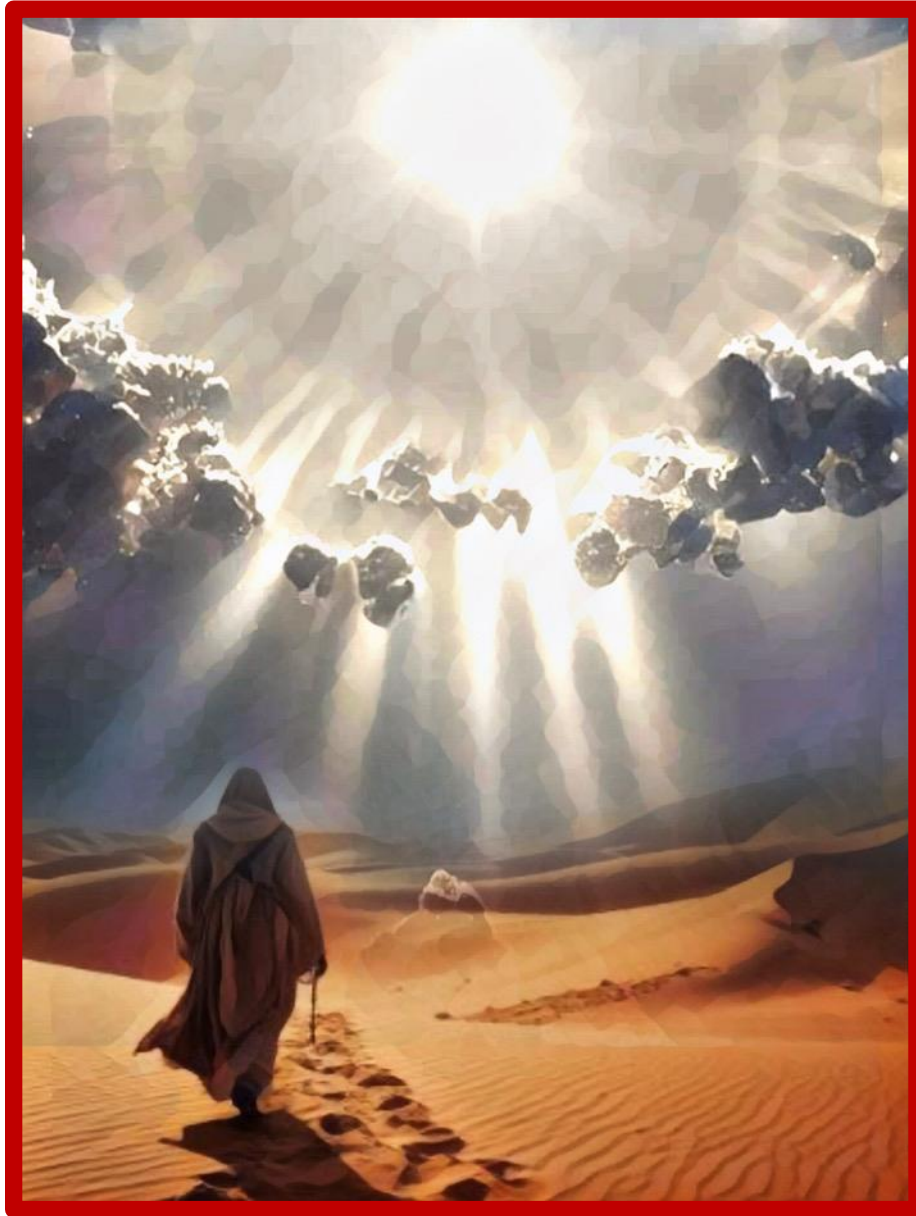




On The Way with Jesus

8:45 a.m. + June 2, 2024



"The way of Jesus cannot be imposed or mapped — it requires an active participation in following Jesus as he leads us through sometimes strange and unfamiliar territory, in circumstances that become clear only in the hesitations and questionings, in the pauses and reflections where we engage in prayerful conversation with one another and with him."

