



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard – Daily Bible Readings

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20th 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

“Soliloquy”

Robert Cundick

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.)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“Draw Us To Thee”

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God’s provision and abundance deep in our bones...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...

As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

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

*HYMN #41 (vs.1-4) "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" Joseph M. Kraus

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!

O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory.

**We say we will live to serve others,
but end up meeting only our needs.**

**We claim to live in a way that honors Christ,
but we do not take him to work, school, home.**

**We believe that the gospel can transform lives,
(at least, for those who need it - not us).**

Forgive us, Presence of Peace.

Instead of grumblers,

may we be ambassadors of grace.
Instead of continual complaining,
may we carry compassion to the hurting.
Instead of whiners,
may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

***WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

This is the good news:
there is no ranking in God's kingdom.
God graces everyone with the same gifts:
mercy, restoration, new life.
God has kept the covenant.
We have been forgiven,
we have been made new people.
Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation written by Thom Shuman, from Lectionary Liturgies. Reposted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/prayer-of-confession-september-18-2011.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

Lindsay Olsen

OFFERTORY

"Love Divine"

R. Stainer

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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**

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to received more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings

and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you.
In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 174.

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: Psalm 145:1-8 (NRSVUE) Lindsay Olsen

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

ANTHEM "In Thee O Lord" F.J. Haydn
The Chancel Choir

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSVUE)

SERMON "It Isn't Fair!" The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #724 (vs.1-3) "O Jesus, I Have Promised" Arthur H. Mann

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.

My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of unending mercy and steadfast love, we are grateful that you are slow to anger, for there is much in this world that is wrong and set against your purposes. Over come our many injustices with your justice, overtake our lust for revenge with your great mercy.

We pray for nations locked in enmity to be set free from old patterns and to embrace a new way of relating.

We pray for people who wield economic power to take notice of those whom you notice and to have compassion for those who are vulnerable.

We pray for day laborers and the unemployed and the homeless. Inspire us who have enough to share what we have, not in measured and resentful amounts, but gladly, abundantly, so basic needs do not go unattended.

Gather up the first and the last, the least and the greatest, in the common work of your kingdom, until there is no more first or last at all, for all are one in your name.

Help us all to see not only your grace at work in the world, but also your humor at work among us, the holy laughter that heals us and helps us see ourselves rightly.

We thank you for the privilege of believing in Christ, of living in Christ, and of living for Christ. In all things, at all time, we give thanks to you, who never lets us go; through Christ we pray what we have been taught:

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.

Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, pp. 172-173

*HYMN #351 "All Who Love and Serve Your City" Carleton R. Young

1. All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless:

2. In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
"You must work while it is day."

3. For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

4. Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name "The Lord is there!"

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE-

"Voluntary in C Major"

Henry Purcell

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Lindsay Olsen*

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

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : *Anthony Cornejo, Phil Goede, Mia Krause, Julia Lim, Nico Wycoff*

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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
Randy Blinn
David Barber
Diana Burdick
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Valerie Soldate
Bill St. John
Lynne Vandercook
Walker Cash
David Woff
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

****Well, It's time again to update our prayer list, If you/your loved one need to stay on our prayer list, please email or call the church office by Sept. 29th. 707-542-4272 or office@churchoftheroses.org Thank you!***



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we are still in love. *

