

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 am

Setting - Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen

## INTRODUCTION

*The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

## PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 13-14.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

*Please stand if you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.

We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In + Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The musical score consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.  
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

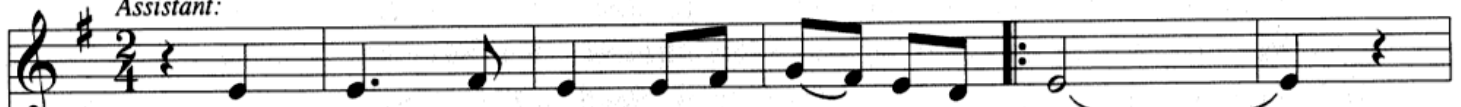
**And also with you.**

# CHILDREN GO TO JAM

*The Children are invited to come forward. The children are dismissed for Children's Jam, Sunday School, returning during the Peace.*

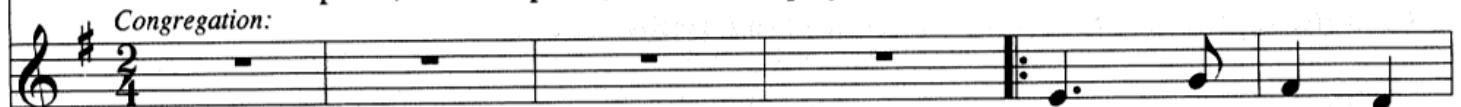
## KYRIE

*Assistant:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation:*




Lord, have mer - cy.

*3rd time to Coda* ⊕

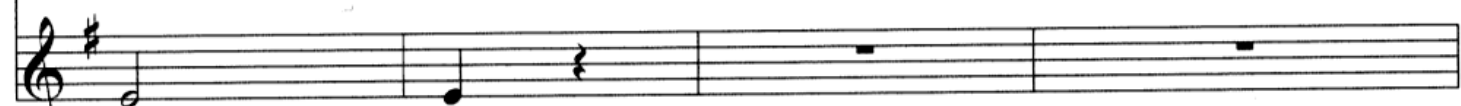


Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -


*Assistant:*



For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you



cy.



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

*continued on page 5*

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

\* Ending for Kyrie

God.

A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM: Psalm: 32**

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions<sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is<sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD im-<sup>1</sup>putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there<sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with-<sup>1</sup>ered away,  
because of my groaning<sup>1</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me<sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the<sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-<sup>1</sup>ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt<sup>1</sup> of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers  
to you in<sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they<sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve<sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts<sup>1</sup> of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that<sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you<sup>1</sup> with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no<sup>1</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will<sup>1</sup> not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations<sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice<sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are<sup>1</sup> true of heart.

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Holy gospel according to Luke, the 15th Chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**REFLECTION**

*A brief silence for reflection*

Stacie Bowens

*Please stand if you are able*



Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
 watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*

God in your mercy,  
**Receive our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:*

***Peace be with you.***

*Please be seated.*

# OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

*Special Piano Music*

*Please stand if you are able.*

## OFFERTORY

ELW 188

### Create in Me a Clean Heart

*Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

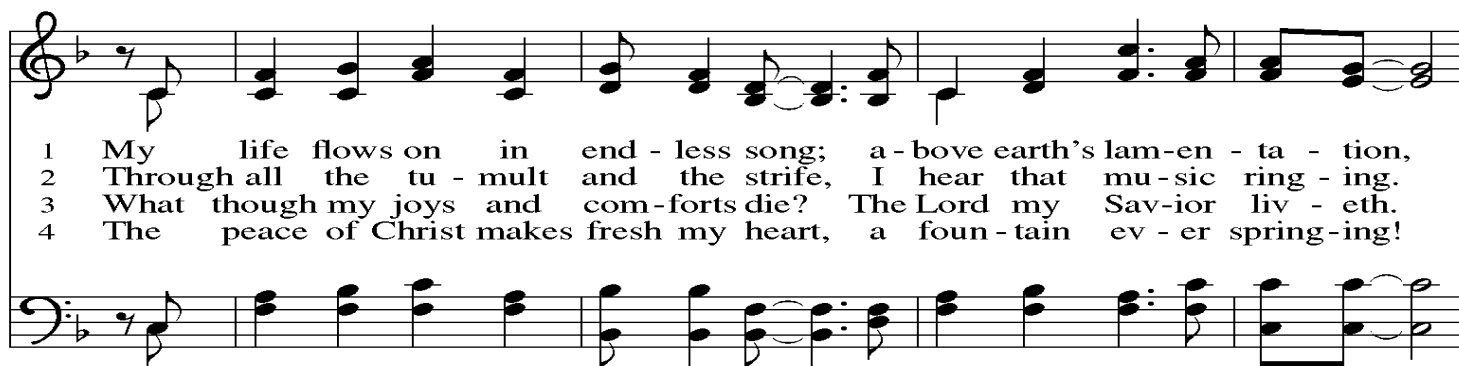
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

