



Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



September 11, 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 *"Pange Lingua" (Bread of Life)* *by A.P.F. Boely*

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

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES *25 cents a day Hunger Task Force*

INTROIT *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* *by James M. Capers 1993*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)*

Let us focus on God's presence.

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst ...

Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed ...

Come worship a God who calls for compassion, justice and forgiveness.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war ...

Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

**HYMN #375 (verses 1,2,4) "Shall We Gather at The River" by Robert Lowry*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (responsively)

Basically, Lord, we want to be in charge, and we want it all, the way we want it, when we want it. In our dominance, we break communion with you as Lord and also with others. Lord in your mercy, **Make us new.**

We stand exposed in the light of your eternal love, filled with hostility, yet longing for life. You alone have the power to break our bondage to sin.

Forgive us, O Lord. Make us new.

Cover us with your compassion, and refashion us in your image, whose heart is glad when all your children live together in unity. We lift to you the grief of our hearts, hoping that you will not only comfort our hearts, but change them; that we may be the people you have created, and called us to be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

God guides our feet into the way of peace and inspires us with hope in the gift of shalom and salaam. Take heart, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled to God.
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we reborn to eternal life. Alleluia! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Elevation”

by Louis Vierne

**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: Psalm 51:1-10

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“I Love You, Lord”

arr. by Jack Schrader

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Forgiveness Throws Evil Off Balance” Rev. Dr Cynthia Alloway

TIME OF CONTEMPLATION

Video by Alan Jackson

LITANY OF PENITENCE & THANKSGIVING FOR 9/11 (responsively)

Most Holy and Almighty God, who created the earth and all that is in it, and gave dominion over it to our first parents in the days of their innocence:

Look with compassion upon the whole human family,

When we fail to treat each other with the dignity your children merit.

Free us from all arrogance and hatred,

That our hearts and hands may be made clean in your sight.

Break down the walls we build to separate and divide us,
For without your help we perish in our isolation and division.

Forgive us our faults and sins,
our hasty judgments and our rash presumption,
For you alone are judge, and know the secret faults of every person.

Unite us in the bonds of love,
That we may truly be your children.

Comfort us in the loss of those we love and cherish,
For you seek and find the lost, and preserve them in your care.

Even in the midst of our anguish and our pain,
in our memory of loss and destruction,
we turn to you, O Lord our God, and give you thanks,
for your continued mercies and the gift of hope.

We thank you for the skill and care of those who heal the wounded,
and comfort those who mourn,
Give them strength and courage in their task.

We thank you for the leaders of Santa Rosa, of our nation, and our world,
Give them the wisdom and patience to choose your path.

We thank you for all who seek the truth, who love justice and mercy,
and who walk in your ways,
Give them the humbleness of spirit to love and serve you always.

O God, you are the source of wisdom, justice, love and peace:
Give us in our present need the light of your wisdom,
the courage of your justice, the patience of your love
and the assurance of your peace as we pray the prayer you taught us saying:
(The Lord's Prayer)

CHORAL RESPONSE

**HYMN “O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered”* (Tune: “Lead On, O King Eternal”)
O God, our hearts were shattered On that horrendous day;
We heard the news and gathered To grieve and then to pray.
We cried to you and wondered, "Where did the violence start?"
The world as we had known it Had just been torn apart.

We heard of those who perished — Of heroes' sacrifice.
We paused again to cherish The gifts of love and life.
We worried for the future; We hugged our loved ones then.
We cried, "Can peace be found here?" "We can't let terror win!"

Some sought to answer terror The only way they knew —
With anger toward the stranger And calls for vengeance, too.
Yet this is not your answer, Nor what you would create.
May we live toward a future Where love will conquer hate.

God, give us faith and wisdom To be your healing hands;
Give open minds that listen To truth from all your lands.
Give strength to work for justice; Grant love that casts out fear.
Then peace and not destruction Will be the victor here.

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**BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

“Voluntary X”

edited by Richard Peek

PLEASE BE SEATED FOR A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO HEAR A REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO ELECT A NEW DEACON.

Did You Know? Hymn#375 -- Baptist pastor, Robert Lowry, wrote “*Shall We Gather at The River*” while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy “river of death” hymns, it is a celebration of the “pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb” (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

Call to Worship from [September 11 Remembrance Liturgical Resources](#), posted on the [PCUSA](#) website. Litany written by Tobias Stanislas Haller, BSG, in Liturgical Resources for the first anniversary of 9/11/2001.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- ❖ Please pray for Chris & Sam Imbimbo as they mourn the loss of a 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

John Baker	Sheryl Gobble	Barbara Saunders
Judy Bello	Sam Imbimbo	Margie Snater
Dan Boland	Helen MacKenzie	Vera Patten
Helen Burns	Marie Patchin	Rhonda Patton Knoles
Jim Chestnut	Randy Pierce	Ed and Fay St. John
Vern Cooper	Albert Reil	Ines Teague
Jackie Del Carlo	Alan Reil	Bob Weber
Wendy Galde	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.

Liturgist: Robert Cortez



***Flowers are given by
Christie and Ward Page in
memory of Margaret Page.***

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**IF YOU'RE
WAITING
FOR A SIGN
THIS
IS IT.**

Visiting for a while? Please plan to explore what it might be like to join our church family.

New Members Class at 11:30am on September 25th in the Rose Room. Enjoy meeting interesting Elders and Deacons. Learn more about our Church's mission in the world!

Bring Friends and Family to our September 25th New Season, New Start Kick Off Sunday! **Please put a door hangar on the door of a neighbor or friend.**

- * Remember to wear your name badge! Especially on Sept. 25th!
- * FORUM 9/11: Afghanistan Before the War with the Marshalls at 11:30 am.
- * NO Blood Pressure Screenings this month. The Next one is Oct. 23rd!
- * MHS BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED MONDAYS & FRIDAYS!
- * DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE?
It is a two-month commitment. Please contact Chris Nelle if you can help.
- * PW Quilt Sewing starts back up Tuesday 9/13 at 10 am.
- * BELLS (6 pm) & CHOIR (7:30 pm) PRACTICE Thursday! Everyone is welcome!
- * PW 2016-2017 BIBLE STUDY BOOKS "Who is Jesus" are \$10.
- * VOYAGERS SEPTEMBER EVENT IS CANCELLED
- * The VOYAGERS OCTOBER EVENT will be Clam Chowder at Bodega Bay on Saturday, October 8, 2016 starting at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Gene and Carole Michel in Bodega Bay. Gene and Carole will be preparing all the food, so members do NOT need to each bring a can of clam chowder this year. There will be a per person charge to cover the cost of the food. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring any special beverages you may wish to drink. Attendance will be limited to 38 people. Callers will be calling members of Voyagers with more details and to make reservations. Any questions, call Gene and Carole.