St. Columba's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson, Rector
Brett Hanley, music director



The Second Sunday in Lent C March 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

From our Rector:

Welcome! I am very grateful that you are here. We would love to get to know you better, so please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Sign-in Sheet in the back corner of the Narthex.

We have begun the sacred Season of Lent. The Season of Lent is not about self-punishment or earning God's love. We already have it. This time is an opportunity to grow more fully into that love, to more fully find our anchor in that love—which is eternal—instead of those things which are fleeting. We are a group of imperfect people who are striving to grow into the people that God wants us to be—both individually and in community. So, we invite you join us as we take steps toward the Kingdom of God.

As we prepare to worship together, I invite you to take a moment and center yourself on God's presence. Worshipping, learning, and giving together help us grow closer to who God created us to be, and you are part of that work. May God bless you today and every day. We hope to see you again very soon.

All the very best to you and your loved ones during this time, Fr. Michael

Children:

For Sunday worship, students will start in the nave with the parish and then walk together to our new class space in the Children's Learning Center. They will join back at the peace to share in communion with their church family.

Be on watch for a family area with activities in the church for those who want to have their children with them during the service and need a little more space to stretch out.



THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" (F. Lewis) – Brett Hanley, organ

Welcome and Prayer - The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

Opening Hymn - # 401 - "The God of Abraham Praise" - Verses 1-3



Words: Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt.

Music: LEONI (66. 84. D), Hebrew melody; harm. Hymnns Ancient and Modern, 1875. alt.

The Penitential Order

- P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
- C: His mercy endures forever.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

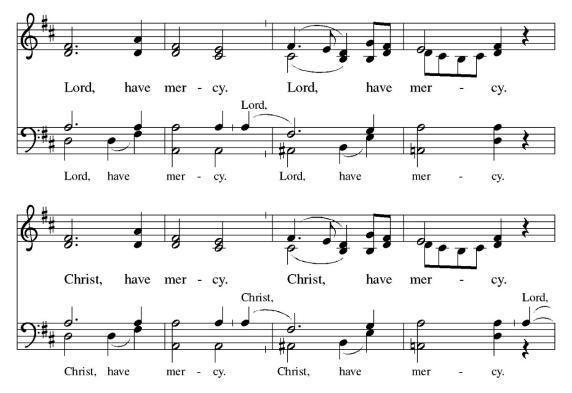
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

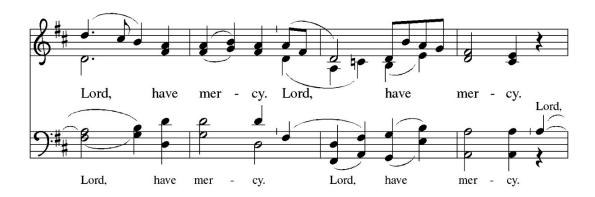
C: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

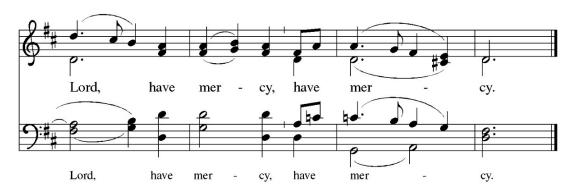
P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

The Kyrie







Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937 Adapt. © 1985, 1989 GIA Publications, Inc. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.



Collect of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- **C**: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
 - the Lord is the strength of my life;

of whom then shall I be afraid?

- When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
 it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.
- One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
 all the days of my life;
- To behold the fair beauty of the Lord* and to seek him in his temple.
- For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
 and set me high upon a rock.

- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

- Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.
- You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the Lord will sustain me.
- Show me your way, O Lord; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
 for false witnesses have risen up against me,
 and also those who speak malice.
- What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord* in the land of the living!
- O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the Lord.

Second Lesson - Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.



Gradual Hymn - # 741 (WOV) - "Thy Holy Wings"



Text: Carolina Sandell-Berg, 1832-1903, St. 1,3; Gracia Grindal, st. 2 and tr., st. 1, 3, English text © Gracia Grindal. Music: Swedish folk tune (BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, 7 6 7 6 D); arr. © 1995, Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Gospel - Luke 13:31-35

- P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
- C: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily - The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

LEM: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Patricia, Teri, Sara, Louann, Jenna, Carrie, Kim, Joan, Candice, Dana, Bruce, Chase, Betty, Susan, Millie, Justin, Jerry, Ann, Keli, Chris, Gail, Maggie, Eileen, Declan, John, Emily, Alison, Linda, Mary, Lisa, Ivan.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LEM: We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

- P: Holy God, as you have called us, make us holy. Shield us from all that is evil and destructive, protect us in body and in soul; extend our vision of our purpose and journey, that we may know we are your people and citizens of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
- C: Amen.

