

Latu Paea
February 5, 2025
March Newsletter
Carson Valley United Methodist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who in all things brings us wholeness through his crucifixion and resurrection. This month we are approaching the Lenten liturgical season in which we are transitioning for 40 days to deep self-reflection and reflection. The worship series for the next eight weeks will be titled: Steadfast Love. If you are wondering what the expression “steadfast love” means, it is defined as a type of love that God can only give. Steadfast is a love that never changes, never fails, always promised and always true.¹ The Hebrew word for steadfast is *chesed*² describing an action of God that is not based on feeling but a committed action that God demonstrates consistently throughout scripture.

March is the beginning of the Lenten season in which we will have a six-week bible study kicking off on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the sanctuary starting on March 5, 2025. During the Lenten season, we will have a recorded devotion on youtube every Sunday morning for six weeks to encourage everyone to continue in observing the disciplines of Lent reflecting on their relationship with Jesus in their lives. Also, for our two Sunday morning church services we will have a reader-response litany that will be presented during worship to center everyone in the spirit of self-examination in God through Jesus Christ.

As you enjoy the grace of God that fills your homes, communities, and spaces, let us be reminded of the journey of Jesus Christ to the cross. Let us also remember the tomb that was found empty by the followers of Jesus alerting them that death is not the final destination. Let us praise God, for the resurrection of God, instilling hope in all of us that one day we will be called into the presence of the Most High. Let us remain steadfast to open our minds, hearts, and doors to the world as God’s people.

Pastor Latu Paea .

¹ Soroski, Jason, What is Steadfast Love?, Crosswalk, 2016, <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-is-steadfast-love.html> accessed 02-05-2025.

² Bible Hub, https://biblehub.com/topical/g/god's_steadfast_love.htm accessed 02-05-2025.

March 2025 Scriptures and Sermons

Theme: Steadfast Love

1. March 2, 2025 - Transfiguration Sunday

Luke 9: 28 - 36

Sermon Scripture - Luke 9: 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Theme: Listening to Jesus

2. March 5, 2025 - Ash Wednesday

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon Scripture - Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, 6:20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Theme: Sustain in Me

3. March 9, 2025 - First Sunday in Lent

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Sermon Scripture - Psalm 91:15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

Theme: Lord, Rescue Me

4. March 16, 2025 - Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 27

Sermon Scripture - Psalm 27:5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Theme: Lord, Conceal Me

5. March 23, 2025 - Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 63:1-8

Sermon Scripture - Psalm 63:8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Theme: Lord, my soul clings to you

6. March 30, 2025 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 32

Theme: Selah

