

CONGREGATIONAL

Church *of* Soquel

LENTEN ROAD TRIP



TRAVELING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

**March 9, 2025
10:00 am**

**4951 Soquel Drive | Soquel, California 95073-2430
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First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Ring of the Bell

***Introit #801** *This Is the Day*

v 1, Hymnal 1

***Responsive Call to Worship** (Psalm 89:24-28)

Minister: My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;

Congregation: I will set his right hand on the rivers.

Minister: He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, and my God,

Congregation: I will make him the firstborn, forever I will keep my steadfast love for him."

***Hymn #30** *I Will Sing of the Mercies*

Hymnal 1

*Invocation

Responsive Reading (Matthew 3:13-17)

Reader: Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

Congregation: John would have prevented him, saying "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Reader: But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." The he consented.

Congregation: And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,

Reader: suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

Congregation: And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*Congregation Standing (as you are able)

JOINING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Special Music *Take the "A" Train* by Billy Strayhorn
Raymond Calvan & Mark Hanson - trumpet, Leo Hagedorn - bass,
Ruben Marcus - piano, Colby Negro - trombone

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 #690 *Bind Us Together* refrain only, 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 477** *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Hymnal 1

SHARING THE WORD

Reverend Dr. Mark Fountain

Life & Worship Series:

Lenten Road Trip: Traveling on the Road with Jesus

Sermon: *Down to the River*

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

PARTING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

***Hymn #143** *Wade in the Water* Hymnal 2

*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)



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:** Katharine Burke
- Reader:** Bill Abraham
- Ushers:** Liz Musal & Cindy Ruhsam
- Fellowship:** Jeannie & Steve Land
- Media Team:** Laura Hamby & Scott Hamby

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



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**★ LIGHTS OFF! STARS ON! ★
EARTH HOUR**



8:00 - 9:00 PM

MARCH 22, 2025 ★

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and come down for an Hour of Fun at Night!**

Night Rain or Moon Shine? You're definitely in for a Good Time!

**Campfire! • Songs! • Eco Games! • Snacks & Beverages!
All of tonight's plans are to give the earth sustainable leverages.**

March - Mission of the Month *Manna Ministries*



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To support **Manna Ministry**, give online or in person and please mark your donation MOM for Mission of the Month.

Thank You for your continued support - Ministry of Missions & Services

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