



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



Philippians 2:5 –

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" <https://bible.art/p/LmqjtjXHY16ZEURD6iRbd>

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27th 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 “Andante (From the Water Music)” G.F. Handel

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 “Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

The apostle Paul calls us to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” What is the mind of Jesus?

The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul reminds us that “it is God who is at work in you.” How is God at work in us?

God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul exhorts us to “work on your own salvation with fear and trembling.” How do we work on our own salvation?

We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

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

*HYMN #265 (vs.1-4) "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" Attr. John Hatton

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the
sun does its successive journeys
run; his kingdom stretch from
shore to shore, till moons shall
wax and wane no more.

2. To him shall endless prayer be
made, and praises throng to crown
his head; his name, like sweet
perfume, shall rise with every
morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every
tongue dwell on his love with
sweetest song, and infant voices
shall proclaim their early blessings
on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he
reigns: the prisoners leap to loose
their chains; the weary find eternal
rest, and all who suffer want are
blest.

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Holy God, we know that in so many ways
We have run from you,
We have ignored your call,
We have closed our eyes to your presence,
We have disbelieved your mercy,
We have disregarded your words,
We have belittled ourselves,
We have forsaken others.**

**So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with
us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright
and life-giving.**

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Receive the good news:
God's love abounds for us,
Forgiving us and restoring us to
Community with God and one another.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God!**

*Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog,
"Hold Fast to What Is Good." Used with permission. Posted at
<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>.*

*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

Nita Pinney

OFFERTORY "No. IV from Op. 29 Zehn Trio"

Joseph Reinberger

(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

Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings—and ourselves—in your hands. **Amen.**

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/pressing-on-worship-series/week-2-eighteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-2-eighteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-pressing-on-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: Psalm 25:1-9 (NRSVUE)

Nita Pinney

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

ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Kevin Memley

The Chancel Choir

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Philippians 2:1-13 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

"Emptying Self"

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Oliver Holden

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come
down, thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor, thou, my soul's
glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of
spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is
purer, who makes the woeful
heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can
boast.

4. Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Sun and Moon, Star and Sky, your wonder is beyond our imagining. We thank you for the gift of this world we share, and for the common bonds that we share as your children.

Bless us God, as we seek to find a way toward the peace you invite us to share. Guide us God as we walk that delicate line between being faithful to our own relationship with you, and yet remain understanding of those whose path is vastly different from our own.

Remind us often that being faithful does not require that we close ourselves off from the faith of others. Open our hearts, minds and spirits to people of every faith and culture. May the Mystery of your ways be the bridge that draws all of your people together in prayer for peace in our time.

We pray for those who are in special need of your grace and healing today. For those who live in fear of violence; for refugees everywhere; for political prisoners and for those who imprison them; God, we ask for peace. For those who are grieving, or hungry, or in despair; for the lonely, and all who are ill or suffering, for any who struggle with addiction, and for all who live with chronic illness.

God, we trust in your power to be present with the suffering. We trust in your Spirit's power to bring comfort, faith and strength where it is needed. We pray, bring your radical, scandalous peace into our midst, and touch us all with your love, for we ask it in the name of the One who calls us ever forward to unify in love and prayer, especially in the prayer 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.

<https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2017/09/18/pentecost-17-proper-21a/>

*HYMN #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his
grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his
grace, and crown him Lord of all!

3. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4. O that with yonder sacred
throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE-

“O Sons & Daughters, Lets us Sing”

French Melody

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Nita Pinney*
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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- ♪ Brings sacred music to our community
- ♪ Aligns directly with PCOR Mission Study
- ♪ Brings new community members into our church
- ♪ A ministry of beauty, peace, and hope offered to all on Good Friday



Only 27 weeks to go!



Make out a check to the church with 'Good Friday Concert' in the memo line. OR...
Scan the QR code with your smartphone. Add 'Good Friday Concert' under Special Instructions.



Roses Signature Concert Series-

1st Concert of the season! *We Welcome Back-*

Sunday Oct. 18th 2pm

The Bennett Friedman Jazz Quartet

Not to be missed-



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PRAYER REQUESTS-

Please include in your prayers-

Dennis Baker
The family of David
Barber
Greg Basham
Barbara Basham
Jim Bauer
Barbara Blinn
Randy Blinn
David Barber
Diana Burdick
Lisa Chaffey
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Chris Ledwick
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Gene Michel

Nita Pinney
Lesley Pillsbury
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Catherine Priestley
Jonathan Steele
Susan & Sarah
Jo Ann Schloegel
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!***



*“Flowers donated by Ron Dodge
to commemorate 45 years of
fantastic marriage to Sandy”*

