introduce myself?** We'd love to meet you after the service; don't hesitate to introduce yourself! You can also visit our webpage (www.faithpresby.org), and click on the "I'm New" tab and then the "Introduce Yourself" button. This is a great way to let the pastoral staff know who you are and how we might welcome and serve you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center on the way out. We have a gift waiting for you there! And if you need a Bible, we can offer you one there as well.
- ~ **I have kids. Are they welcome here?** Absolutely! We love the sounds of children in the sanctuary. During the children's message at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, kids up to 6th grade are invited to come up front to listen in. Having them stay with you to listen is also fine. After the children's message, children are invited down the hall to Room 4 (grades 3 to 6) and Room 5 (Pre-K to 2nd grade) with our children's staff. Nursery care is available throughout the 9:00 a.m. worship service in Room 7.
- ~ **Are there classes for adults?** Yes. Check the bulletin and listen for announcements in worship about upcoming classes. We currently have in-person and online classes.
- ~ **What if I have trouble hearing the service?** If you have difficulty hearing, please ask one of our ushers for a personal receiver for the hearing impaired. Also, a T-Loop hearing-assist system is available in the back four pews on the right side of the sanctuary. Set your hearing aid to the "T" setting.
- ~ **How can I find out more information about Faith?** Feel free to speak to any of us and if we can't answer your questions, we'll find somebody who can. Our website is a great source of information: www.faithpresby.org. Also, *This Week @ Faith* is a weekly email that goes out on Mondays with information about upcoming opportunities and activities. Email Laura Anderson in our office at landerson@faithpresby.org if you'd like to be included on the email distribution list.
- ~ **What if I'm interested in exploring membership or deeper involvement at Faith?** If you'd like to know more about becoming a member at Faith, or want to understand how you can begin or continue to grow in your Christian faith, we encourage you to contact one of our pastors. You can call the church office at (916) 428-3439 or email one of our staff members. (Email addresses are available on our webpage and further on in this bulletin.) We'd love to meet you and find out how we can be of help.

Again, we are glad you are here with us today!

Grace and peace—The People of Faith



Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

Order of Worship

✠ *Those who are able, please stand.*

Please silence all electronics before the start of worship.

Prelude

Eunice Bancu; Faith Brass Ensemble

Greeting

Brett Shoemaker

One: Christ has risen!

All: **Christ has risen indeed!**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles

Elysia Fletcher (9:00)

Miles Febre (11:00)

One: Glory to you, O God:
on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

All: **Christ is risen!**

One: Glory to you, O Christ:
for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.

All: **Christ is risen!**

One: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:
you lead us into truth.

All: **Christ is risen!**

One: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Let us worship God!

✠ Song of Praise (All songs used by permission CCLI #676622)

God So Loved

Prayer of Confession

Brett Shoemaker

Response to Confession

King of Kings

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Welcome

Brett Shoemaker

Prayer of Remembrance

Anthem

Faith Easter Choir

Crown Him! (M. Bridges, G. Thring; DIADEMATA, G. J. Elvey, arr. D. Forrest)

Alleluia!
Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love:
Behold His hands and side—
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life!
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n:
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n
from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days
adored and magnified!
Alleluia!

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Walter Newport (9:00)

Barbara Tracy (11:00)



After worship, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. You may also give online at faithpresby.org under the "Give" tab. This QR code will take you directly there.

Offertory

Eunice Bancu

✠Doxology (*literally, Words to Glorify*)

**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. Amen.**

✠Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Baptism (9:00)

Lawson & Madison Stanford

Children's Message

Jeff Chapman

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-14

Walter Newport (9:00); Barbara Tracy (11:00)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

At this point in the 9:00 service, children pre-K to 6th grade are invited either to be excused to our children's programs or to return and sit with their families.

Prayer of Illumination

Message

Jeff Chapman

It's the Lord!

No Donuts & Discussion today.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

A Note to Parents: In our tradition children who have already been nurtured and instructed in the significance of the Lord's Supper are invited to participate fully in this sacrament. If you have questions about the participation of your children, please speak to one of our pastors.

