



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



August 15, 2021
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Worship 10:00 am

First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag.

Assistance needed? The ushers have large print bulletins.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.
The bold type is spoken by the congregation.*

PRELUDE "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" by Doris Akers, arr. Joseph Linn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in a basket by the doors.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Pedal for Protein and Fair Trade Sale* Patty Sanders

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to God!

**All: We thank God for joy, for laughter,
for abundant blessings of every kind.**

One: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

**All: We thank God, when we can and as we can,
for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

One: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain,
our losses as well as our laughter,
are in God's heart and hands. Let us worship God!**

*HYMN

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: Holy Wisdom, you granted Solomon's request for an understanding mind and the knowledge to discern good from evil.

All: Fill us with such understanding and knowledge that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for creation, working with you to transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We thank you for your presence Lord. We need your anointing. Touch us, we pray, and make us whole.

We ask it through Christ Jesus your Son, who forgives us from all our sins.

All: Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Taylor

OFFERTORY

"Be Not Afraid"

by Robert J Dufford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Jim Taylor

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you

in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Words: Joyce Merman,
Music: Rev Thomas Dorsey / George Allen, arr. Roy Ringwald

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

SERMON

"Be Wise"

Rev. Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #821 (vs. 1,4)

"My Life Flows On"

Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: Eternal God, we thank you today for your goodness. You have given us beautiful days to worship you outside. You bless us richly with goodness daily. We thank you and praise you. Yet, we live in a time of considerable confusion. We ask today for your wisdom as Solomon asked for wisdom. Wisdom to go about our days in this pandemic in wise and peaceful ways. Wisdom to help others as you would have us do to be instruments of your healing and peace. Wisdom to know lies from truth and to do no harm by spreading only the truth for the health and safety of others.

All: We are often fearful as was Solomon. We live in a time of peril: disease, climate change extremes, and world unrest. Different and competing interests strive for our attention and loyalty. Help us, O God, as we pray for wise and discerning spirits.

One:

- Give us wisdom to know good from evil.
- Give us wisdom to assess the clamoring voices and concerns with which we are daily bombarded.
- Give us wisdom so that we might learn to be accepting of all the diverse people you have created.
- Give us wisdom to be peacemakers and mediators of understanding where there is conflict.
- Give us wisdom when we are in conflict to make it possible both for us and for those with whom we differ to save face and win and move forward hand in hand.
- Give us wisdom not to violate any of your creatures by discriminating against them.
- Give us wisdom to discern what is of ultimate value for our souls and to make wise choices.

Help us, Heavenly Creator of Wisdom, to see the whole world as your world, worthy of loving and worth making sacrifices to bring about our planet's healing.

Bring the nations together, that peace and good will may replace fear and greed.

All: O God, give us wisdom.

O God, give us discernment.

O God, give us the will to be faithful.

O God, give us the power to love as Jesus Christ showed us the Way as we pray: (The Lord's Prayer) Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

*HYMN #697

“Take My Life”

H. A. César Malan

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;

take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

*BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world trusting with your hearts the wisdom God bestows upon all who seek to follow God's will.

When called to lead, do so with humility trusting in God's guidance. Be in this world a sign of Jesus 'presence today.

Share compassion with all whom you encounter. Live wisely in God's name, and glorify God in all you do.

And may the grace, mercy and wisdom of God be your support, guidance and strength from this day forward and for ever more. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Ride the Chariot" Spiritual, arr., Wm. Henry Smith

Please plan to remain seated for the forum on "How to Talk with Your Friends about Getting Vaccinated" by Sara Young from the Sonoma County Health Department. She coordinates contact tracing and case investigation with public health. Recently Sara transitioned to the vaccines unit to help coordinate and support the vaccine-hesitant in our community. She has a specialized focus on the data and facts of the vaccine, and the numbers in our specific county. Sara believes with facts and understanding we can reach herd immunity in our county. It just takes some education!

Thank you to Four for His Glory for performing today!

Karen VanDeventer

John Hall

Chuck VanDeventer

Brian Bertoli

Bill Morgan

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

Liturgist: Jim Taylor

Music: Myles Ellis, Four for His Glory

Technology: Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Bajun Mavalwalla, Nico Wycoff

Announcements

Hymn sing insert or page?

PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

Those mourning the death of their loved ones

A Memorial for Gwen Christiansen will take place on Sat., Aug.28th at 2 p.m.

- * The family of Shirley Walton as they mourn her passing on July 7, 2021.*
- * The family of Betsy Yeager as they mourn her passing on July 4, 2021.*
- * The family of John Iodence as they mourn his passing on June 10, 2021.*
- *The family of Luu Maxwell as they mourn her passing on May 7, 2021.*

Those with health issues

Bill Beaumont	Maryann Iodence	Sharon Sorani
Patrick Butler	Carolyn Kenworthy	Susie Vela
Tony Burille	Margret Kram	Kay Vick
Peggy Call	Vivian Mazeski	Bob Weber
Doreen Cowden	Jessica Morse	Jill White
Pat Currier	Spencer Nguyen	Roger White
Dick Draper	Nancy Pinney	Helen Wikle
Sam Gomes	Lynette Randerson	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Michele Hare	Rosa Rosillo	Christopher Yen's mom
Phil Henry	Pamela Sage	Avery Yudice
Marilyn Hilan	Bob Simmons	
Janice Holmes	Susan Smith	

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.

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