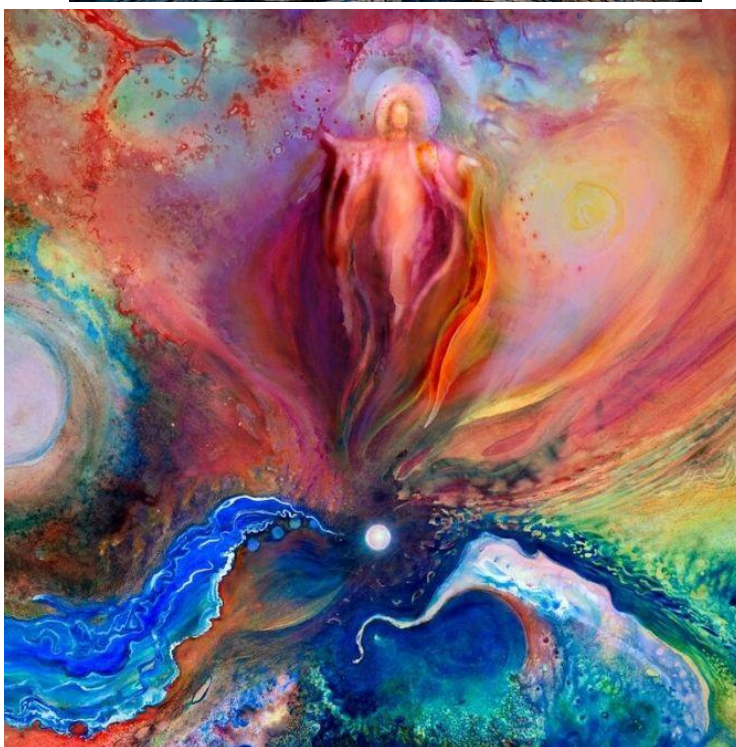
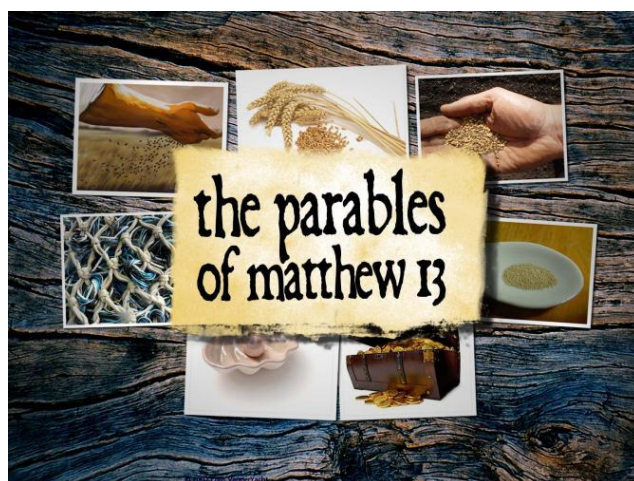




PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



Pearl of Great Price - Dana Lynne Andersen

Ninth Sunday in Pentecost
July 26th, 2026 Worship 10 am

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

Assistance needed?



Large print bulletins, a hearing loop and hearing assist devices are available from our tech team at back of the church.

*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way and the kids table in the back of our Sanctuary.

(Sunday school will resume in Aug.)

Quiet Room open at back of church.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Zehn Trio Op. 49 # V" Joseph Rheinberger

WELCOME –(If you are a guest, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in the offering plate.)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "I Will Call Upon the Lord" Joseph Linn
Four for His Glory

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love.

***HYMN #714 "God of the Fertile Fields"**

1. God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land
be clothed and fed.

2. We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you
all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care
for people everywhere,
that all may live.

3. As grows the hidden seed
to fruit that serves our need,
so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused
your love bestows.

4. God of the countryside,
dear to the Christ who died
to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew
in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do.
Your will be done.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust as a love we cannot control.

Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, pp. 88-89.

***WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Siblings, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.

Please turn to your neighbors and share these words of assurance, **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 89.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen Amen

CALL FOR OFFERING

Chris Bowen

OFFERTORY “Ain’-a That Good News”

William Dawson

(click to donate)



***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Steadfast God, you search our hearts and know our needs even when we struggle to find the words. As we bring these gifts today, may they bear witness to your enduring promise: that nothing—not hardship, nor fear, nor even death itself—can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Bless these offerings, that they may bring hope to the weary, peace to the troubled, and joy to the hearts of your people. Through Christ, our Redeemer and Companion, we pray.