(Our Prayers are from the Book of Common Prayer, Form IV, and by David Adam, Glimpses of Glory: Prayers for the Church Year.)



The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C: And also with you.

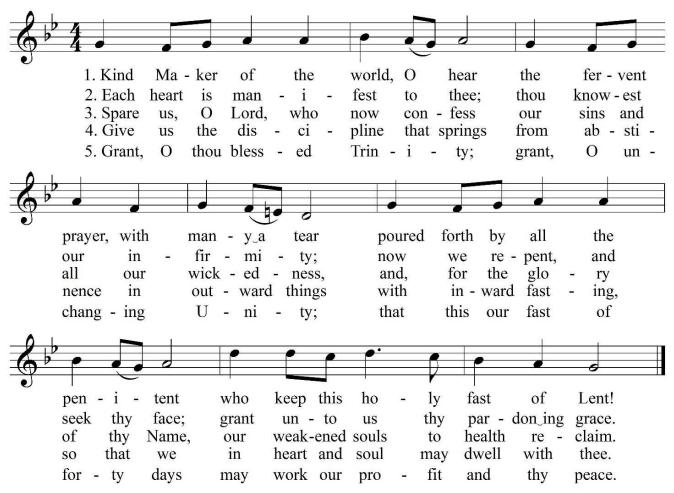
Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your *servants* as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory – "First Barcarolle, Op. 26" (G. Faure) – Brett Hanley, piano

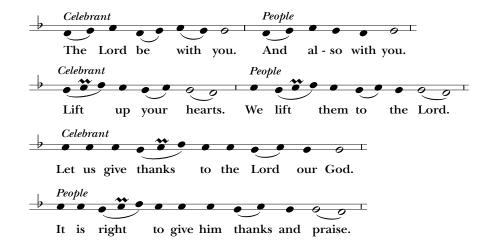
Presentation Hymn - # 152 - "Kind Maker of the World"



Words: Att. Gregory the Great, 540-604; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Music: A LA VENUE DE NOËL (LM), melody from *Fleurs des noëls*, 1535

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A from Book of Common Prayer, p. 361)



P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[Here a proper preface is sung or said.]

P: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Music: Deustsch Messe, adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

P: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C: Christ has died.Christ is risen.Christ will come again.
- P: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

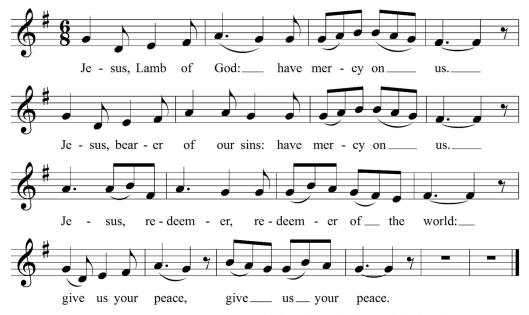
C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- P: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
- C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. or thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem



from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1979-1828), arr. Richard Proulx.

The Invitation

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come forward to the two stations for Communion at the direction of the ushers. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, and a Lay Eucharistic Minister will dip it in the wine and place it back in your hand. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Post-Communion Prayer

C: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

- P: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn - # 598 - "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth"



Words: Walter Russell Bowie, 1882-1969, alt.

Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART (87. 87, 87), melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlischen Glaubens gefasset, 1566

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude - "Now Let Us All with One Accord" (J. Clarke) - Brett Hanley, organ

Weekly Offerings*

Mondays/Wednesdays, **Morning Prayer**, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday *Lectio Divina*, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Mass, 10:00 a.m.

*All are occurring in the Mary Chapel (side chapel in the sanctuary)

Thank You!

We're glad you joined us today! We pray that you will experience God's Love and Presence in this place. You are most welcome to join us in our coffee hour after the service.

Featured Announcements:

Directory Update—There is a copy of our current Church Directory on a table in the narthex. **Please check your information.** If it is correct, please put a checkmark next to your name. If there are corrections or additions, please print those neatly in the directory or email the office (office.manager@stcolumbaca.com) with the updates.

Fr. Michael is available to any who desire the **Rite of Reconciliation** (Confession). To arrange an appointment, please email (<u>Michael.anderson@stcolumbaca.com</u>) or call/text 626-228-8917.





Youth Group News—Calling all Middle School and High School Students!

and

Sunday, March 16 and 30 are this month's Youth Group meetings. Meet in the parish hall at **11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** for lunch, games, and Bible Study. Francina Anderson and Eleanor Tyas are leading this group and are excited about supporting the young people of the congregation. Email Francina for more info: francina.anderson@stcolumbaca.com.

