

# EASTER 2025



## THE HOPE OF EASTER

*Reach out for the things ahead*

Philippians 3:10-14

**April 20, 2025  
10:00 am**

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# Congregational Church of Soquel

Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2025

## GATHERING TOGETHER

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**\*Introit #98** *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* sung twice, Hymnal 1

**\*Responsive Call to Worship** (Psalm 18:16 & 19)

*Minister: He reached down from on high,*

**Congregation: he took me;**

*Minister: he drew me out of mighty waters.*

**Congregation: He brought me out into a broad place;**

*Minister: he delivered me,*

**Congregation: because he delighted in me.**

**\*Hymn #240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* Hymnal 1

**\*Invocation**

**Responsive Reading** (Philippians 3:10-14) see insert

## JOINING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

**Easter Music**

*Alleluia*

by Randall Thompson

*I Can See Clearly Now*

by Johnny Nash

Chancel Choir

\*Congregation Standing (as you are able)

## Morning Prayer & 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 debts, as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us  
from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.

**Response In Song #537** *Lord, Be Glorified*

Hymnal 1

## SHARING THE WORK

### Offertory

#### \*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Tune: *All Creatures of our God and King*)  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts, Praise Jesus Christ whose  
power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Hymn #43 *Because He Lives*

Hymnal 2

## SHARING THE WORD

Reverend Dr. Mark Fountain

**Sermon:** *The Things Ahead*

**Scripture:** Philippians 3:10-14

## PARTING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

\*Hymn #234 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Hymnal 1

### \*Benediction

#### \*Congregational Response in Song

We are God's people, a people of the Lord, born of the Spirit,  
the Love of God outpoured; our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
and strong in Him we stand: O let us live transparently,  
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

### \*Postlude

\*Congregation Standing (as you are able)



## **Responsive Reading (Philippians 3:10-14)**

*Reader: The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ,*

**Congregation: the power of his resurrection,**

*Reader: the participation in his sufferings.*

**Congregation: It includes being conformed to his death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.**

*Reader: It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected,*

**Congregation: but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose.**

*Reader: Sisters and brothers, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing:*

**Congregation: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.**



## 2025 *Lily Dedications*



*He is Risen Indeed - Happy Easter to All!*

David & Joyce Trybom

*Slader Huey Mickey's First Easter!*

John & Carol Parda

*My church family & friends, my family!*

Katharine Burke

*Michael Greenway - Son; Viola Henderson - Mother; Donald Henderson - Father; Ellen Campbell - Sister & Peggy Hillis - Friend.*

Judy Kuehlborn

*In celebration of Joy, Kindness and the Hope we find in Easter.*

Laura Hamby

*Easter blessings to all those who couldn't be with us today.*

Gloria Wells

*To our church family.*

Rick & Judy Peretto

*In loving memory of Ben Irons.*

Mary Ellen

*Marie Kuehlborn - Mother-In-Law; Karl Kuehlborn - Father-In-Law; AnnieMarie Bruehback - Sister-In-Law; Barbara Britt - Friend; Heinz Conrad - Friend.*

Judy Kuehlborn

*To my wonderful supportive church family!*

Patti Haaheim

*Parrish Family, Ken & Winona Holt, Polly & Al Rosellini.*

Barbara & Steve Rosellini

## **Alleluia - Randall Thompson**

First, the occasion: the opening of the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood. Let's see—"Tanglewood" is the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, an outdoor concert venue in rural Massachusetts. The Berkshire facility (which at some point was renamed as the Tanglewood Music Center) opened in 1940 under the leadership of Serge Koussevitsky, the BSO's music director at the time. The Tanglewood venue had been active for three years, and Koussevitsky saw an opportunity to expand the facility into a summer music camp for students. He decided to commission a piece by an American composer for the student body to perform at the opening ceremonies.

So far, so good. Koussevitsky had requested some kind of big, bold, celebratory piece—a "fanfare"—but Thompson found himself unable to write anything joyous in 1940, as World War II was building in intensity. France had just fallen when Thompson got the commission. So, instead, Thompson delivered something soft, slow, and mournful-sounding.

