

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



5th Sunday in Lent

Mo-Ranch Chapel on the Hill

March 17, 2024

10:50 AM

*Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God’s Name

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the Texas Hill Country, our Lord calls his people.

People: **We are his people and the fruit of his vineyard.**

Leader: From the Gulf Coast plains, our Lord is with us always.

People: **We carry him in our hearts, no matter where we are.**

Leader: When times are hard, we run to the Lord with our pleas and prayers.

People: **The Lord hears us in times of trouble – and in times of good.**

Leader: It is safe and loving to be here with our friends.

People: **It is easy to be at peace today in this beautiful place.**

Leader: May we also be at peace when we are in the regular places of our lives.

ALL: **May we worship the Lord no matter our location or circumstances!**

*HYMN “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High!
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High!*

*Glory to the name of the Lord, Glory to the name of the Lord,
Glory to the name of the Lord Most High!
Glory to the name of the Lord, Glory to the name of the Lord,
Glory to the name of the Lord Most High!*

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run into it, and they are saved.
The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run into it, and they are saved.*

*Holy is the name of the Lord, Holy is the name of the Lord,
Holy is the name of the Lord Most High!
Holy is the name of the Lord, Holy is the name of the Lord,
Holy is the name of the Lord Most High!*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High!
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High!*

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord hears us today in this wonderful place.
He hears us in the depths of our sorrows and in the triumphs of our daily lives. May he hear us as we confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving Lord, hear our prayers as we gather our hearts and minds this morning:

- **For those times we were impatient and not as loving as we could be, forgive us.**
- **For all the opportunities to serve that we passed by, forgive us.**
- **In all the uncomfortable times when we walked away instead of staying and supporting one another, forgive us.**
- **And in the days gone by that called for courage and we had only weakness, we beg your forgiveness and mercy - and love.**

Loving Lord, hear our prayers! Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear my voice today and add yours to the shout:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

God’s People Are Empowered

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Loving God, from ancient times, your people gathered to hear your Word read and proclaimed. May our hearts be like theirs as we hear your Word today. Amen!

ANTHEM “Change My Heart, O God”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ *The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Our Forgetful Lord”

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) (The Apostles' Creed)
I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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*RESPONSE "I Sing Praises to Your Name"

I sing praises to your name, O Lord,
praises to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised. (x2)

I give glory to your name, O Lord,
glory to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised. (x2)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
With thanksgiving on this wonderful day, we thank you for the gifts you have given to us: our lives, our families and friends, our country, our church. Even with the troubles that life can bring, we still lift our eyes and our voices to you in gratitude. Amen!

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

Departing to Serve

*HYMN "My Life Is In You, Lord"

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you, in you.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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You are joyfully welcomed as you worship with us today here at Mo-Ranch! In the worship bulletin, you will see an asterisk (*), which invites you to stand as you are able throughout today's service. If you have any questions about Spring Branch Presbyterian Church's ministries and programs, you are invited to speak with Pastor Mark, an elder, an usher, or any other member of our church family.



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Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

March 18 — Monday 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH) 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR) 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Basketball* 6:45 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	March 21 — Thursday 10:00 am Flexercise (GP) 5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field) 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP) 7:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1)
March 19 — Tuesday 10:00 am Flexercise (GP) 10:00 am Staff Meeting (P) 5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field) 6:00 pm Basketball (GP) 6:00 pm VBS Planning Meeting (CR) 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship*	March 22 — Friday 5:45 pm Family Movie Night (GP) 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Blue & Gold 6:30 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (FH)
March 20 — Wednesday PresPress Articles Due 9:30 am ZIP Trip 3:30 pm WOW (S) 6:00 pm WNS: Beef & Noodles! 6:00 pm Messy Church Table (FH)	March 23 — Saturday 11:00 am Hot Meals



PALM SUNDAY – March 24th
Worship Service at 10:50 AM
Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook



MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 28th
6:00 PM Dinner in the Gathering Place
6:45 PM Tenebrae Worship in the Gathering Place
Please RSVP to the automated emails,
or signup in the Church Office or Narthex.
Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook



GOOD FRIDAY – March 29th
3:00 PM Worship in the Sanctuary
Reformed Stations of the Cross

PRAYER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY – March 30th

During Holy Week this year, we are inviting the congregation to join us in a virtual Prayer Vigil on Easter Saturday. We will be coming together from 1:00-2:00 PM CST from our homes to pray for our neighbors, families, and communities around the world. The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Pastor Mark will be sending prayer aids for you and your family to use during our hour together. We also want to include your prayer requests in the materials that we send. Prayer requests can be sent to Miguel at miguel@springbranchpres.org. We ask that they be submitted by Wednesday, March 27th, at 2:00 PM.



EASTER – March 31st
Easter Brunch at 9:30 AM
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM
Flowering the Cross at 10:30 AM
A Celebration of the Resurrection at 10:50 AM
Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook