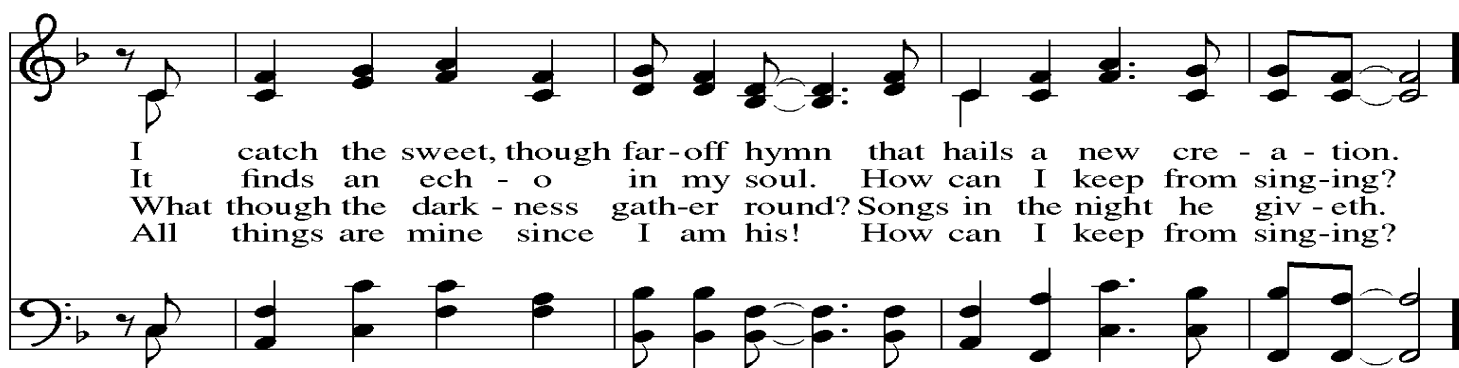
## **BLESSING**

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
+ bless you now and forever  
**Amen.**

## My Life Flows On in Endless Song

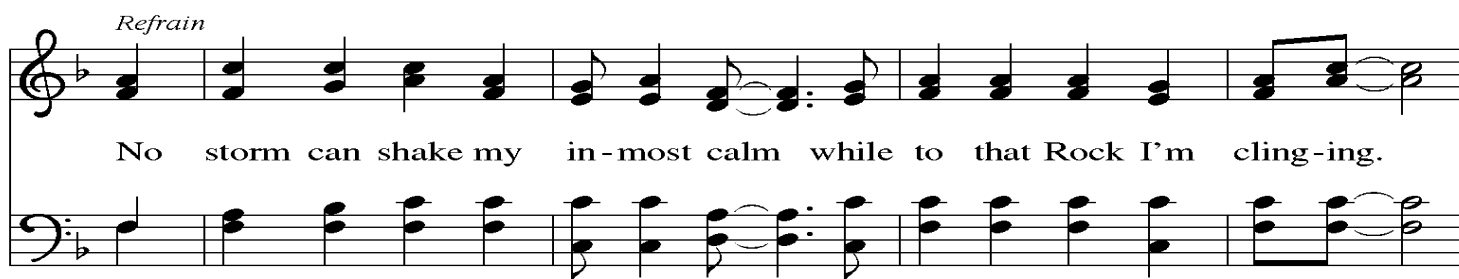


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!

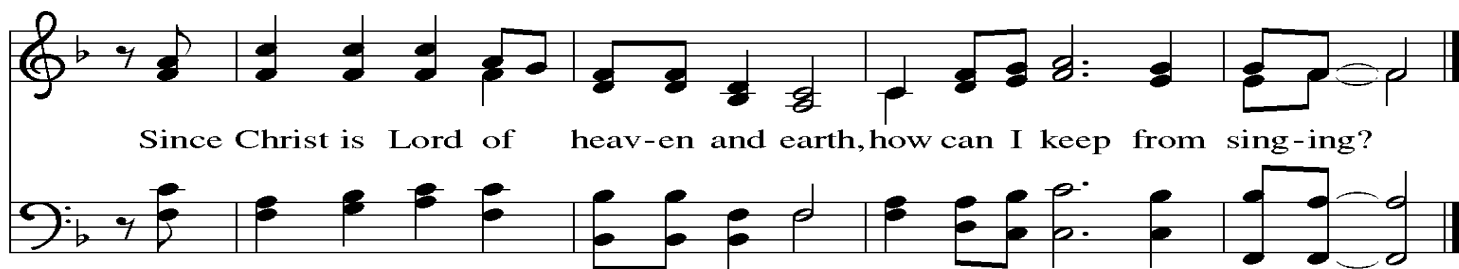


I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

<b><u>Disciples Serving:</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>
Presider/Supply	Stacie Bowens	Pastor Karen Matuska
Assisting Minister:	Jerry Vargues	Riley Dunton
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson	Connie Wisthoff/Vicki Moore
Ushers/Greeters:	Tony Martinet	Jerry Vargues
Counters:	Nancy Piazza/Cassie Walgren	Kathy & Steve M./Sue Kastelic
JAM:	Helen Philipsen/Emily Briggs	Connie Wisthoff/Emily Briggs