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving & Eucharistic Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People, & Anointing

✠Hymn of Faith

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
#123, The Presbyterian Hymnal

✠Benediction

✠Postlude

Eunice Bancu; Faith Brass Ensemble

If you would like to have someone pray with you for any reason, there will be a prayer team available in the front row immediately after worship this morning. Prayer Team: Karen Chan & Claire Pisor (9:00) and Georgianne Becker & Alice Parente (11:00)

New to Faith? We'd like the chance to meet you!

If you are new to Faith Church, we would like to invite you to an informal reception so we can get to know you, and in turn you can get to know us. Our next Look @ Faith reception is **Sunday, April 26, at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

The reception lasts about 30 minutes. You'll have the opportunity to get to know others who have been coming to Faith, meet some of our leadership, and learn a few things about what makes this congregation unique. You may have questions about this church or about the Christian faith, and that's great—feel free to ask! This is just an informal opportunity to get to know one another. Come join us! *For more info, email Laura at landerson@faithpresby.org.*



Announcements and Events

Family Ministry

Rooted & Growing



Sundays 9:00 AM



Nursery
Newborn-3 yr



Godly Play
TK-2nd



Worship & Wonder
3rd-6th

Where we learn to stay rooted in Christ
and always growing in faith

For questions about Faith's Sunday morning children's programs, contact Lindsay Stanford, Director of Family Ministry, at lstanford@faithpresby.org.

Faith Office Closed Tomorrow Morning

The Faith Church office will be closed tomorrow morning—Monday, April 6. The office will open at 12:30 p.m. See you then!

Memorial Service for Mary Nabers

There will be a memorial service here at Faith for our dear sister in Christ, Mary Nabers. The service will take place on **Saturday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary. A reception with lunch will follow in Link Hall.

April PresbyNews Ready for You

The April edition of the PresbyNews is now ready for your reading pleasure. You'll find hard copies of the black-and-white version available in the Welcome Center and in the Link Hall foyer. To read the News in full color, visit our website, faithpresby.org, and click on the Media tab.

Women's Retreat Packets

For those women taking part in the Women's Retreat next weekend (Apr 10-12): If you would like a hard copy of the pre-retreat documents that were sent by email, including a suggested packing list, the retreat schedule, driving directions, and a list of participants (especially handy if you need to find a ride or would like to put together a carpool), you may pick one up from the office by this Thursday, April 9, during regular office hours.

GRADES 7-12!

NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

ENJOY EASTER WITH YOUR FAMILY!

SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY,

APRIL 12, AT 7:00 P.M.

JOIN THE APP!



Contact Brett Shoemaker for more info and to get on our email list:
bshoemaker@faithpresby.org

Opportunities to Learn & Connect

Adult Sunday School in April & May

In Christ Alone: The Colossian Letter

April 12, 19, 26; May 17, 24, 31

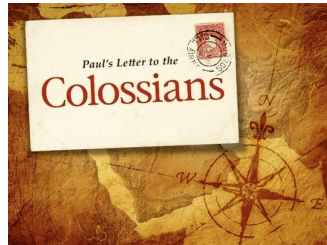
10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Rick Hull

It is a time of social chaos, spiritual confusion, and decaying moral values.

It is a time when an entire culture is struggling, and good-hearted believers are seeking. Who has the power to assure us and fulfill us? Whose call do we follow? Where is there a dependable hope? What are we to do?

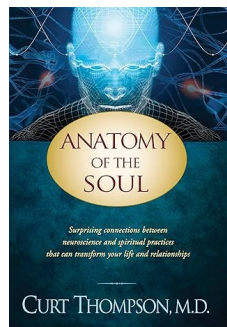
It is a time so very like our own. And to this ancient-yet-modern culture the Apostle Paul pens a letter that speaks assurance, guidance and courage in every generation that has read it. These six practical, compelling segments take us to the very heart of New Testament faith – “In Christ Alone.”



