

**CHRIST**



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**



**OUR MISSION:** God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are **bolded text**. During your time at church today we recommend that you please wear a mask and practice social distancing, even if you have been vaccinated. Hand sanitizer and masks are available for all who wish to use them.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

## **INTRODUCTION**

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.  
**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you  
know,**

**forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

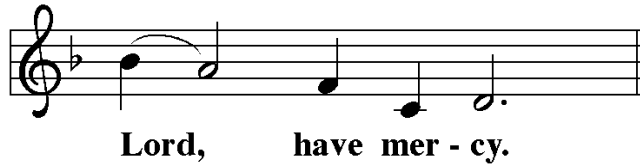
and restores the promise of life

through + Jesus Christ.

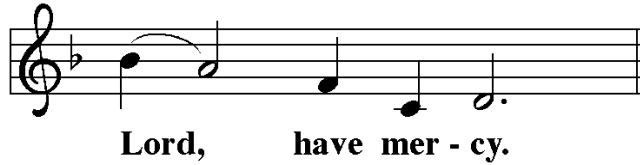
**Amen.**

## KYRIE

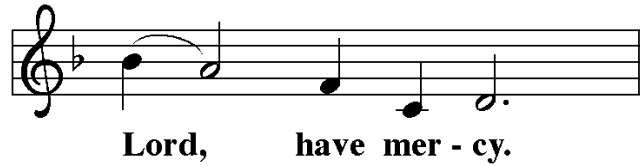
*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*



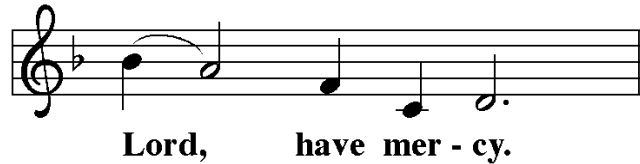
*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*



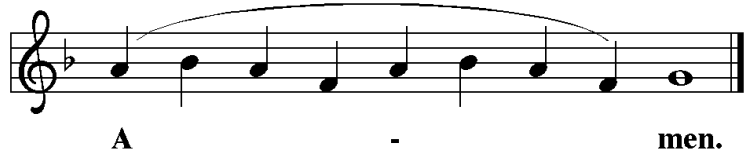
*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*



*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



## GATHERING HYMN — *God of Mercy and Compassion*



1. God of mer - cy and com - pas - sion, Look with pi - ty u - pon me.
2. By my sins I have de - serv - ed Death and end-less mi - se - ry,
3. By my sins I have a - ban - doned Right and claim to heav'n a - bove,
4. See our Sa - vior, bleed - ing, dy - ing, On the cross of Cal - va - ry.



Fa - ther— let me call Thee Fa - ther— 'Tis Thy child re - turns to Thee.  
Hell with all its pains and tor - ments, And for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
Where the saints re - joice for - e - ver In a bound-less sea of love.  
To that cross my sins have nailed Him; Yet He bleeds and dies for me.



Je - sus, Lord, I ask for mer - cy; Let me not im-plore in vain



All my sins I now de - test them; Ne-ver will I sin a - gain.

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING—GENESIS 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

“Word of God, Word of Life.” **Thanks to be God.**

## PSALM 95

### Refrain



**ALL:** ♪ *To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.*

*My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.*

*Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.*

*Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths. R*

*Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.*

*Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.*

*Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O*

*LORD.*

*You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R*

*You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.*

*All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R*

### SECOND READING— 1 PETER 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

“Word of God, Word of Life.” **Thanks to be God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*♩ Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*One does not live on bread alone, but from every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

*♩ Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**GOSPEL—MARK 1:9-15**

The Gospel According to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is intentionally left unprinted.

The Gospel of the Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON—MARYANN HANNER**



## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism. Would you please rise in body or spirit.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *them* to yourself,  
enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## **AFFIRMATION**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*the presiding minister asks each person to come forward*

Stir up the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with our siblings in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY— ELW 213: *You Belong to Christ*



You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.



