



Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People

Luke 14:13-14

But when you give
a banquet, invite the poor,
the crippled, the lame,
the blind, and you will
be blessed.

Although they cannot repay you,
you will be repaid at the resurrection
of the righteous.

Bible Verses for You

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2016 | Worship 10 am

***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 “The Fifers” by Francois Dandrieu arr. by E.P. Biggs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red friendship pad and pass it along for the whole pew to sign.)

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)*

Creator God, calls us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

For there are angels among us.

Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion
we show to one another.

To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

We gather as one Body,

to worship the one who is Love. Let us worship God!

**HYMN #288 “Spirit of the Living God” by Daniel Iverson, 1926*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (responsively)*

Feed us now, Nurturing God, as you fed your first disciples.

**Feed us with that soul-food which nurtures enough love within us to outstrip
the fears and enmity that ties the world up in knots.**

Feed us with that spiritual bread which strengthens our hands
for serving those broken and lost people whom this world deems a waste of space.

**Feed us, so that we may be fulfilled with some of that joy
which the universe cannot contain.**

For your love's sake.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

#581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

by William Bradbury

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

HYMN #452 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

*"Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I
want to see you; to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy." Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

This is the word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC "There is a Balm in Gilead" by Nancy Taylor and Norm Smith

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Come to the Banquet"

Rev. Dr Cynthia Alloway

****HYMN "O God, You Love the Needy" (tune #269 "Lead On, O King Eternal")***

By Carolyn Gilette

O God, you love the needy and care for all the poor!

Today our hearts are heavy with news of drought and war.

When plantings yield no harvest, when hungry people die,

When families flee, defenseless — Lord, hear your people's cry!

To us they seem so distant; their grief is far away.

Yet you, O Lord, are present and know their needs this day.

You call us to weep with them in all they journey through —
To reach our hands out to them, for they are loved by you.

O God, in Christ you teach us that love means sacrifice;
May we give what is precious so others will have life.
Now bless these gifts we're bringing for neighbors who are poor,
Till mourning turns to singing and famine is no more.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (responsively) inspired by Luke 12

Our God we give you thanks that some things are important

Place and space

We bring before you this morning
the millions of your children on this globe
who are now in motion or displaced by floods, political persecution,
famine, racial or religious persecution.
Let the images of thousands lining the roadways
seeking a safe place and space
be seared upon our hearts as they are upon yours.

We give you thanks that some things are important.

How people are treated.

Too often tension is resolved in non-respectful ways.
People are bullied and bulldozed;
others give away their power, “whatever,” “Yes, dear,”; “Yes, sir!”
Give us courage to have respectful conversations
with our children, our friends, those whose are different than us,
those whose language it is difficult for us to understand.

We give you thanks that some things are important.

How we see and treat ourselves.

We pray for those who do not see themselves as beloved,
as welcome at this table or any other
because of their history, their addictions,
their struggles or our lack of hospitality.

We give you thanks that some things are important.

**How we see the world, the voices we choose to hear,
the pain and grief we allow ourselves to witness
and the transformation you continually bring.**

Continue to work your transformation within us and within this world
so that we shall seek first your will, your dream
and the desire of your heart will set the beat.

For we desire to be your people,
who stand in a long line of those
who sit among lepers and shepherds outside the gates,
asking simply that Jesus teach us a prayer.
So it with them and with him, we pray.
(*The Lord's Prayer*) **Amen.**

**HYMN "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" African-American spiritual,
arr. Eugene Thomas (1941-)*

He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
he's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
he's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands, he's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
he's got all of us together in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

**BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE "Magnificat" by Jean Titelouze (1563 - 1633)

SESSION IS CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
TO ELECT A DEACON TO FILL AN OPEN SLOT
ON THE DEACON BOARD.

THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE
DIRECTLY AFTER WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 11TH .



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Tom Wikle who passed away July 15th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Karla Moberly, who passed away on June 29th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Ralph Sinclair, who passed away July 2nd.

Please pray for those facing health issues

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| John Baker | Sam Imbimbo | Barbara Saunders |
| Judy Bello | Beverly Mueller | Margie Snater |
| Dan Boland | Marie Patchin | Vera Patten |
| Jim Chestnut | Randy Pierce | Rhonda Patton Knoles |
| Vern Cooper | Evelyn Radunich | Ed and Fay St. John |
| Jackie Del Carlo | Albert Reil | Ines Teague |
| Wendy Galde | Alan Reil | |
| Krissy Healy | Pamela Sage | |

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center.

Please accept our sincere thanks for the many cards, letters and prayers from so many members of our church family regarding my illness these past weeks. I am being well cared for and am making steady progress. Hope to see all of you soon.

Marge and (Bob) Snater

Liturgist: Brian Smith



***Flowers are given by Ray Alden
in memory of his wife, Sara.***

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAYS

MUSIC MEMORY WORKSHOP 9:00 am *Learn Ukulele in Sunday School Rm.*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: 4th Sunday after church in the library.

INTERFAITH GATHERING & WORKSHOPS Aug. 28th 2:30 pm – 8 pm. See flyer!
for all ages! Childcare available.

MONDAYS

MHS BREAKFAST

SENIOR EXERCISE! 10 am in the Rose Rm.

HISTORY OF THE BIBLE CLASS – 7 PM

The Making of the New Testament Canon

WEDNESDAYS

MHS BREAKFAST

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING – 7 PM

THURSDAYS

MHS BREAKFAST

Bells and Choir resume after Labor Day

BOOK CLUB 3rd Thursdays at 3:30 pm

FAVORITE FILM 4th Thursdays at 2 pm

FRIDAYS

NOON HOUR OF PRAYER

& ENCOURAGEMENT: *Meditative music & readings.*

A New Bible Class

*The History of the Bible:
The Making of the New Testament Canon
With Professor Bart Ehrman*

**Monday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.
Starting June 27**



**Please support our Pedal
for Protein Team!**

Checks are the best!

Write *Team PCOR, Chris Rhodes*
or *Bill/Nancy Morgan* in the
memo line. Drop in the collection
or mail in to the office. *Thank you
for supporting Presbytery's
hunger programs!*

VOYAGERS SEPTEMBER EVENT CANCELLED

**STAY TUNED FOR
OCTOBER 8TH EVENT**



Connecting Compassionate Hearts in Discussion & Dinner

Across the Interfaith Table 2016

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

*The Interfaith Council of Sonoma County and our campaign, Of One Soul,
invite you to our annual gathering and dinner*

Presbyterian Church of the Roses, 2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa

2:30 - 5:00 pm — Gathering, workshops and presentations

5:00 - 6:30 pm — Group program, including Muslim prayer

6:30 - 8:00 pm — Vegetarian potluck buffet dinner

Admission Is Free • Free Childcare

Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. (please no meat or seafood or alcohol!) Label ingredients and bring a serving utensil.

We will have volunteers to help no matter when you arrive.

TO VOLUNTEER: Contact us at interfaith@norwitz.net

WORKSHOPS: 2:30-5 pm. *Two sessions of fabulous workshops, including:*

- 1. Dealing With Conflict:** 4 presenters
- 2. The World of Progressive Evangelicals:** We Exist! Honest!
- 3. Sikhism:** Information about Sikhism, singing, playing musical instruments.
- 4. Dances of Universal Peace:** All in the Circle: Judith and Noori Dove.
- 5. Oneness Is Not Sameness:** Center for Spiritual Living.
- 6. Homa Saxena.** Zoroastrian religion
- 7. Baha'i Faith:** Round table discussion
- 8. The Yoga of Prayer:** Aisha Morgan and Sarah Solomon, Of One Soul, Muslim Community.
- 9. Open Door Interfaith Zen:** A Contemplative Practice for Emerging Spiritualities
- 10. Talmud and the Radical Process of Interpretation:** Judaism

GROUP PROGRAM: 5pm-6:30. Prayers and presenters from many faith traditions