Book Study on *Anatomy of the Soul*

You are invited to attend a book study on *Anatomy of the Soul: Surprising Connections Between Neuroscience and Spiritual Practices that Can Transform Your Life and Relationships*, by Curt Thompson, M.D. Thompson is a psychiatrist who integrates neuroscience and attachment with Christian spirituality so that we might become more the people God intends us to be. This study is a follow-up to the recent Sunday School class, “In God’s Warm Embrace,” taught by Rev. Lorie Sprinkle. You do not have to have attended the class in order to participate in the book study.

We will meet at the home of Ron and Lorie Sprinkle on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 14**. Please contact Lorie at lpfursich@gmail.com to sign up. She will send you further details, including their address. Also, please purchase the book promptly.



New Zoom Class Starts This Week

Holy Spirit... The Stranger Within Us

Wednesday Evenings

April 8 to May 20

7:00-8:30 p.m., on Zoom

Facilitator: Alice Parente

As Christians, we believe there is a power greater than ourselves—One with the power to rescue us and our world. And currently, we *yearn* to see God’s power in action amongst us.



According to Jesus, God’s power is reflected in the Holy Spirit, who is the third and not-so-talked-about member of the Trinity.

In John 15 and 16, Jesus tells His disciples that after He leaves, He will send them an Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The book of Acts is filled with testimonials about the arrival and power of the Spirit amongst the people.

But Jesus didn’t send that Advocate, that Spirit, only to that particular time and place, only to those particular people. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with God’s people forever.

Given this truth about the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, how can we, as followers of Jesus today, come to know more fully the *reality* and the *power* of the Holy Spirit in and among us—just as the disciples did way back when? How can we faithfully and courageously live into the experience of Jesus within us here in this place, among today’s people?

Holy Spirit: The Stranger Within Us is a seven-week opportunity to explore Jesus’ invitation into an authentic, lived friendship with the Spirit—the very presence of Jesus himself within and among us.

There is no assigned book for this class. We will be using articles, podcasts, and videos created by spiritual formation giants who bring insights and perspectives around the Holy Spirit.

If you’d like to join or have questions, please let Alice Parente know at vsas77@earthlink.net.

The Marriage Course—Registration Closes TODAY

The Marriage Course is an eight-session course that will be held in Link Hall on **Tuesday evenings this spring, beginning April 7 and ending May 26**. Sessions run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Marriage Course is designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. Each Tuesday you will be served a restaurant-quality meal, after which a video and guidebook will lead you and your spouse into a time of conversation designed to encourage growth in your marriage and to affirm your loving relationship. You will not be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your spouse.



Online registration is currently open, but registration closes today. If you sense that this course might be a blessing to you in your marriage at this time, please don't hesitate to sign up. We have subsidized and scholarship rates available; we are committed to making this affordable for all. To register, use this QR code. Couples from outside Faith are welcome to attend, as are engaged couples. If you have any questions about The Marriage Course or how to register, please contact Outreach Elder Janeil Hogue (janeilhogue@yahoo.com) or Pastor Jeff Chapman (jchapman@faithpresby.org) today.



One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Our denomination's One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering (OGHS) is dedicated to serving some of our global neighbors who are experiencing the effects of disaster, hunger, poverty, and climate change. Funds from this Offering serve individuals and communities in need, including refugees and those impacted by immigration/migration.

Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations, bringing a measure of safety, sustenance and hope. The offering provides a way for us to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Thank you for supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, an Offering that responds directly to the call to do justice in Micah 6:8. **Please give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.**

Family Ministry Easter Egg Hunt—This Morning at 10:15 a.m.

This morning after the 9:00 service, at about 10:15 a.m., all children in the nursery, Godly Play and Worship & Wonder classes are invited to take part in an Easter egg hunt organized by Faith's Family Ministry. The egg hunting areas will be separated by age and classroom; see your child's teacher for details.



If you have youngsters visiting with you today who are 6th graders or younger, they are welcome to join in the fun! See Lindsay Stanford, Director of Family Ministry, for details.



Vacation Bible School 2026—Registration Is Now Open!

June 15-19, 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Faith

You may need your sunglasses at Vacation Bible School this summer because we are stepping into the light to find out how it reveals Jesus to us. And **Jesus is BRILLIANT!** Join us for this week of worship, Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and joyful fun as we get to know Jesus better as the True Light of our world.