You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, Scott and Carol, Marty, George G., Maryann H., Michael H, Evie D., the family and friends of Dan L., and the family and friends of Shirley Cosgrove. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



*What else do the people of God pray for?*

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*Those worshipping online who wish to join in communion are invited to prepare elements at this time.  
For those in person—The white juice in the center rim is non-alcoholic, the red on the outside is wine.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

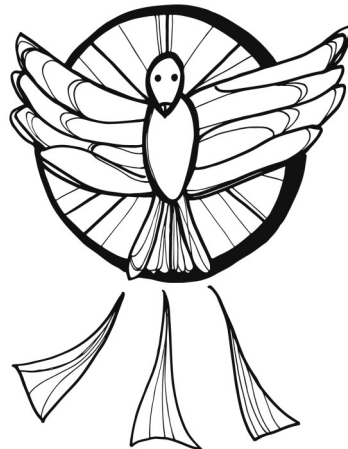
## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



## SANCTUS

Ho - ly,  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav -  
en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

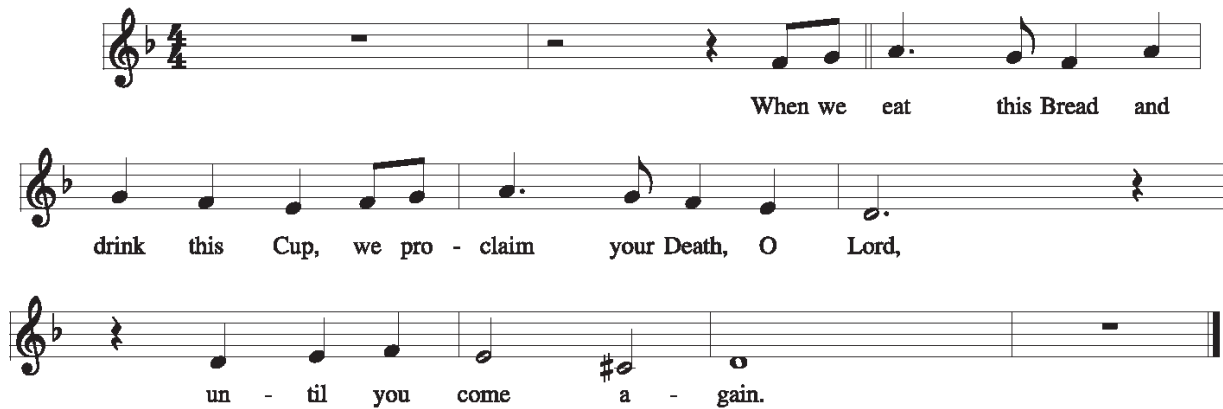
Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age...

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord,  
and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec - tion un-til you come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
 Breathe new life into us.  
 Send us forth,  
 burning with justice, peace, and love.



When we eat this Bread and  
 drink this Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O Lord,  
 un - til you come a - gain.

With [ name/s and ] your holy ones of all times and places,  
 with the earth and all its creatures,  
 with sun and moon and stars,  
 we praise you, O God,  
 blessed and holy Trinity,  
 now and forever.  
**Amen.**

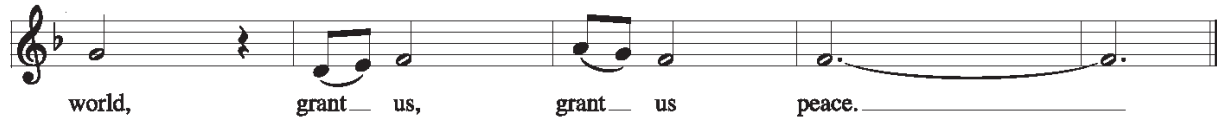
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

# ANGUS DEI



## COMMUNION HYMN— *God's Own Child I Gladly Say It*



1. God's own child I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized in - to Christ!
2. Sin, dis-turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized in - to Christ!
3. Sa - tan, hear this pro - cla - ma - tion: I am bap-tized in - to Christ!
4. Death, you can-not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized in - to Christ!
5. There is no-thing worth com-par - ing to this life-long com-fort sure!



