

## THIS WEEK (and Beyond!) AT SPC:

January 8 - 14, 2023

Sunday, 4 p.m., Hymn Sing (Sanctuary):

All are welcome; no singing expertise is necessary.

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Teach the Preacher (Zoom):

Share your questions and reflections on  
how the week's Lesson speaks to your spiritual journey

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Exploring Spiritual Practices (Zoom).

Focus on "Zen Tales of Truth" with an additional talk on  
"Busy? Busy? The Practice of Resting."

Friday, noon A Gathering Space for Prayer (Zoom):

Offering our prayers for ourselves and others,  
the community, country and the world.  
Bring any of your own joys and concerns,  
but this is not required.

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Sunday, January 22, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar (FH and Zoom):

Adult Education begins discussion of Brian McLaren's *Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, Disappointed and Disillusioned*.

Sunday, January 29, 12:30 p.m. New Member Class (FH):

For anyone interested in exploring membership at SPC,  
this overview will last about an hour.

Sign up through the church office

if you need childcare and/or a simple lunch.

If you wish to join SPC but are unable to attend this class, contact  
the church office for an alternative option.

## Arise Your Light Is Come!

*Connection and Protection in the Light of Love*

January 8 - February 19, 2023

As the light of hope emerges  
from the comfort of darkness,  
our worship calls us to reclaim the vision  
of caring, inclusive community.

January 8 (Baptism Sunday): Breaking Through

January 15 (Racial Justice Sunday): Light of a Nation

January 22 (Ordination/Installation Sunday):  
Vision Casting

January 29: Blessing and Gratitude

February 5 (Communion Sunday): An Upright Light

February 12 (SouperBowl/New Members Sunday):  
Then and Now

February 19 (Transfiguration Sunday/Palms to Ashes):  
Guest Preacher, Rev. Joel Blunk

*Worship Planning Team: Tim Artlip, Diana Eldridge,  
Ellie Lloyd, Debbie Romano, Rie Wilson*

## Baptismal Blessing

Do you believe in God the Source,  
from whom the waters of grace flow unbounded,  
the one Jesus called, “Abba: Father”? **We do.**

Do you believe in God the Font,  
the presence of grace made flesh,  
embodied in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whom we know as the Beloved Son? **We do.**

Do you believe in God the Stream,  
the ever flowing river of grace,  
who sanctifies all of life as the Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Do you desire to re-affirm  
the blessing of baptism,  
offered by the grace of God,  
to “*all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging*”? **We do.**

Will you “*commit to being and becoming  
people of radical compassion,*”  
turning to Christ as your Lord and Savior,  
and trusting in his grace and love? **We will.**

Will you “*work for justice and wholeness  
in yourself and the world,*”  
turning from the ways of sin  
and renouncing evil and its power in the world? **We will.**

Will “*your faith and practice be rooted in the way of Jesus  
and enriched by wisdom from all sources,*”  
as Christ’s faithful disciple,  
obeying his Word, and showing his love? **We will.**

Will you journey with our children  
to discover the wonder of God’s love  
made manifest in the blessing of baptism,  
until such time as they are able  
to claim the blessing of baptism for their own? **We will.**

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen