



Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



**August 23, 2015
10:00 a.m. Worship
13th Sunday after Pentecost**

First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag in the narthex. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.

Children with you? Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Child care (2-3yrs) and Sunday School are provided during the service. Infants with a parent may enjoy our quiet room while listening to the service. Assistance needed? The ushers have large print bulletins and hearing devices for you.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able. Throughout the service the bold type is spoken by the congregation*

PRELUDE “Largo from Concerto in D minor” by Antonio Vivaldi arr. by J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

INTROIT

“Morning”

Mary E. Caldwell

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)*

How blessed we are to come before You, O God, who forgives our imperfections!

In thankfulness for God’s forgiveness, let us offer our hearts to God!

How grateful we are to come before You, O God, who reconciles us in Christ!

In thankfulness for God’s grace, let us offer grace to others.

How blessed we are to come before You, O God, whose Spirit and Word light our way!

In thankfulness for God’s peace, let us be beacons of peace in the world.

**HYMN #452*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Paul Baloche, 1997

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (in unison)*

O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path,

that we may travel the road you have prepared for us.

Enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand your goodness and your grace.

Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life,

that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit.

Challenge us to forsake paths that ask little of us,

and help us resist the evils and temptations of this world,

that we may truly follow the way of kingdom living. Amen.

**WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)*

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us.

I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.

I believe those around me are my brother and my sister.

I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed.

I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it.

This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.

I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."

We believe in Jesus Christ who assures us that we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Amen

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

#581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Adagio from the 3rd Sonata"

Alexandre Guilant

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Hymn #458

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Gen 4:4-16

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

Mark Hayes

Soloist Linda Burille

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:21-24

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SERMON:

"Sibling Rivalry"

Emily Stockert

**HYMN #448*

"Peace of God Be with You"

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (The Lord's Prayer)

**HYMN #727*

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Richard Gillard, 1977

**BENEDICTION*

Go, with the God of gentleness, into the world.

We will go to offer passionate justice for all

Go with the inspiration of Jesus on your mind.

We will share compassion with the needy in our communities.

Go with the Spirit of holiness into the world.

We will speak the good news, with our lives, words and deeds.

POSTLUDE “The Trophy” by Francois Couperin arr. by E. Power Biggs

Words of Affirmation are adapted from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. by Abigail Reichard, a student at Christian Theological Seminary. Posted on the Disciples of Christ Council on Christian Unity website. <http://ccu.disciples.org/>

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7:00 p.m. Wed. starting Sept. 9

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**Prayer Requests: Please include in your prayers
Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member**

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Genevieve Grand as they mourn her passing on Aug. 6th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Sara Alden as they mourn her passing on July 21st.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of George Menchen as they mourn his passing on July 14th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Bill Fuller as they mourn his passing on May 31st.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Amy Tompkins as they mourn her mother, Mary Deaver Slater, who passed away on April 18th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Sally Henderson as they mourn her passing, Mar. 13th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Art Borchers who passed away on February 8, 2015.

Please pray for those facing health issues

Pamela Sage
 Judy Bello
 Albert Reil
 Alan Reil
 John Baker
 Lorraine Nichol

Brooke Smith
 Ed and Fay St. John
 Marie Patchin
 Mary Olson
 Krissy Healy
 Ron Kram

Joyce Beckner
 Steve Cairns
 Helen Burns
 Helen MacKenzie
 Sam Imbimbo
 Ellen Marks

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, US Navy Jason Imbimbo, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, U.S. Army, Fort Lewis, WA. David continues to serve in the Army as Chief of Cardiology at Madigan Hospital.

♥ Joyce Beckner is now living at Oakmont Gardens. Please send mail to her new address at 301 White Oak Drive Apt # 192. Santa Rosa 95409

♥ Helen MacKenzie is living in a Care Home at 5039 Parkhurst Dr. Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Her new phone # is 539-6677.

Liturgists: Chris Rhodes



Linda Burille is giving the flowers in celebration of her mother, Jean White, for her 92nd birthday on August 28th.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 17 at 10 am on Mondays, *EASY SENIOR EXERCISE* in the Rose Room!

AUGUST 27 at 2 pm *FILM SERIES: "On Golden Pond"* with Fonda and Hepburn.

AUGUST 30 *FAITH AND HEALTH*

SEPTEMBER 5 *PAT AND WAYNE JOHNSON'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY* 12-4pm.