### **PRAYERS**

<b><u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u></b>	<b><u>Added by Members</u></b>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Robert Bogusch	Nephew of Kathy Lambert
Pam Cardinal	Sister of Clay Kashner
John Centa	Bowens Family
Fred Cortese	Gwen Hedding
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor
Sue Kastelic	People of Tabor
Will Nichols	Truxell & Vargues Families
Arlis Petersen	Mother of Leanne Neu
Andrea Pitre	Friend of Emily Briggs
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
Starcher Family	Friends of Emily Briggs
Caitlan Thorne & Family	Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert
Denise Tristano	People of Tabor
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell

### **BIRTHDAYS**

March 31 Dylana Bowens                      April 4 Clay Kashner and Sydney Pine

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- † Good Friday service on April 18, 2025 at 6:00pm will be a Tenebrae Service which has the gradual extinguishing of candles and a loud noise at the end, symbolizing the darkness of Christ's death.
- † We will be having several upcoming Special Sundays. All are encouraged to attend.
 

<b><u>April 6:</u></b> Healing with Pastor Karen	<b><u>April 13:</u></b> Healing with Pastor Dominic
<b><u>May 4:</u></b> Healing with Pastor Karen	<b><u>May 18:</u></b> Healing with Pastor Dominic





# THE GOOD NEWS

## TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

### March 27, 2025

If you would like to donate the files to decorate the church for Easter morning, please use the order forms and envelopes on the table in the Narthex. The cost for each Easter Lily is \$15 and the flag can be taken with you after worshiping Easter morning.



Start time for Lenten Bible Study is 10:45am in the parlor on Sundays after worship.

Cyrisse and Gwen are wanting to see if our JAM kids and families would be interested in and available for decorating the entryway for Easter Sunday again this year. We were thinking of meeting Saturday, April 19th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2025 to call in to direct any remaining Choice Dollars. Call 1-800-847-4836 and select "Thrivent Choice" to talk to a live person.



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Easter Sunday Worship will be April 20, 2025 at 9:30am. Please invite your family and friends to join!



The Easter Egg Hunt will be after church on Easter Sunday. All children—walking toddlers to 6th grade are invited. Please bring your own basket and join in the fun!

## Birthdays

- March 31 Dylana Bowers
- April 4 Clay Kashner
- April 4 Sydney Pine



Tabor is starting the "Healing" portion of our transition process as recommended by Pastor Dominic. He and Pastor Karen Matuska will be aiding in this Healing portion. We strongly encourage everyone to attend these Special Sundays.

- April 6: Healing with Pastor Karen
- April 13: Healing with Pastor Dominic
- May 4: Healing with Pastor Karen
- May 18: Healing with Pastor Dominic
- June 1: Healing with Pastor Karen
- June 22: Healing with Pastor Dominic

We encourage everyone to attend and take part in any after-worship sessions that Pastor Karen and Pastor Dominic are having.



Noisy Offering collections from January—June 2025 will go to the Pueblo Child Advocacy Center. Our JAM kids will be making blankets for the children. The Noisy offering collections from July-December 2025 will go to Meal on Wheels.



We need volunteers for JAM teachers and helpers for April and May. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.



Church Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month after worship.  
Next Meeting: April 13, 2025  
All Members are welcome to attend



## JAM and Children's Sermon Schedule

- March**
  - 2—JAM
  - 9—Children's Sermon
  - 16-JAM
  - 23-Children's Sermon (spring break)
  - 30-JAM
- April**
  - 6-JAM
  - 13-Children's Sermon
  - 20-Children's Sermon (Easter)
  - 27-JAM
- May**
  - 4-JAM
  - 11-Children's Sermon
  - 18-Last JAM Class
  - 25-Children's Sermon

### Disciples Serving: Sunday March 30

- Presider/Supply: Stacie Bowers
- Assisting Minister: Jerry Vargas
- Pianist: Dr. J. Michael Beck
- Alar Guild: Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson
- Ushers/Greeters: Tony Martinet
- Counters: Nancy Piazza/Cassie Walgren
- JAM: Helen Phillips/Emily Briggs

### Disciples Serving: Sunday, April 6

- Presider: Pastor Karen Matuska
- Assisting Minister: Riley Dunton
- Pianist: Dr. J. Michael Beck
- Alar Guild: Connie Wischoff/Vicki Moore
- Ushers/Greeters: Jerry Vargas
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