



Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



Supper at Emmaus; He Qi

May 1st, 2016 | Worship 10 am | Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

INTROIT “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” from *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

We meet in the name of God, Creator of the Universe, source of humanity, mother and father of us all.

We meet in the name of Jesus, Word made flesh, savior of fallen humanity, redeemer of all.

We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit, giver of life, our wisdom and advocate, comfort and guide.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN #401**

“Gather us In”

Marty Haugen

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** (responsively)

Holy and mysterious Creator of the world, here in the company of the neighbor whom we know and the stranger in our midst, teach us to love as Jesus loved. Forgive us when we are not generous with our love; when we are too selective in our giving, and too blind to see the beauty of each person that crosses our path. Let this day be a worthy celebration of your resurrection love. Led by your Good News, encourage us to put away our worries, and to discard our fears. Inspire our minds to

be open to your Spirit who advocates for us and is a comforting presence in and around us always. **Amen!**

**WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)*

In Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are empowered to persist with love and unity in a world of division. Be thankful, our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

#581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS/SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction of members and sponsors:

*Felipa Jones, Scott Jones, Lucy Poindexter,
Pamela Ryan, Jim Vick, Kay Vick, Bob Wills*

Baptism: *Pamela Ryan*

Apostle's Creed (page 35 in your hymnal)

Vows for New Members

- a) Do you profess your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- b) Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?
- c) Do you intend to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church?

PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Merciful God, you call us by name and promise to each of us your constant love. Watch over your beloved ones who are our new members. Help them feel a deeper sense of your love through joining our church family. Deepen their understanding of the gospel; strengthen their commitment to follow the way of Christ, and keep them in the shelter of your wings for the benefit of the whole world. We praise and thank you for inspiring this group through your Holy Spirit to join us as we work to reach out with care to all your creation. May their lives witness to your love and bring them to the fullness of your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Together, let us welcome these new members into our congregation:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry of faith, love, hope and joy, for we are all one in Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

HYMN #462 verse 1 "I Love to Tell the Story"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 16:9-15

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:23-29

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

SERMON:

"Blessed Assurance"

Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

ANTHEM

"The Holiest Place"

arr. Ed Kee

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and a joyful always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You created for yourself a world filled with diversity blessed by your breath of life. Rainbow colors bloom in Spring, summer breezes bring gardens of delight. Every face and flower reflect the beauty and diversity of your grace. We thank you for bringing us into this blossoming community of love, hope, and peace. And so, with all your people on earth in every place where two or more are gathered in your name we praise you saying:

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, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and to advocate justice for those who are oppressed.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit.

With thanksgiving for Christ's offering of his body for us we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we, together as a new creation and a renewed community may be for the world the body of Christ sharing his love and peace.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, now and forevermore. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS Sing Hymn#527 "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" as the elements are passed. (Please hold the bread until all are served so we may eat together as a church family. You may drink the cup when it is passed symbolizing your individual relationship with our loving God. Juice is in the center of the trays; gluten free wafers are in the center of the bread plates.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

We thank you Lord for this meal, of grace and love. May it strengthen those whose lives feel shattered, in crisis, and experiencing loss. May your healing power work through us to those who need it. May you help us bring love to those who have not felt loved for a long time. May you love the unloved through us. May you shine your light for those whose world is covered in darkness. May all of humanity be awakened to you, Lord, to your love and to your kingdom whose door is always open to all; as we pray the prayer you taught us saying: *(the Lord's Prayer)*

*HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine!" Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

**BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Don Utley, who passed away on April 23rd.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Mary Olson, who passed away April 3rd.
Her memorial will be Friday, May 20th at 1 pm.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Carole Somer, who passed away March 28th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of David Browne, who passed away February 26th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Rosella Cooper, who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Melissa Jones, who passed away recently.

Please pray for those facing health issues

John Baker	Krissy Healy	Albert Reil
Judy Bello	Jim Mason	Alan Reil
Dan Boland	Karla Moberly	Pamela Sage
Jim Chestnut	Sam Imbimbo	Barbara Saunders
Carol Campbell	MaryAnn Iodence	Vera Patten
Jackie Del Carlo	Ron Kram	Ed and Fay St. John
Wendy Galde	Marie Patchin	Ines Teague

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, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center.

Liturgists: Nita Pinney



Flowers provided by Gene and Carole Michel in celebration of their 61st Anniversary.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAYS

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

BOY SCOUT BBQ TICKETS ON SALE (BBQ is Sat. May 8th)

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS: Santa Rosa Children's Chorus on MAY 15TH at and New Horizons Swing Band on MAY 22ND at 2 pm.

MONDAYS

STRONGER SENIORS EXERCISE 10 am

in the Rose Rm. Your body will thank you!

BOY SCOUT BBQ DINNER in BOWEN HALL! Purchase tickets after the service. There will be two seating times, 4:30 and 6:30 pm.

TUESDAYS

PW WOMEN 3rd Tuesdays: *Bible Study 10:30 am, Potluck Luncheon 12:15 pm with Speaker.*

WEDNESDAYS

CULTURAL LITERACY for WORLD RELIGIONS 7:00 pm – until May 4th.
Learn about the faith of Islam. New learners welcome!

THURSDAYS

BELLS PRACTICE 6 pm *and* CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30 pm *Welcome!*

BOOK CLUB 3rd Thursdays at 3:30 pm

FAVORITE FILM SERIES 4th Thursdays at 2 pm

FRIDAYS

NOON HOUR OF PRAYER & Encouragement: *Meditative music & readings.*

Please visit our website to access previous sermons. We have many in PDF format for reading and have recently added audio of this year's sermons.

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12-3 PM

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Sunday

May 15

2:00 p.m.



**Santa Rosa
Children's Chorus**

Carol Menke, Artistic Director

Admission is free but donations are welcomed.