You are invited! Potluck in Bowen Hall. Bring a dish or drinks to share.

RSVP by Sept.1 to 707.964.6855 or email stephmshaffer@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 9 at 7pm on Wednesdays *CULTURAL LITERACY FOR RELIGION: Everything the well-educated person should know.* A new Great Courses Video class with Prof. Mark Berkson of Hamline University.

SEPTEMBER 10 *CHOIR!* Join us at 6:30 for Bells or 7:30 for Chancel Choir!

SEPTEMBER 12 at 5 pm *VOYAGERS SEPTEMBER FIESTA* Come and Join the *Voyagers for a Mexican fiesta themed Potluck Picnic.* This big event will take place on the poolside patio of the home of Lisa and Tim Skelly. **Appetizers, wine and conversation at 5 pm ~ Dinner and more conversation at 6 pm. Dessert at 6:45 pm followed by Charades (if we can remember how to play) around the fireplace. *The Skelly home is at 3945 Parker Hill Road, Santa Rosa. The house is about 1 block south of Fountain Grove on Parker Hill Road. The house phone is 575-8181.* The callers will let you know what food to bring so find your favorite Mexican recipes (or markets) Bring your own wine and layered clothing as we will be outside unless it gets too cold. **Any questions call Kay Webb (280-0731) or Una Skelly (490-6945)****

SEPTEMBER 15 Tuesday at 10:30 am *PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: PW* begins a new year of study and fellowship. The Horizons Study for this year is *Come to the Waters* by the Rev. Judy Fletcher, examining some of the many Bible passages that feature water. Study books (\$10) are available in the office or from Janice Holmes after church on Aug. 23rd.

On Sept. 19, San Francisco Theological Seminary is offering an opportunity to meet the author herself. A car pool will be available for those who would like to go. Register on the SFTS website. The \$35.00 fee includes lunch.

Our Sept. 15th luncheon will be a salad potluck. Please bring a small salad to share. Bread and dessert will be provided. Our speaker for the day will be Barbara McElroy. We have asked her to tell us about our new hymnal and teach us some of the great hymns. We've also persuaded her to tell us about her wonderful horse *Windsong* who helps her win all those championships!

SEPTEMBER 18 Thursday at 3:30 pm *BOOK CLUB: Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. An endearing love story.

SEPTEMBER 20 at 8:15 am *New Sunday Bible Study Begins*

SEPTEMBER 22 Tues. 2-3 pm *OFFICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING* for new volunteers or those wishing to refresh their skills. Please RSVP to the office.

SEPTEMBER 24 Thursday at 2 pm *FAVORITE FILM SERIES*

SEPTEMBER 20 *KICKOFF THE CHURCH YEAR!* Join us.

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Pedal for Protein ride was created to feed hungry people in the Presbytery of the Redwoods. Patty Sanders, Hunger Action Advocate along with Presbytery Executive, Robert Conover both athletes and cyclists were joined by thirteen other riders for a 6 day tour of the scenic Northern California coast. The support from our Presbytery was fantastic, our smallest congregations, many who hosted our riders with meals, showers and accommodations loved being part of our support team. Our goal was to raise \$20,000, which I knew would be something to aim for but probably not attainable, said Sanders. Our 15 riders for the 364 mile ride and 7 riders who join us for the final day plus the Redwoods congregations raised over \$25,000 for our inaugural Pedal for Protein in 2014.



This year our goal is to raise \$30,000 for grassroots food pantries. The rider's pay \$250 each for registration, which covers our overhead expenses such as sag wagon, publicity, one motel stay, snacks, etc. Plus each rider is required to raise a minimum of \$500. Last year most riders raised \$900 plus. Interestingly, our average age was 60 years old. Our youngest rider was Bryce Weibe, from the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Louisville, KY. The 2015 ride will take 7 days and cover 429 miles and 32,000 feet of climbing, about 60 miles per day (remember we do have sag wagons.) Our final day of the ride, Saturday,

September 26, will end at the Golden Gate Bridge. We invite one day riders to join us along the way and especially on the last day. The ride is open to any cyclists who want to support food pantries. For more information, to Register or donate : IMAthlete.com/PedalforProtein

Contact: Patty Sanders, HAE and Ride Director PattyRedwoodsHAE@sbcglobal.net 415-515-6127

We have an immediate need to fund security cameras.

If you think you can help, please contact the office.

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