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CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



Forgive your Brother from the Heart

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13th 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, 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 is offered after *Gathering of the Children* during the service.

Quiet Room open at back of church.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Pange Linqua” (Bread of Life) A.P.E. Boely

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 “Praise God, Ye Christians, Sing Amen!” J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

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We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

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In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026.

*HYMN #268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

George J. Elvey

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him
who died for thee, and hail him as
thy matchless King through all
eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear
that sight, but downward bends
his burning eye at mysteries so
bright.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may
cease, absorbed in prayer and
praise.

His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time; creator of
the rolling spheres, ineffably
sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

O God, we seek your mercy...

yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged.

We think it “only fair” and “what is right” when we retaliate and use harsh words and withdraw from relationship.

The forgiveness you offer on our account is larger than we can comprehend; still, we withhold forgiveness and carry the grudge over petty items.

**We are eager to do your judging.
And the worst: we conspire our inner thoughts
to secure your forgiveness while avoiding honest repentance.
Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts.
Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.**

***WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

God's gift of forgiveness makes us able,
with the power of Holy Spirit,
to choose to forgive, renew, and live again
in right relationship with each other and with our God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.**

*Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation adapted from Bill Wessner and posted
on Confession RCL blog. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at [https://re-
worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/confession-matthew-18-21-35.html](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/confession-matthew-18-21-35.html).*

***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

Robert Cortez

OFFERTORY

"Elevation"

Louis Vierne
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***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**

Merciful Deliverer, you part the waters when we feel trapped and
forgive debts too great to repay. In the face of fear and brokenness,
you lead us with compassion and grace. May the gifts we bring today

reflect our deep gratitude for your mercy. Let them support ministries of reconciliation and acts of healing, justice, and welcome. Teach us to lead not with judgment, but with generosity, recognizing that what we have, we hold by your mercy. Bless these offerings and bless us as stewards of your kin-dom, always seeking to build a world where grace is not rare but abundant. **Amen.**

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/lessons-in-leadership/week-4-sixteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-4-sixteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-lessons-in-leadership-offertory-prayers>

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 14:1-12 (NRSVUE) Robert Cortez
This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“Soon and Very Soon”
The Chancel Choir

Andrae Crouch

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

CENTS & CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “The Cost of Forgiveness” The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” arr. Julius Rontgen

1. There's a wideness in God's
mercy, like the wideness of the
sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's
sorrows are more felt than up in

heaven. There is no place where
earth's failings have such kindly
judgment given.

2. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal

is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,

and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, maker of all, with joy we give thanks for all your goodness. We praise you for the love which has created and sustained us to this day, and for the gift of your Christ who brings us into covenant with you and with all your people of faith. Help us to treasure your gifts and to show our thankfulness by lives wholly given to your service.

We pray for your church whom you have redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your spirit, and strength to serve by the guidance of your word. Perfect it in love and in compassion, and establish it in the faith of your saints. Unite all your people that one holy church may bear witness to you and your glory.

We pray that you would move our nation toward the justice of your peace. Bless our national, state and local leaders to serve all people with integrity. Purge from us all hatred and prejudice, and build within us your love, that even in our dealings with the other nations of earth we may be servants of peace, truth and justice.

Bless our homes with the joy of your presence. Strengthen our covenants of family and of faith, that our children may grow into fullness of faith, that together we may show forth your praise in our world through deeds and words of love and compassion—especially with those who are alone and lonely.

Let your grace be seen in seed-time and harvest, in labor and business, in leisure and rest, in arts and culture of our people. May all who do work find fulfillment of their vocations, and all who are in need of work find the relief of new endeavors.

Comfort those who sorrow and are in need, sickness or adversity. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in mourning, and to all give your peace, for these and all our prayers we bring to you in the name of Jesus our Christ through whom 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.

<https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2017/09/07/pentecost-15-proper-19a/>

***HYMN #754 “Help Us Accept Each Other” Doreen Potter**

1. Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.

3. Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness,
and laughter's healing art.

2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.

4. Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us; make us one!

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE- – “Voluntary X” edited by Richard Peek

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* **LITURGIST:** *Robert Cortez*

MUSIC: *Carol Menke, The Chancel Choir, along with Althea Wright accompanist.*

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PRAYER REQUESTS-

Please include in your prayers-

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The family of David
Barber
Greg Basham
Barbara Basham
Jim Bauer
Barbara Blinn
David Barber
Diana Burdick
Lisa Chaffey
Marjorie Cortez
Steve Cummings

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Susan & Sarah
Valerie Soldate
Bill St. John
Lynne Vandercook
Walker Cash
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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 donated by Kathu Guelfi in
memory of her husband Phil”*



California Coastal Clean Up – Sat. 9/16/26

“Join Regional Parks as we celebrate California Coastal Clean Up Day at Doran Beach Regional Park. This is a chance for everyone in our state to volunteer to clean up trash from our waterways and shorelines. Every piece of litter plucked from the environment can no longer harm the many inhabitants of our oceans, rivers and creeks.

**If interested please contact: Rhonda Darrow/Church & World Committee
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