



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



The Wedding Feast – Brueghel

Source: Wikimedia

Artist: Pieter Brueghel the Younger (1564–1638)

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11th, 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 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken arr. By Richard Ellasasser

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.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION- Patty Sanders - Stewardship

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT “For the Beauty of the Earth” Conrad Kocher
Santa Rosa Children’s Choral Academy
Kira Bombace, Artistic Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, God’s never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God’s always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God’s persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God’s mercy and justice wherever we go.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing,

God may be glorified.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

***HYMN #517 (vs. 1, 3, 5) "Here, O Our Lord, We See You"**

Frederick Cook Atkinson

1. Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all our weariness upon you lean.

3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for us spread.
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.

5. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

You would call us to your feast, Inviting God, but our busy lives keep us from responding. You remember every word we utter, every prayer we whisper, but we forget all the little ways you care for us. You would make your gentleness known through us, but we lash out in anger and fear towards others.

Forgive us, God of all hope, and remember your Servant, Jesus Christ. In him, we can live in your way. Through him, we can learn the dreams you have for us. With him, we can open our arms and embrace all the people we meet.

***WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

As we are forgiven by God, we can begin to reflect on all those ways in which we can live justly, act honorably, love completely. This is indeed good news for us.

At the Wedding Feast, we are fed with grace, and nourished with joy, so we may go and bring hope and peace to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation are from (c) Thom M. Shuman

***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

Jim Taylor

OFFERTORY

“Arioso”

Benedetto Marcello
(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**

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of the Earth, which sustains our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. **Amen.**

Adapted from Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 204.

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: Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSVUE) Jim Taylor
This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM-	“Walk Together, Children” Roses Chancel Choir	Moses Hogan
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GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “You've Been Invited to the Wedding Feast”
The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #739 "O for a Closer Walk with God" Scottish Psalter 1635

1. O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

3. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be, help me to
tear it from thy throne, and
worship only thee.

2. Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee
mourn and drove thee from my
breast.

4. So shall my walk be close with
God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, we come into Your presence
with praise and thanksgiving for Your faithful love.
Your love never fails—not even when we turn away from You:
when we ignore Your invitation,
or desert You for gods of our own making.
Even then, You do not abandon us,
but reach out—again and again—
inviting us back into relationship once more.
As You welcome us, so You welcome our prayers.
We bring them to You with confidence,
knowing that You will hear and answer.

We pray for the world You created and the people who share it with us:

- for countries caught up in war or violent conflict,
- for those whose homes and lives are threatened by natural disaster;

For these and all the other areas in our world where there is need and despair.

We pray for our country and for its people:

- for our government leaders, federal and local,
- for our judicial system, police forces, and military,
- for our cities, towns, and rural communities,
- for employers and employees, for young and old,

For all who are part of this nation.

We pray for our local community—the people of this city/town,

- for those who are unemployed,
- for those in prison
- for those who are hungry,
- for those who are alone and afraid,

For all our neighbors, both known and unknown to us.

We pray for this congregation—our siblings in Christ,

- for those who are ill or whose loved ones are ill,
- for those who are anxious about the future,
- for those struggling with their faith,
- for those who minister among us,

For all Your people in this place.

Pour out Your Spirit on us!

Fix our hearts and minds on what is true and honorable and right.

Give us the joy and peace that comes from knowing and doing Your will.

Keep us faithful to the call we have received in Christ Jesus, our Lord, extending Your loving invitation to the world around us.

In Jesus' name 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.

Adapted from Christine Longhurst, posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/prayers-of-people-october-9-2011.html>.

*HYMN #343 (vs 1, 3, 4, 6) "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
Gardiner's Sacred Melodies 1815

1. Where cross the crowded ways
of life, where sound the cries of
race and clan, above the noise of
selfish strife, we hear your voice,
O Son of Man.

3. From tender childhood's
helplessness,
from human grief and burdened
toil, from famished souls, from
sorrow's stress, your heart has
never known recoil.

4. The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your
grace; yet long these multitudes to
view the sweet compassion of
your face.

6. Till all the world shall learn your
love, and follow where your feet
have trod; till glorious from your
heaven above shall come the city
of our God.

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE-

"Voluntary I"

Richard Peek

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Jim Taylor*

MUSIC: *Carol Menke, Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy with Kira Bombace,*
Artistic Director along with Althea Wright accompanist.

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

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**\*Congregational meeting TODAY! 11:00am**

after the worship service for the purpose of electing the Pastor Nominating  
Committee. *Everyone invited—only members can vote.*

Our slate of candidates is as follows:

Ellen Bowen  
Jill Bryant  
Mia Krause  
Lindsay Olsen

Diane Osten  
Bob Priestley  
Kim Seamans  
*Alternate: Chris Rhodes*



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### ***PRAYER REQUESTS-***

***Please include in your prayers-***

*The family and friends of Rev. Dr. Peter Maier  
who passed away Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026.*

Greg Basham  
Barbara Basham  
Jim Bauer  
Barbara Blinn  
Marjorie Cortez

Yvonne Draper  
Michele Hare  
Andy Kaweck  
Chris Ledwick  
Vivian Mazeski

Gene Michel  
Lesley Pillsbury  
Catherine Priestley  
Jo Ann Schloegel  
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 donated by Judith Moore  
in honor of Bob and Judith’s  
28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary”*



***You are invited!***

**Spiritual Formation Class: Reformation**

**Sun. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 11:20 in the Rose room**



**Coffee, Tea & Chocolate available to  
purchase TODAY and Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>  
benefitting Pedal for Protein.**

**TRUNK OR TREAT!! SATURDAY OCT. 31<sup>ST</sup> 5-7PM**

***BRING YOUR CAR (OR BORROW ONE) ☺ AND DECORATE IT!  
COME IN COSTUME AND HAVE FUN HANDING OUT CANDY!***