Amen.

Adapted from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/core-faith/week-4-ninth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-4-ninth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-core-faith-offertory-prayer>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION-

HYMN #288

“Spirit of the Living God”

D. Iverson

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:26-39 (NRSVUE) Chris Bowen
This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Windows of Heaven" Craig Courtney
Four for His Glory

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSVUE)

SERMON "Against the Grain" Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" Albert L. Peace

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my
way, I yield my flickering torch to
thee; my heart restores its
borrowed ray, that in thy
sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through
pain, I cannot close my heart to
thee; I trace the rainbow through
the rain, and feel the promise is
not vain that morn shall tearless
be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there
blossoms red life that shall endless
be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Creation, God of Wonder, hear this offering of prayer and praise as a gift from our thankful hearts. We thank you for the wonders all around us. For grains of sand, the smell of rain falling on dry ground, for the shifting of the seasons and the sound of laughter. We thank you God for one another – for the joys and struggles of relationships that nurture us and help us to grow.

God, we thank you for your eternal presence in our midst and for the good news of your deep abiding love for all of creation.

Even as we give thanks, we lift up the concerns that burden us this day. We ask your peace and blessing on all those we have named in this place

today and all whose names and circumstances remain in the safe sanctuary of your Spirit's care.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit and for all who provide care for the needs of others. We pray for the lonely and the despairing...for those who struggle with addiction...for those who feel trapped in situations of abuse...for those who making difficult decisions in life...

God, we pray for your church and its mission in the world. Bless all of your children God, and pour your Spirit upon us, bringing healing, comfort and strength wherever it is needed.

Lord, you place before us the images of the small—the tiny mustard seed, the grain of yeast, the small treasure—and remind us that we, though we think of ourselves as small, are not insignificant in your kingdom. Open our hearts and our spirits to you in ways in which we can serve you throughout all our lives, in the way of Christ our Lord where we were taught to pray,'

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Adapted from <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2023/07/23/proper-12a-pentecost-9/>

*HYMN #175

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness and all
these things shall be added unto
you.

Alleluia, allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find knock and

the door shall be opened unto you
alleluia, allele, alleluia

You shall not live by bread alone
but by every word that proceeds
from the mouth of God
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE-

"Precious Lord"

Roy Ringwald

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Chris Bowen*
MUSIC: *Carol Menke, Four for His Glory-Brian Bertoli, John Hall, Bill Morgan and Chuck VanDeventer. Janet Bertoli pianist, along with Althea Wright accompanist.*
AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : *Anthony Cornejo, Phil Goede, DJ Maxwell-Kellam, Mia Krause, Josh Lim, Nico Wycoff*

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PRAYER REQUESTS-

Please include in your prayers-

Dennis Baker
Greg Basham
Jim Bauer
Barbara Blinn
David Barber
Diana Burdick
Marjorie Cortez
Steve Cummings
Yvonne Draper

Robert Flandermeyer
Michele Hare
Jennifer Hochstettler
Linda Lance
Dorothy LeCel
Amber's companion,
Lucky Star
Chris Ledwick
Vivian Mazeski

Gene Michel
Nita Phinney
Lesley Pillsbury
Jonathan Steele
Susan & Sarah
Valerie Soldate
Lynne Vandercook
Walker Cash
Dr. Bob Yee

Those serving in our military

Coast Guard Commander Ian Alloway Culver in Washington D.C – Headquarters,
Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve



**“Flowers from Melissa Henry
with Happy Memories and Love”**



TODAY after service-

Adam Manasra -Discussion on his book

"A Chronicle of our Land" 11:30 in Rose Room -not to be missed-

"If you look at our faces, if you heart us speak, you will see our land"

**** DATE CHANGE-- SACRED SPACE—SAT. Aug. 8th 5pm**

Discover the Spirit in a new way

We've been invited to.....



**Our 2026 Summer
Interfaith Picnic
is Coming on Mon. Aug. 10 !**

Monday, August 10 - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Finley Park Picnic Area — Santa Rosa
Gazebo Picnic Site #4

Hosted by the: *Interfaith Council of Sonoma County
Lunchtime Discussion Group*

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