VBS will take place right here at Faith the week of June 15 to 19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Children in Pre-K to 6th grade are welcome to be a part of this fantastic time of learning about Jesus, in the good company of caring adults, a few zany characters, and plenty of friends, old and new.

Register using the QR code at right, or see the direct link in tomorrow's "This Week @ Faith" email. Contact Director of Family Ministry Lindsay Stanford with any questions (916-428-3439, ext. 106; lstanford@faithpresby.org).

Register Here:



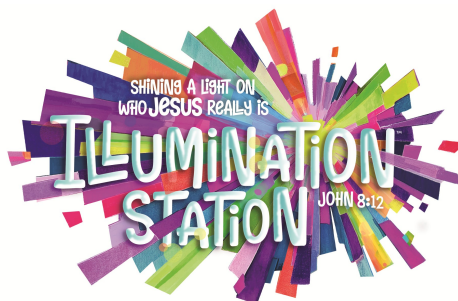
Calling All Adult & Youth VBS Volunteer Leaders...

...because **you know we can't do it without you!** Online sign-up forms are now ready for adults and youth who would like to volunteer as VBS leaders. Scan the appropriate QR code below to get started. We look forward to hearing from you!



Adult Volunteers

Adult Volunteers



Youth Volunteers

Youth Volunteers

MEN & BOYS' RETREAT 2026

MAY 1-3 ~ WESTMINSTER WOODS ~ AGES 5 TO 105

Registration is now open for our not-to-be-missed Men & Boys' Retreat. This weekend retreat is designed for men of all ages. It is not a father-son retreat, though we love it when dads bring their sons, or granddads their grandsons! It's a weekend filled with opportunities for rich fellowship, much-needed rest, great food, lots of laughter, and practical teaching that will inspire us in our walk with Christ.

Our speaker this year is Jeremy Bouris. His theme will be "The Inner Man: Understanding the Core Desires of Every Man's Heart." Every man's heart longs for acceptance and respect, strength and courage, confidence and self-worth. We are hardwired to pursue these things. Jeremy will help us better understand how together, and in Christ, we can journey towards seeing these realized in our lives. Jeremy is married to his wife of fifteen years, Lisa, and is the father of three children. He is currently the director of the Bayside Counseling Center.



To access the online registration form, follow this QR code. On the form, you'll see several housing options available, from tent camping to the lodge. You'll also notice that there are several different cost options available, from full price to subsidized. We don't want finances to keep anyone from participating! Look over the options, and if further financial help would make it possible for you to attend, we also have generous campership funds available. If you would like to request a campership, reach out to Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brett before you register online. He will give you a special code to enter when you register. Hope to see you at the Woods!



"Tacos and Talents" Youth Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, April 18—6:00 p.m. in Link Hall



With Faith's days of fireworks sales now behind us, we are developing new ways to help support financially the youth and adults who will be taking part in this summer's mission experience in Alaska. Towards this end, you are warmly invited to "Tacos and Talents" on Saturday, April 18, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Link Hall. There will be a taco bar and a not-to-be-missed talent show by our youth, as well as time to fellowship with your Faith friends. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child in advance; \$5

more each at the door. Reserve yours using this QR code and then pay the advance-purchase rate at the door. Come enjoy the fun and the food! You'll be supporting Faith's youth as they head to Alaska to serve.



Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (4/5—Easter)		Serving Next Sunday (4/12)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Elysia Fletcher	Miles Febre	Joel Gilbert	Josh Chand
Coffee Hosts	Cindy DeYoung	Lorraine Otani Sylvia Warner	Karena & Mike Van Duyn	Ken Finch Tanis Toland
Communion Servers	John Brophy Walter Newport Donna Touros Rebecca Westmore	Karen Chan Alice Parente Barbara Tracy Jim Tracy	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Kerrilee Blunt Phyllis Eres	Bruce Kern Jim Tracy	Dennis & Margie Montzingo	Jarvis Arellano
Lock-up	N.A.	Efua Bannerman	N.A.	Bob Bagby
Media Center Techs	David Nash Andrew Chen	Joe Parente	Dave Anders Jon Coupal	Rick Hom
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 4/6—4/9</i>	Cynde Keasling	<i>Serving 4/13—4/16</i>	Cheryl Chan
Prayer Team	Karen Chan Claire Pisor	Georgianne Becker Alice Parente	Randy Smith	Ileana Maestas
Teller Escorts	Bob DeYoung	Paul Heaton	Jennifer Anders	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Kitty Tatro
Ushers	Donna Touros Charlie Tucker	Melodi Andersen Renee Larsen	Charlie Tucker	Terry Fong
Welcome Ctr.	Carolyn Kubish Candi Okada	Janeil Hogue	TBD	TBD
Worship Asst.	Walter Newport	Barbara Tracy	Dawn Vollmar	TBD

