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Teach me, O Lord,
to follow your decrees;
then I will keep them
to the end.

Give me understanding,
and I will keep your law
and obey it
with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of
your commands, for there
I find delight.

Turn my heart toward
your statutes and not
toward selfish gain.

Turn my eyes away from
worthless things;
preserve my life according
to your word.

from Psalm 119

THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Rev. Stan Beard

For those of us who follow Christ, Lent is an important time to look squarely at our lives, tell the truth to ourselves, and face the reality that we do need help from God. Lent reminds us of several issues quite often we would just as soon forget. But when we decide to hit these head-on, trusting that our Lord will walk closely with us, the true joy of our faith journey begins to flourish. Together let us remember the lessons and meaning of Lent:

1) The Road to Jerusalem is fraught with turbulence and hurdles. Jesus never promises calm, comfort or prosperity. To walk with Him to the cross will mean we will experience heartbreak, injustice and persecution.

2) Sacrifice is a central part of our faith journey. The Gospels are filled with verses and stories of how Jesus challenged His disciples to consider the cost, turn around, set aside, and let go of those things that hinder our journey. Self-denial is central to our growing up in Christ.

3) Leadership is not a part of Lent. We are invited to follow, not lead. We are charged to respond, rather than initiate. Jesus is not looking for gifted all-stars. He desires faithful, reliable followers.

4) Lent leads us to the Cross. Ultimately, God calls us to give up our lives in order to begin a new life in Him. This final challenge strikes fear in most of us. It is not easy to say "no" to our own dreams and fantasies so that we will be ready to embrace the new life He has for us.

5) Lent reminds us that Easter is on the way! Keep walking, keep trusting, keep following! A surprise is promised. It is hard to see and imagine right now, but Resurrection is coming. Transformation is in our future. Fulfilled, forgiven, forever life with Jesus Christ is our reward for the Lenten journey.

Walk with Him to Calvary. You will not regret the adventure!

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."

I Corinthians 2:9

La Jolla Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events for March 7-20

Sunday, March 7—Paul Preaching - I Timothy 6:3-21

8:45A Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Nursery, 2 1/2-3 yrs (CE 6); 3 1/2-5 (CE 2);
Friends & Fellowship, *A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, 20s-40s, Rev. Craig Deane, LC3
SunHouse Kids (K-5th, CE22)
Middle School (6th-8th) Bible Study, SunHouse
9:00A Gloria Deo Choir (Grades 7-high school/college), LC4
10:00A Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall
The Sermon on the Mount, Rev. Stan BeardLC3
High School Worship in Fellowship Hall
Nursery, 2 1/2-3 yrs (CE 6); 3 1/2-5 (CE 2);
Sonshine Singers, (Grades K-2, CE 25)
Joyful Sound (Grades 3-6) LC4
11:00A Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Nursery (Birth through age 5);
High School Bible Study, SunHouse Kitchen
7:00P CONCERT: Chelsea Chen, Organist; Peter Lee, Countertenor, Sanctuary; Reception, FH

Monday, March 8

8:00A Golf and Grow, Admiral Baker Golf Course
10:00A Heart & Soul Exercise, Fellowship Hall
6:00P Monday Night Men's Fellowship, *Jesus and the Art of Robert Hodgell,* Roger Brown, LC3
6:30P Renovare Class, LC5
7:00P Senior High SunHouse, SunHouse
FREE Dance Class with Dennis Keith, LC9

Tuesday, March 9

8:00A The Boardroom, *Discover the Leader in You!* author Maureen Orey, Fellowship Hall South
10:00A The Boardroom, Upper Room (Library Lounge)
6:00P March Madness! Young Men's Night Out with former Coach of the Year Bill Frieder, FH

Wednesday, March 10

7:00A Men's Midweek Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
9:30A Heart & Soul, Fellowship Hall
Renovare Group, LC6
10:00A The Boardroom, Upper Room (Library Lounge)
11:00A Growing Together in Faith, Rev. Stan Beard I Corinthians, Fellowship Hall
5:00P X-Change (2nd and 3rd), CE22
X-Zone (4th and 5th), CE26
Middle School SunHouse, SunHouse
6:30P Sr. High Ladies Small Group, SunHouse (upstairs)
Stephen Ministry Training, LC1

Thursday, March 11

10:00A Circle 8, LC3
The Boardroom, Upper Room (Library Lounge)
Community Bible Study, Book of Acts, FH
7:00P GriefShare, Karin F. Donaldson, LC5
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Slusser Hall

Friday, March 12

9:30A Mom 2 Mom, LC3
6:30P Faith and Science Symposium, Fellowship Hall
Clipper Club, KIRK HOUSE

Saturday, March 13

9:00A Faith and Science Symposium, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 14—Jake Preaching

Daylight Saving Time Begins Today

8:45A Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Nursery, 2 1/2-3 yrs (RM 6); 3 1/2-5 (RM 2)
Friends & Fellowship, *A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, 20s-40s, Craig Deane, LC3
SunHouse Kids (K-5th, CE22)
Middle School (6th-8th) Bible Study, SH Kitchen
10:00A High School Worship, Life Center
The Sermon on the Mount, Rev. Stan Beard, LC3
11:00A Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery (Birth through age 5)
High School Bible Study, SunHouse Kitchen
12:00P Growth Group BBQ Celebration, Kirk House
4:30P Annual Youth and Children's Choir Festival, Sanctuary

Monday, March 15

8:00A Golf and Grow, Admiral Baker Golf Course
10:00A Heart & Soul Exercise, Fellowship Hall
6:00P Monday Night Men's Fellowship, *The Case For Christ: Analyzing Jesus,* LC3
6:30P Lamb's Players Dinner Theater, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Jericho*, Fellowship Hall
Renovare Class, LC5
7:00P Senior High SunHouse, SunHouse
FREE Dance Class with Dennis Keith, LC9

Tuesday, March 16

8:00A The Boardroom, *TBA*, Fellowship Hall
10:00A The Boardroom, Library Lounge (Upper Room)

Wednesday, March 17

7:00A Men's Midweek Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
9:30A Heart & Soul, Fellowship Hall
Renovare Group, LC6
10:00A The Boardroom, Library Lounge (Upper Room)
11:00A Growing Together in Faith, I Corinthians, FH
12:00P Middle School Half Day, Froglanders
5:00P X-Change (2nd and 3rd), CE22
X-Zone (4th and 5th), CE26
Middle School SunHouse, SunHouse
6:30P Sr. High Ladies Small Group, SunHouse (upstairs)
Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, March 18

10:00A Circle 8, LC3
Community Bible Study, Book of Acts, FHall
The Boardroom, Upper Room (Library Lounge)
7:00P GriefShare, Karin F. Donaldson, LC5
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Slusser Hall

Friday, March 19

9:30A Mom 2 Mom, LC3
4:00P Annual Men's Retreat Registration, Warner Springs

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Mar 28 Palm Sunday; Commissioning of Youth Spring Break Student Mission Team
Mar 29 Sr. High Spring Break Mission Trip
Apr 1 Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 PM
Apr 4 Easter Sunday Worship Services
Sunrise Service, Balboa Park, 6:30 AM
LJPC—7:30, 8:45, 10 and 11 AM
Apr 11 Growth Groups Begin I Thessalonians study
Apr 30 Couples Weekend, Temecula, with the Beards