*Program Notes: Debi Simonson*

Fun fact: Randall Thompson was born on April 21 (tomorrow), 1899



## **I Can See Clearly Now - Johnny Nash**

### Verse 1

I can see clearly now the rain is gone  
I can see all obstacles in my way  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind  
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day  
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day

### Verse 2

I think I can make it now the pain is gone  
All of the bad feelings have disappeared  
Here is that rainbow I've been praying for  
It's gonna be a bright (Bright), bright sun shiny day

### Bridge

Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies  
Look straight ahead, nothing but blue skies

### Verse 3

I can see clearly now; the rain is gone  
I can see all obstacles in my way  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind  
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day  
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day

## APRIL Mission of the Month

'Save Our Shores' three pillars are Clean Shores, Healthy Habitats and Living Waters. Visit their website at [saveourshores.org](http://saveourshores.org) to explore how they have a lasting impact on the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

To support '**Save Our Shores**', drop your donation (of any amount) in the offering plate, give online, or send to the church office. Please note on your donation, 'Save Our Shores'. *Thank you!*



**Hand to Hand  
Spring 2025  
Let's Clean Cowell's Beach!**

 Saturday, 26 April  
  Cowell's Beach  
 9:00 - 11:00 am

Questions? Contact the Church Office

**JOIN US & SAVE OUR SHORES TO CLEAN COWELL'S BEACH AND  
HELP SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT! SIGN UP IN PARRISH HALL.  
SEE YOU AT THE BEACH!**



### *Featured Guest*

**Darcelle Pruitt** - Resource Planner for Santa Cruz County, Recycling and Solid Waste Division

**April 27 • 10:00 am**

### **"Finding Balance - Small Changes to a Sustainable Future"**

At Fellowship, Darcelle will answer any questions you may have about what goes in your recycling and compost bins, versus the trash bin. She can discuss California's climate laws, our nearby landfill, methane, groundwater management - any local environmental question you might have.

There will be displays on favorite plastic alternatives. Also, a native plant and succulent give away and swap! Bring your extra plants, take some home, and give some to friends!





## Guest Presentation & Taco Bar

Laura Ramirez, Director, Pan American Institute

May 4, 11:00 a.m.



**FREE**

**Sunday • May 4 • 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

**Popcorn & Refreshments in Parrish Hall**

**Bring your family and friends to see this historic movie!**

Presented by Congregational Church of Soquel and  
Soquel Pioneer & Historical Association.

With background presentation by local historian, Frank Perry



At Congregational Church of Soquel, we value the past with a sense of gratitude, but welcome the present moment with expectation and joy! Please join us Sundays at 10:00 am. The bell ringing from atop our historic church, established in 1868, reminds us of a rich and meaningful past. However, as our logo suggests, a living tradition of life, worship and progressive Christian faith lifts our hearts as we reach in the direction of an exciting future.

With this vision, we seek to live as Jesus taught, loving God and neighbor in ways that embrace the opportunities and needs of our time and place: creating a sustainable environment for the earth, addressing food insecurities among our neighbors, supporting families, celebrating the arts and creating a spiritual home for people of all ages and backgrounds. Together, we discover friendship and meaning through the interplay of faith, life, and service within the greater Santa Cruz community and beyond.

Join us as we unite a meaningful past with a hopeful vision moving forward.

Peace,  
*Mark Fountain*  
Minister



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**THANK YOU!**

- Announcer:** Jeannie Land
- Reader:** Scott Hamby
- Ushers:** Rhonda Guerrero & Scott Hamby
- Fellowship:** Sally & Dave Miller
- Media Team:** Laura Hamby & Friends

Church Office Hours  
Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**OUR CHURCH STAFF**

- Minister.....Reverend Dr. Mark Fountain
- Ministry Associate.....Reverend Patti Haaheim
- Office Manager.....Kristin Ard
- Music Director.....Camille Couture-Carter
- Pianist.....Susan Bass
- Maintenance Supervisor.....Ricardo Perez
- Ministers to the Community.....Congregation