



Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All



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<https://www.cnn.com/2018/06/20/where-to-donate-to-help-immigrant-children-and-families-at-the-border.html>

Mission Police Dept. officer (L), and a U.S. Border Patrol agent watch over a group of Central American asylum seekers before taking them into custody on June 12, 2018 near McAllen, Texas.

"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:17)

February 23, 2020 | Worship 10 am

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

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation. Please sign the red friendship pad in the pews and pass.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service.

Questions on where to go?

Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *There is a balm in Gilead* Spiritual arr. Calvin Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL FAREWELL PRESENTATION

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

INTROIT *Raise Your Voices to the Lord* Evan Stephens

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: We are a community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

All: We are the people who have been set free by the world of forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and are therefore a people called to reach out to the sojourners in our midst and in other lands, people whose lives cry out for the warm embrace of fellowship.

One: We have come not to exalt our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.

All: We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ by extending the hand of community to refugees, displaced persons and asylum seekers.

One: With all our being, we will praise God and tell of God's goodness in our acts of kindness and love toward the vulnerable "least" among us in our times.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Brian Dill, 1988

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)

One: Holy God, You said: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Please help us listen. Help us open our hearts to your grace. Help us believe, help us love.

All: We are small, and we become afraid. Show us your dazzling glory hidden in the humdrum of our wondrous, everyday lives. Give us courage and strength to do what is right for you.

One: Though we are weak, forgive us and make us one with you. Empower us to bring your life, death and resurrection hope to all people. Amen.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

One: My friends, permit God's mercy to transfigure your lives. In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. No longer ruled by doubt and worry but by light and love.

All: We will walk as children of the kingdom of God who trust in the light of Christ that is with us always. Alleluia! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Contemplation (Tallis Canon)

Richard Purvis

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Change my Heart O God!* (Hymn #695)

*Change my heart O God, make it ever true, Change my heart O God,
May I be like you! You are the potter; I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me, this is what I pray! Change my heart O God,
Make it ever true. Change my heart O God. May I be like you!*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 99

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

ANTHEM

Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door

Spiritual arr. E. Stephens

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 17:1-9

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Listen to God, Be Transformed*

Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

HYMN *The Children Come* (to the tune of #819 Finlandia) by C. Gillette

*The children come, not sure where they are going;
Some little ones have seen their siblings die.
They've traveled north—a tide that keeps on growing,
A stream of life beneath the desert sky.
Their welcome here? Detention, overflowing.
O Lord of love, now hear your children's cry!*

*O Christ our Lord, you welcomed in the stranger;
You blessed the children, telling them to stay.
Be in the desert, with the tired and injured;
Be at the border where they are afraid.
Be on each bus where children sense the danger,
As angry crowds are shouting, "Go away!"*

*God, let each one know justice, peace and welcome—
And may your gift of mercy start with me.
For unto such as these belongs your kingdom,
And in each child, it is your face we see.
May we, your church, respond in truth and action,
And with you, Lord, say, "Let them come to me."*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: Holy Lord, Transfigured Divine Savior, Transform and Embolden us to speak to the world of your love for all your children, and give us the courage to be unafraid. Free us from the fear of scarcity and the fear of the one whom we do not know. Through the power and presence of your Holy Spirit remind us that we are all your children and allow us the blessing that comes when we share your love with the littlest among us. Bring your healing among all

children but especially among the unaccompanied migrant children. Bless their hearts with your loving presence and surround them with your angels of care. Bless their parents and their families wherever they may be as they suffer the separation and the not knowing that comes with the migrant journey. And when the souls of the children feel like parched plants from their real desert wanderings....

***All:* COME HOME TO THEIR HEARTS AND OURS, AND GIVE THEM ROOTS DEEP IN THE SOIL OF GOD'S MARVELOUS LOVE UNTIL WE ALL CAN ACT KNOWING AND TRUSTING JUST HOW DEEP AND HOW WIDE YOUR LOVE REALLY IS.**

One: Make our hearts open now and give us the power to understand and to respond. As we pray the prayer you taught us saying:

The Lord's Prayer. Amen CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #298 (vs. 1,4,5) *Lord You Give the Great Commission*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Basse De Trompette

Louis Marchaud



*Flowers are given by
Diane Pierce
~In loving memory of our son, Steven~*

***NEW MEMBER CLASS COMING UP!
Sunday, March 8th at 11:15 am
Lunch is provided!***

Ref: Prayer of the People ~ from The Uprooted Ones: Remembering Refugees (Uniting Church in Australia), Welcoming the Stranger, on the Minnesota Council of Churches website.

<http://www.mnchurches.org/refugeeservices/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Refugee-Sunday-Service-Planning-Materials.pdf> The Children Come hymn: Biblical ref: Matthew 25:31-46; 19:14-16 Text:

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PRAYER REQUESTS: *Please include in your prayers*

- ❖ The family of Laurie Thomas, as they mourn the passing of her son, Eric, on November 11, 2019.
- ❖ The family of Craig Hays, as they mourn his passing on Dec. 10, 2019.
- ❖ The family of Neil Phillipsen, as they mourn his passing in January.

Those with health issues

Bill Beaumont	Janice Holmes	Bob Simmons
Bob Bunting	Vivian Mazeski	Jim Taylor Sr.
Patrick Butler	Jessica Morse	Bob Weber
Peggy Call	Jeanette Nichols	Helen Wikle
Doreen Cowden	Carolyn Kenworthy	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Dick Draper	Diane Schuler	Avery Yudice
Barbara Flannery	Debbie Seat	
Marilyn Hilen		

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

Liturgist: Jim Taylor

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 Chelsea Howard, *Sunday School Teacher*
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 Ruth Canniff, *Office Administrator*
 Nancy Morgan, *Finance Administrator*
 Jami Knuthson, *Receptionist*
 Susan Jenkins, *Rosebud Preschool Director*
 Gia Telles, *Custodian*

February 23rd - Sunday

PANCAKE BRKFAST Troop 32
8:00 AM Korean Worship
9:00 AM Learn Ukulele
10:00 AM Worship - Transfiguration
11:30 AM Hearing Loss Support
3:00 PM Sonoma Dev Ctr Worship
6:00 PM CoDA

February 24th - Monday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast
9:30 AM Adult Social Club
10:00 AM SEC-K in Library
10:30 AM Qi Gong
5:00 PM SEC-D in Library
7:00 PM Boy Scouts #135
7:00 PM Preschool Board

February 25th - Tuesday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast
8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds
10:30 AM PW Quilting
5:30 PM Church and World
7:00 PM Session Meeting

February 26th - Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast
9:30 AM Adult Social Club
10:00 AM SEC-J in Library
11:15 AM Pre-k Bowen
4:00 PM SEC-S.Bk in Library
5:00 PM SEC-D in Library
5:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM Women's Al-Anon

February 27th - Thursday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast
9:00 AM SEC-Board Library
10:30 AM Nita and Ellen RR
10:30 AM SEC-P&J.Bk in Library
12:00 PM Noon Prayer
6:10 PM Bells Practice
7:00 PM A.A.
7:00 PM Girl Scouts
7:15 PM Choir Practice

February 28th - Friday

Office Closed
7:00 AM MHS Breakfast
11:00 AM SEC-J in Library
7:00 PM Gamblers Anon.
7:00 PM Korean Youth

February 29th - Saturday

6:30 AM Korean Prayer

March 1st - Sunday

8:00 AM Korean Worship
9:00 AM Learn Ukulele
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Plan Sacred Space
11:30 AM CPR/AED
3:00 PM Sonoma Dev Ctr Worship
6:00 PM CoDA

March 8 @ 11:15 am. Lunch provided

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Find out more about our church!

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

FOURTH SUNDAYS
Monthly @ 11:30 am
in the Rose Room.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

SACRED SPACE

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

5-6 PM



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 26 @ 5:30 PM

THURSDAYS

Noon Hour
of Prayer &
Encouragement

Jesus Sees Women LENTEN STUDY



Cynthia Holder Rich & Mark Rich

Wednesdays
March 4 to April 1
6:30pm - 7:30pm

JOIN US FOR SOUP SUPPERS
5:30 pm in Bowen Hall

PW QUILTING

FOR HOSPICE &
CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
of the month

10:30 am - 2 pm

Bring a sack lunch!



QI GONG

with Felipa Jones

Mondays @ 10:30 am

Improve Balance
Reduce Stress

Body, Mind, Spirit, Health