The youth group is looking for help with the lunch fellowship component. They are in need of a main dish, drinks (preferably non caffeinated), and dessert. If you are able to cook or donate any portion of the meal, they would be so thankful. They would not turn down take-out either! March is covered but please see the sign-up in the narthex for the months of April and May.

Lenten *Lectio Divina*—All are welcome for *Lectio Divina* at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesdays in** Lent, through April 9. *Lectio Divina* is a contemplative practice of scripture reading, reflection, and prayer in the Chapel.

Vestry—The Vestry meets today, Sunday, March 16, at 11:45 a.m. in the parish hall.

CROP Walk Thank-You—Thanks to everyone for making the 42nd CROP Walk a great success. The goal for the Walk was \$25,000.00. Preliminary totals show that we surpassed our goal. Walkers and donors, please turn in checks, made out to "CWS/CROP," and cash to the office by March 23. I will then deliver all funds to the treasurer. We need your generosity. Thanks again and blessings to all. Bev Pearson

Lenten Labyrinth Walk—Join us for a Lenten Labyrinth Walk this Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 a.m., led by facilitator Linda Drevensted. The labyrinth is a wonderful way to focus spiritually within a walking prayerful meditation. Seated labyrinth "walk" options are also available using finger labyrinths. Light refreshments and a time for fellowship will be provided after the walk. St. Columba's Labyrinth is located behind the church and preschool playground.

Sunday, March 23, 2025: Join us for a Poetry Reading & Community Open Mic Featuring

Jennifer Hyde Dracos-Tice Kristine Rae Anderson Jan Hanson

Elizabeth Iannaci Susan M. Rum

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Reading

12:30-1:00 p.m. Open Mic (all are welcome!)

1:00-1:15 p.m. Book Signing Saint Columba's Episcopal Church

Women of Note at CUMC—Next Sunday, March 23, at 2:00 p.m., all are invited to Camarillo United Methodist Church (291 Anacapa Dr., 93010) for a Women of Note concert event, in honor of Women's History Month, with musical performances, an art exhibition, and a spotlight on local female authors and businesswomen. Freewill offering to support CUMC's concert series.

Lunch Bunch—Lunch Bunch is on Wednesday, March 26, at noon. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to attend this time of fellowship and food.

Celtic Christmas Faire Planning Meeting—The planning committee for the Celtic Christmas Faire will meet on Sunday, March 30, after worship, in the narthex. Questions, contact Carol Rocco.

Health Ministries - Parish Nurse Office Hours

St. Columba's Health Ministry is delighted to announce that a Faith Community Nurse will be available for private meetings on most Tuesdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church office. The Parish Nurse is able to offer:

- Blood pressure checks
- Health education and resources
- A compassionate ear and caring heart

An appointment is suggested—but feel welcome to drop by anytime during the above hours.

For those unable to visit the office, home visits can also be arranged.

Questions or Assistance?

Contact Teri Helton at 805.312.1631 or teri@terihelton.com.

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Food Ministry Needs:

For our feeding ministry, we need the following items: cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, canned soup, mac & cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, fresh bread, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex. If you would like to donate any of these items, you can bring them on Sunday or drop them off at the parish hall during the week.

Alternatively, you can donate to our Food ministry fund, by indicating "Food Ministry" in the memo of your check. Your support is so appreciated by our food clients who truly need our help!

We need plastic grocery bags—please bring your bags in—we pack them with fresh produce for the families each distribution.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for

those with immediate needs:

Patricia Anderson, Teri Helton, Sara Cobb, Louann Negrete, Jenna, Carrie, Kim Oliver, Joan Brown, Candice, Dana Stone, Chase Thorne, Betty Anear, Rev. Susan Klein, Millie Shutt, Justin Sandoval, Jerry Gillespie, Ann Daniel, Bruce Anderson, Keli, Chris Russell, Gail Morrissette, Maggie Lunsky, Eileen Ely, Declan, John Fredrick, Emily Bianco, Alison Hillbrant, Linda Lowe, Mary Vasi, Lisa, Ivan

and those who need our continuing prayers:

Richard Lappine

We pray for all those serving at home and abroad:

• **Jesse** Meyer, **Liam** O'Brien, **Matthew** Bamberger, **Matt** Zelinskas, **Jonah** Hershman, and **Chris** Heney.

To make changes to the prayer list for St. Columba's, please contact the church office (office.manager@stcolumbaca.com) or 805-482-8831.

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