Eugene Peterson, *The Jesus Way*

Crossing the Threshold

Centering Ourselves in God

"Dwell"

*Dwell in the midst of us, come and dwell in this place.
Dwell in the midst of us, come and have your way.
Dwell in the midst of us, wipe all the tears from our faces.
Dwell in the midst of us, you can have your way.*

*Not our will, but yours be done,
Come and change us.
Not our will, but yours be done,
Come sustain us.*

Praying the Psalms

Psalms 25:4,8,9,12; Psalm 18:21,30,32

*Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
Who are they who fear the LORD?
He will teach them the way that they should choose.
I have kept the ways of the LORD
and have not wickedly departed from my God.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
This God – his way is perfect;
the promise of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.
The God who has girded me with strength
and made my way safe.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.*

Walking and Worshiping

"Step by Step"

*Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.*

Getting Ready

Mark 1:1-3

*The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"*

Meditation

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Listening and Learning

Mark 1:9-13

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being divided and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by the Adversary, and he was with the wild animals, and the angels waited on him.

Meditation

Song of Response

"Blessed Be Your Name"

*Blessed be your Name, in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your Name.
And blessed be your Name, when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your Name.*

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise,
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be your Name.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious Name.*

*Blessed be your Name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "All as it should be", blessed be your Name.
And blessed be your Name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your Name.*

Guided Prayer

Silence

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Jesus, Abba, Spirit, or Love.

Holy Communion (with Sung Response)

adapted from Psalm 23, Out of Silence

Sung Response: *Companion on my journey, Protector at my side,
I venture on the way of simple, childlike trust.*

*Loving Source of All, you sustain us and feed us: like a shepherd you guide us.
You lead us to an oasis of green, to lie down by restful waters.
Quenching our thirst, you restore our lives: renewed and refreshed, we follow you,
a journey on the narrowest of paths. **Sung Response***

*Even when cliffs loom out of the mist, our steps are steady because of our trust.
Even when we go through the deepest valley, with the shadow of darkness and death,
we shall fear no evil or harm. For you are with us to give us strength,
your crook, your staff, at our side. **Sung Response***

*Even in the midst of our troubles, with the murmurs of those who disturb us,
we know we can feast in your presence.
You spread a banquet before us, you anoint our heads with oil,
you stoop to wash our feet, you fill our cup to overflowing. **Sung Response***

*Your lovingkindness and mercy will meet us every day of our lives.
By your Spirit you dwell within us, and in the whole world around us.
And we shall abide in your house, content in your presence for ever. **Sung Response***

Receiving a Good Word



Our Staff

Haley Brown – Ministry Assistant & Director of gastrochurch
Peter Johns – Associate Director

Rev. Rachel Sciretti – Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr. – Pastor of The Center
Zachary Montasser – Violinist

Today's Music

"Dwell" – Casey Corum, "Step by Step" – Rich Mullins, "Blessed Be Your Name" – Matt Redman
"Companion on My Journey" – Jim Cotter (words), Peter Johns (music)

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Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.

If you have a prayer request or seeking support, please contact Rachel Sciretti, rsciretti@chapelwood.org.

Centering Prayer

Today | The Chapel | after Contemplative Worship

Worship Response

Today | The Anchor House | 10:00 a.m.

Rafa - An Evening of Contemplative Prayer, Lament, and Healing

Tonight | 6:00pm | Fair Haven | <https://thecenterfcs.org/rafa>

Mosaic SoulCollage: Living a Life of Love

June 8 | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This is a creative offering that will help you find what you need in a space without a theme or agenda. Cost varies. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.



Rooted – A Journey with The Center to Discover the Divine Among the Trees, Leaves and Vines

October 21 - 28

Join us for 7 days in California as we explore the wisdom and beauty creation has to offer us through the Coastal Redwoods and the Napa Valley vines. Scholarship funds are available. Total cost (not including airfare) is \$3,100/person. Contact Haley (hbrown@chapelwood.org) for the scholarship application.



The Anchor House Hours

Tuesdays - Fridays | Noon – 4 p.m.

The Anchor House will be open in the afternoons for you to come and pray, meditate, walk the Labyrinth or just be still. If you would like to request a specific room for spiritual direction, counseling or for your own time of Centering Prayer outside of these hours, please let Haley know and we will make sure a room is available for you. If you'd like to become an Anchor House Host, let Haley know after worship or email her at hbrown@chapelwood.org.