He, be-cause I could not pay it, gave my full re - demp-tion price.  
 I have com-fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans-ing sa - cri-frice.  
 Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am not so soon en-ticed.  
 When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in - her - it pa - ra - dise!  
 O - pen-eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure.



Do I need earth's trea - sures ma - ny? I have one worth more than a - ny  
 Should a guil - ty con-science seize me, since my bap - tism did re - lease me  
 Now that to that font I've tra - veled, All your might has come un - ra - valed,  
 Though I lie in dust and ash - es, Faith's as - su - rance bright - ly flash - es:  
 Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing, still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



that brought me sal - va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 in a dear for - giv - ing flood, sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 And, a - gainst your ty - ran - ny, God, my Lord u - nites with me!  
 Bap - tism has the strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 I am bap-tized in - to Christ. I am a child of par - a - dise!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Community Announcements*

### BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✚ give you peace. Amen.

### SENDING HYMN— *Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

1. O Love, O Love, O Love, that  
2. O Light, O Light, O Light, that  
3. O Joy, O Joy, O Joy, that  
4. O Cross, O Cross, O Cross, that

will not let me go, O Love, I rest my wea - ry  
fol - lows all my way, O Light, I yield my flick'-ring  
seek - est me through pain, O Joy, I can - not close my  
lift - est up my head, O Cross I dare not ask to

soul in Thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
torch to thee. My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that  
heart to thee. I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and  
fly from thee. I lay in dust, life's glo - ry dead, and

in thy o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, ful - ler be.  
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
feel the pro - mise is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.  
from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

During the season of Lent our worship concludes without a postlude, as we await the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord.

## WORSHIP FROM HOME!

Join us and invite friends and neighbors to our Sunday worship service!

**Facebook Livestream:** Every Sunday morning there will be a video livestream of worship available on our church [Facebook page](#).

**Online Bulletins:** Bulletins for each worship service are available online every week. To download a copy, go to the church website and visit our [Bulletins page](#).

**And Don't Forget Your Offering:** Thank you for your continued financial support of Christ Lutheran. It is very much appreciated. Options for giving include bringing offerings in person, mailing checks, or giving electronically with Tithely. For the latter, simply click the "Giving" tab on the church website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Tiekou at 510-290-2125

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Feb 21st**— Soup Supper/Evening Prayer @ Shepherd of the Hills

**Feb 22nd**— GRIP Sandwich Making 6pm

**Feb 29th**— GRIP Meet & Greet 5:30pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley

**March 9th**—Bridges Conference 1-3:30pm to elect a new dean at CLC. Volunteers needed to bring refreshments.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

#### Sunday

10:00AM CLC Worship

12:00PM Good Table Worship

7:00 PM Al-Anon

#### Monday

9:00-3:00 **Senior Center Closed**

4:30-5:45 PM Tai Chi

6:00-9:00 PM Irma's De Chico

#### Tuesday

4:00-5:00 PM Tai Chi

5:30-6:30 PM Tai Chi

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

#### Wednesday

5:30-6:30 PM Tai Chi

#### Thursday

5:00-6:00 PM Tai Chi

7:00 PM Hand bell Ensemble Practice

#### Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

### PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**The Ministers:** The Congregation

**Presiding/Preaching:** Pr. Dee Emmert

**Minister of Music:** Daniel Alley

**Guitarists:** George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

**Lector:** Pete

**Coffee Hour:**

**Usher:** Cordell

**Communion Set-up/Clean-up:**

**Worship Assistant:** Christine

**Flowers:**

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D.	Fred	Roz
Mike and Liz S.	Marty S.	Pat
Chad B.	Molly B.	Duwayne
TJ Baar	Scott & Carol F.	Joan
The Vale Community	Mark M.	Pastor Doris Ng
Robin & Wendy	Ted & Jacque E.	Evie D.
George G.	Dee	
Sandy Z.	Philip Y.	Anna
Carolina S.	Maryann H.	The friends and family of Dan L.
Orlando G.	Michael H.	
Karen H.	Heidi	
Laurie P.	Jan	

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