



Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



November 6, 2016 | Worship 10 am
25th Sunday after Pentecost

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (responsively)*

Gracious God, we come before you very blessed, yet we need to confess that we have not fully lived out the Gospel. You call those who are poor in spirit “blessed,” **yet we often place our own desires over the needs of others.**

You call those who mourn “blessed,”

yet we try to insulate ourselves from the pain that surrounds us.

You call those who are meek “blessed,”

yet we strive to always appear strong, in control, and superior.

You call those who thirst for righteousness “blessed,”

but sometimes we just check in with you and then go back out into a secular life.

You say, “Blessed are the pure in heart,”

yet our hearts are pulled in many directions, not always pure.

You say, “Blessed are the peacemakers,”

yet we fail to live in peace with those closest to us, we become estranged due to pride, we go to war due to impatience.

Forgive us, O God. Grant us your mercy, grace, and peace. Amen

**WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)*

Our God is a God of second chances. Jesus came, healed, loved, and forgave all our sins on the cross. **In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579*

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Arioso”

by Benedetto Marcello

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING

HYMN #450 verse 2 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;

Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 98

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:20-31

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SERMON

“Blessings and Woes”

Rev. Dr Cynthia J. Alloway

ANTHEM

“Remember Me”

by Pepper Choplin

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsively)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who heals our brokenness.

Let us offer our thanks to God, who has prepared this Table for us.

We will bless the One who offers us life in every moment.

We thank you for your greatness, God of the living and the dead.

When there was only chaos, you whispered your Word, and creation sprang forth. The sun and the stars filled the heavens with your splendor, and the earth sang your glory.

You sent the prophets to remind us of your hope for creation. And you sent your Word to speak love to our lives. Therefore, in this time and place, with those who have gone before, and those who will come after, we join in the song of all creation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of Creation, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son.

When the chaos in the world was too much to bear, Christ came to speak of loving hope, and to offer justice. When we thought we could save ourselves, he offered himself on the cross to show the depth of your love. As we come to this Table of grace, as we are offered all your gifts, we remember what Christ has done for us:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit's blessing upon the gifts of this bread and this cup, and upon all your children who gather in this sacred place. Heal us with the peace of this joyous feast, empower us to be your people of hope for the world. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN#527 "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" Sing as the elements are passed. (Please hold the bread until all are served so we may eat together as a church family (gluten free wafers are in the center of the plates). All of the cups are filled with grape juice. You may drink the cup when it is passed symbolizing your individual relationship with our loving God.)

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

God our Nurturing Sustainer, you fill the hungry with good things and send the self-satisfied away empty. Thank you for feeding us with your love this day and every day. In this feast of grace, you have filled us with the word and the bread of life of your Son Jesus Christ. May we seek his presence in our hearts and in the homes of us all. Fill us with Christ's spirit of service and self-forgetting love, that through us, he may become near to all people. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord, who taught us to pray saying (*THE LORD'S PRAYER*). Amen.

**HYMN#69*

"Here I Am Lord"

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

BENEDICTION (responsively)

Now, go out into the world as God's people!

We will not be afraid to trust in God's future.

Now, go out as followers of Jesus!

We will not falter in bringing justice and hope to all.

Now, go out as those gifted by the Spirit!

We will not fear, but will journey into the days ahead.

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary 1"

by Richard Peak

Liturgist: Nita Pinney

Flowers are given in praise and thanksgiving.



*Flowers on Oct. 30th were given by Joyce Cairns in memory of her sons,
Dave and Steve Cairns.*



*Flowers on Oct. 23rd were given by Tony and Linda Burille in memory
of Jean White.*

Our sincere apologies. ~ The Office.

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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 Marty Sepulveda, who passed away November 3rd.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Jim Taylor, whose sister-in-law Julie, passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of David Downard, whose wife died unexpectedly.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Fay St. John who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Alan Reil who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Ann McClure as they mourn the passing of her son-in-law, Royce Waltrip, on October 1, 2017.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Bill Condon who passed away September 17th.

Please pray for those facing health issues

John Baker
Judy Bello
Dan Boland
Helen Burns
Jim Chestnut
Vern Cooper
Jackie Del Carlo
Wendy Galde
Sheryl Gobble

Sam Imbimbo
Helen MacKenzie
Ted McCarthey
Bill Moberly
Marie Patchin
Randy Pierce
Albert Reil
Virginia Rylett
Pamela Sage

Barbara Saunders
Margie Snater
Vera Patten
Rhonda Patton Knoles
Bob Simmons
Ed St. John
Ines Teague
Bob Weber

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, Ed and Dale Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Alloway, *Pastor*
Barbara McElroy, *Director of Music*
Althea Wright, *Accompanist*
Chelsea Howard, *Children's Program*
Eddie Seamans, *Director of Youth Activities*
Ruth Canniff, *Office Administrator*
Nancy Morgan, *Finance Administrator*
Susan Jenkins, *Rosebud Preschool Director*

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**Sunday Forum
November 6
11:30 a.m.
In the Rose Room**

**Tour Ireland
with
Lucy Poindexter**



USHERS ARE ANGELS! WOULD YOU CONSIDER SERVING THE CHURCH AS AN USHER/GREETER? We are looking to expand our Usher Team. Serving as an usher is an excellent way for members of all ages to be involved in the life of the church. Ushers serve one Sunday a month. Please call the church office or call Nancy Taylor if you are interested in becoming an usher.



WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP
Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016
NEW TIME 11:30 am -1 pm
Adel's Diner, 456 College Ave. SR
Call the church to RSVP.

Medicare Open Enrollment has started again for this year.

Medicare's open enrollment period is always Oct. 15th – Dec. 7th

- Do you have questions regarding your Medicare benefits?
- Are you in the best plan for your needs?
- Should you enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan?
- Are you properly enrolled in Medicare part D?
- What are the costs associated with the various options?

HiCAP – (*Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program*) is a **FREE** unbiased resource for Seniors that provides educational seminars and individual counseling regarding the best Medicare and Insurance options for you.

There will be a free Medicare Annual Changes and Choices seminar at the Santa Rosa YMCA, 1111 C ollege Avenue, Santa Rosa on November 14th from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm where you will be able to ask questions and get further information.

(SEE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION)