



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 ~ WORSHIP 10 AM

First Time Here? Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation. Please sign the red friendship pad in the pews and pass it.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service.

Questions on where to go?

Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* by Robin Milford

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Jesus, the Light of the World* by George D. Elderkin, 1890

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Jesus is on our side!

All: Come and rejoice.

One: Are you suffering?

All: Come and find peace.

One: Are you joyful?

All: Come and sing.

One: Do you need healing?

All: Come and pray.

One: Jesus is on our side!

All: Come and rejoice as we worship God!

*HYMN #24 *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* C. Cameron, 1967

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (responsively)

One: Creating and rescuing God, your power amazes us. Yet even in our amazement, we take too long to turn to you, forgetting that you are the power that makes and saves and sustains us.

All: Even when we claim your power, we often do so for our own success and comfort, ignoring your command to use your power on behalf of the weak, the small, and the vulnerable. In Jesus Christ, you show us that you are on the side of all people, but never at the expense of the weakest among us.

One: Forgive us when we try to hoard you for ourselves and try to control who has access to your love. Forgive us when our greed, our control, and our scandals keep others from knowing you. Redeem us and transform us, O God.

All: Open our hearts, our lives, and our ministries, that we may become a doorway to your realm. Amen

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

One: God turns our sorrow into gladness and our times of mourning into celebration.

All: God hears, heals and forgives us. Glory to God! Amen

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY sung by Brenda Roberts

It is Well with My Soul

words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #519 vs1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You are My Strength When I am Weak

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 19: 7-14

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

ANTHEM *Rejoice! Give Thanks! Celebrate!* by Joseph M. Martin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Esther and #MeToo* Drama Team and Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

HYMN *The Persian King Was Angry* Carolyn Gillette
(Tune: Llangloffan 7.67.6 D "Lead On, O King Eternal")

*The Persian king was angry and told his queen to "Go!"
For when he'd called her to him, she'd turned and answered,
"No!" Soon many fair young women were summoned to the throne.
Young Esther was among them; her life was not her own.*

*Now Esther had no power, no strength on which to stand,
For she was just an orphan within a foreign land.
But soon her life was changing; the king loved her the best.
Could she become a blessing, as she herself was blessed?*

*She had a loving mentor, her uncle Mordecai;
But Haman did not like him and wanted him to die.
So Haman, full of anger, convinced the king to say
The Jewish folk among them would all be killed one day.*

*In Esther's new position, she wondered what to do.
She longed to save her people, to save her uncle, too.
"See!" Mordecai said plainly, "You have to take a risk.
Perhaps you have been chosen for such a time as this!"*

*Queen Esther saved her people by doing what was hard.
She risked her life to help them; she played the winning card.
O God, may we, like Esther, see what we're called to do —
Then live with faith and courage to change the world for you.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, to model for us the way of love for the whole universe. We offer these prayers of love on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors, on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures...silent prayer) O God, our guide and help in difficult circumstances and places:

All: As Esther prayed faithfully and worked courageously for the deliverance of your people, strengthen us to confront the oppressor and free the oppressed, so that all people may know the justice and unity of your realm.

One: Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully.

(The Lord's Prayer) Amen

*HYMN#30 *Oh God in a Mysterious Way* William Cowper, 1773

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasia* by Johann Pachelbel

(The poem recited by "Esther" was adapted from one titled: *Me Too: A Jewish Response to Abuse* By Devon Spier. This Esther drama was adapted from a series called: *Honesty Plays* By Warren Grieve.)

Biblical Reference: Esther. Tune: Traditional Welsh melody, from Daniel Evans' (*Hymns and Tunes*), ("Lead On, O King Eternal"; Copyright © 2015 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved. Email: bcgillette@comcast.net

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See: <https://www.heqiart.com/the-art-of-he-qi.html>

Liturgist: Carole Michel



***Flowers are given in celebration of
Bill and Nancy Morgan's 40th
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Sunday, October 7th is World Communion Sunday!

We would like to reflect this theme with fabrics you may have from around the world. Please bring any that you are willing to share to the church office and make sure your name is written on tape so that your item can be returned to you. You can pick up your contribution immediately after the service in the sanctuary or during coffee in Bowen Hall.

Thanks from the Worship Committee.

Needed: A person who loves music to pick up Sue Thomas at her residence, take her to the symphony then take her back to her home.

Date: **October 7th** Time: **Pick up at 1:30 pm**

You'll receive a free symphony ticket, an afternoon of beautiful music and a stipend. Interested? Call the front office 707.542.4272.

Dear Church of the Roses Members,

I am retiring as Memorial Facilitator. If you are interested in the position or would like to learn more about the job, please contact me at (707) 537-2256. I would like to thank Carole Michel for being our new Boys & Girls Club Snack Coordinator.

*Thank you,
Gwen Christiansen*



Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers:

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

*Please pray for the family of Dr. Ted McCarthy who passed on August 2nd.

Those with health issues

John Baker
Jim Bauer
Bill Beaumont
Judy Bello
Barbara Blinn
Bob Bunting
Patrick Butler
Gwen Christiansen
Alice Crouch
Dick Draper
Ray Foreaker
Felipa Jones

Nancy Lee (daughter in
law of Nancy Hansen)
Jason Montsier
Jessica Morse
Lucrecia Muñoz
Jeanette Nichols
Marie Patchin
Carolyn Kenworthy
Rhonda Patton Knoles
Polly Post
Evelyn Radunich
Mickey Marshall
Bill Rathjen

Fred Recknagel
Bob Simmons
Marisa Taylor
Sylvia Turner
Bob Weber
Helen Wikle
Betty Witchey-Ryer
Jill White
Roger White
Jamie Yen

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, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.



Stronger Seniors Exercise Program

Do your Body some Good!

**Now on Thursday Mornings
10:30 AM in the Rose Room**

WE ARISE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Oct. 6th 7:00 pm

BENEFIT CONCERT

MULTIPLE CHOIRS

Directed by **ALLAN PETKER**

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9/30 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	CoDA
10/1 <i>Monday</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	8:30 AM	MHS Safe Schools Ambassadors
	10:00 AM	Eclipsing Empire Study
	11:00 AM	Tai Chi
	12:00 PM	Qi Gong
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop #135
10/2 <i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	8:30 AM	Buildings & Grounds
	8:30 AM	MHS Safe Schools Ambassadors
	10:00 AM	PW Coordinating Mtg
	11:30 AM	Health Ministry Meeting
	12:30 PM	Fellowship Committee
	1:30 PM	Membership Committee
	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry
10/3 <i>Wed</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Eclipsing Empire Study
10/4 <i>Thursday</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	12:00 PM	Committee on Ministry
	12:00 PM	Noon Hour of Prayer
	6:00 PM	Bells Practice
	7:00 PM	A.A.
	7:00 PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
10/5 <i>Friday</i>	7:00 AM	MHS Breakfast
	7:00 PM	Gamblers Anon.
10/6 <i>Saturday</i>	6:30 AM	Korean Prayer
	9:00 AM	Music Workshops with Allan Petker
	7:00 PM	Wildfire Relief Benefit Concert "WE ARISE"
10/7 <i>Sunday</i>	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	CoDA