Faith Worship Band: Eunice Bancu, Michaela Bannerman, Shane Bannerman, Esther Chapman, Andrew Chen, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Paul Philleo, Zach Roberts, Mark Tootle, Makayla Van Duyn, Vickie Weaver-Owens and Jill Whitney.

Faith Brass Ensemble: José Hermocillo, Tom McDuffie, Fred Noteware, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Steve Rock, Laura Schneider and Carolyn Tillman (Director).

Faith Easter Choir: Cynthia Abbott, Wendy Benjamin, Esther Chapman, Gregory Collins, Joe De Illy, Sally Evey, Jessica Flash, Paul Heaton, Janeil Hogue, Jean Kern, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Barbara LaPlaca, Kay Lum, Phil Lum, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Ken Pisor, April Reichert, Edna Rush, Ron Sprinkle and Charlotte Van Wagner and Sylvia Woolever.

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This Week @ Faith: April 5–11

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Our Savior's Anglican Church—12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- Faith Office Closed until 12:30 p.m.
- BSF Leaders Meeting—9 a.m. (Link Hall, Rms 2, 4, 5, 7)
- Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men's Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Discipleship Group—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- BSF—9 a.m. (All rooms)
- Family Ministry Meeting—1 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Marriage Course—6:30 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- PW Board Meeting—9:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Kids Club—5 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Worship Band Rehearsal—6 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Life Group—7 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- District 7 Board Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 4)
- Men's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

THURSDAY

- Men's Life Group—7:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Staff Prayer—9 a.m. (Online)
- Women's Life Group—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- VBS Prep Team—10 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Women's Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- Pocket Little League—8 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- Women's Retreat—3 p.m. (Off site)

SATURDAY

- Women's Retreat (Off site)
- Tai Chi—8:30 a.m. (Courtyard)
- Faith Brass Ensemble Rehearsal—9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Walk 2 Miles. Change the World!

Walk4Water

Sunday, April 26, at 10:15 a.m.

Around the world, women and children walk miles every day, often in dangerous situations and across dangerous terrain, to find water that isn't even clean. We can help!

In partnership with World Vision's Abaya, Ethiopia, Area Development Program, Faith will hold its annual **Walk4Water on Sunday, April 26, after the 9:00 service.** We'll walk two miles roundtrip, carrying a jug of water on the return, as a way to raise funds for clean water in Abaya. The goal of clean water for all is in sight there!

You can take part in several ways, including donating, walking, helping with the event and, of course, picnicking on the patio afterwards! To register as a walker or to donate to the cause of clean water, use the QR code at right. Thank you!



This year marks our 16th year of partnership with Abaya. We hope you will celebrate this partnership with us and join us on Sunday, April 26, when we'll Walk4Water so that our global brothers and sisters no longer have to.



*The Faith Church office is open
Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
and Friday by appointment.*

Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

April 5, 2026

John 21:1-14 (NRSV)

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?”

They answered him, “No.”

⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Message Notes

It's the Lord!

Questions to Consider...

The following questions and scriptures are provided for Life Groups and individuals who want to reflect further on today's message.

1. Read John 21:1-14 again. Pay attention to the details given (and not given!) in this story. What do you notice?
2. Why do you think that these men don't recognize Jesus, even after he speaks to them from the shore?
3. What do you think about this idea that we simply cannot see Jesus unless he chooses to show himself to us? Do you agree? And if you do agree, do you believe that Jesus shows himself to everybody?
4. Why do you think the disciples suddenly do recognize that it's Jesus there on the beach?
5. Why do you think that it was this particular miracle (i.e., miraculous catch of fish) that Jesus used to reveal himself that day?
6. What do you think about Jeff's suggestion that it might be our unwillingness to obey Jesus that is keeping us from seeing him, and that when we obey, it opens up the possibility of us seeing what has been there all along?
7. What is one hard thing that you're afraid Jesus is asking you to do right now that you have been, to this point, unwilling to do? Why the hesitancy?
8. Why do you think Jesus makes these men breakfast? What's going on here?



Table to Table: Something for kids and adults to consider together

Read this story together as a family. In fact, keep reading to the end of John.
What do you think the disciples talked about with Jesus when they had breakfast together on the beach that morning?
What would you have wanted to talk about?

Meeting With God This Week

To help you LISTEN to God...

For your continued times of meeting with God daily, we offer the following passages from God's Word for your reflection. If you need a Bible, let us know and we'll give you one. We encourage you to keep a journal at hand to write down what you hear as you listen to God's Word. If you are new to all this, these steps may help you get started:

Invite - Find a time and space where you can have at least fifteen minutes of privacy and silence. Begin by taking a moment to simply ask God to meet you. Expect God to answer your prayer and show up.

Scripture - Read slowly through the passage for the day (we offer suggestions below). Read it again, if you like. Pay attention to phrases or ideas that particularly strike you.

Listen and Reflect - Use a journal to write down what you hear God saying in these verses. What is God telling you about himself? What is God telling you about your life? What is God telling you he wants you to do or to do differently? What questions are raised? What promises are revealed? Write what you hear.

Respond - Use the 3 R's. **#1 - Rejoice!** What have I heard from God which causes me to praise God and give thanks? Pray accordingly. **#2—Repent.** What have I heard from God that brings to light sin in my life or change that needs to take place? **#3—Request.** What have I heard from God that informs the way I pray for myself and others? (The guide in the column to the right, "To Help You Speak with God," may be useful as you pray for others this week.)

Suggested Scriptures for the Week, as we offer God a portion of each day in His Word.

Monday:	I Samuel 1 & 2 / Psalm 92
Tuesday:	I Samuel 3 & 4 / Psalm 93
Wednesday:	I Samuel 5 & 6 / Psalm 94
Thursday:	I Samuel 7 & 8 / Psalm 95
Friday:	I Samuel 9 & 10 / Psalm 96
Saturday:	I Samuel 11 & 12 / Psalm 97
Sunday:	I Samuel 13 & 14 / Psalm 98

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Clint & Mai Scott; Melanie ~ Dale & Annette Scribner ~ Will Selling ~ Steve & Mary Beth Seyler ~ Blair & Liz Shahbazian

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Carol Keller, Bob Johnson, Clara Murrels, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Georgina Borton, Sandy Smoley, Nick LaPlaca, Skip Watt, Julene Leonard, Kathy Keller, John Ravas, Marvette Swayzer, Lucy DaCastello, Steve Rock.

Prayers of Comfort: For Kathy Ellis and her family at the recent passing of her husband, John. And for Marianne Jenkins, John's sister. For Laurie Mixell at the recent passing of her father, Dean.

♦Church Leadership:

Eunice Bancu	Accompanist
Renee Larsen	Clerk of Session
Bob DeYoung	Deacon, Parish 2

♦Other Opportunities for Prayer

Prayer Chain: Contact Alice Parente at vsas77@earthlink.net to share a prayer concern or to become part of the prayer chain.

Pre-Service Prayer: We meet in the Fireside Room every Sunday morning at 8:30 for prayer before worship. All are welcome.

Prayer After Worship: If you would like someone to pray with you, our prayer team will be available at the front of the church immediately following worship this morning.

Tuesday Morning Zoom Prayer Gathering:

All are welcome to join us for prayer on Zoom Tuesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Using a psalm or other scripture as our guide, we pray together—some silently, some aloud. Most of us keep our cameras off. It's wonderful to start our day in this way together. The Zoom ID is **871 3470 6671**.

