



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



Painting: Richard Hood (1914-1975)

September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship 10:00 am
INDOOR or watch the Livestream

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

"Soliloquy"

Robert Cundick

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

Children's Ministry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are God's work of art— each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

All: We are God's handiwork – woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

One: We are the church of Jesus Christ— diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Peter Scholtes, 1966

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

[Refrain]

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: [Refrain]

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride; [Refrain]

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one [Refrain]

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (responsively)

One: Ever present One, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world, but too often we get caught up in being a hand or a foot and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us.

***All:* We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole. You have given us your law to be our guide, but we turn our backs, fearful that we will not live up to your expectations.**

One: Help us see with new eyes, and hear with the ears of our heart, the liberating spirit of the law that strengthens and revives and enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do.

***All:* O God of liberation and justice, help us be faithful witnesses to your law of love and unity. Amen.**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We are here to be reminded once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about.

***All:* We are the Body of Christ— living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love. We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle and mystery of faith, by the power of God working in and among us. We open ourselves up to God, who makes all things new. Thanks be to God! Amen**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri*

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Joe Clarke

OFFERTORY

"Love Divine"

Sir John Stainer, arr. J. Pasquet

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Statements about baptism and membership

Introductions – *Leticia Parker, Ellen Bowen (previously baptized member)*

Baptisms – Leticia Parker and children Mia Krause and Elijah Krause

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION VOWS:

- Do you profess your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?
- Do you intend to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church?

APOSTLE'S CREED

All: I believe in God the father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead and ascended up to Heaven and sits on the right hand of God the father almighty from there he judges the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of Saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS

One: We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the spiritual gifts you bring to us and for the opportunity to share our gifts with you. Let us pray:

All: Ever-living God, guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever. Lead them to know

and obey your Word that they may serve you with joy, in this life and dwell with you forever in the life to come through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry of faith, love, hope and joy, for we are all one in Christ. Amen.

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: Psalm 1

Rev. Joe Clarke

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

ANTHEM

"Cleanse Me"

text by J. Edwin Orr, music by Tom Fettke

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

SERMON

“Giving Up Your Place”

Rev. Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #853

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Gracia Grindal
South African

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, marching,

We are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, marching,

We are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)

One: We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, to model for us the way of love for the whole universe. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as your beloved children.

All: Help us walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your peace. We offer these prayers on behalf of ourselves and others, on behalf of your creation, and our fellow creatures.

(In silence we lift up those on our hearts and in our minds in need of prayer)

One: Redeeming Sustainer, pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. Let us pray the prayer you taught us saying:

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 #306 (1,5) "Bless Be the Tie that Binds"

Johann Georg Nägeli

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary in C Major"

Henry Purcell

BIOS OF NEW MEMBERS:

Leticia Jo Outah Parker was born in Phoenix, AZ. She is newly married to George Parker. Leticia is a pharmacy technician at the Sonoma County Indian Health Center and also enjoys running, gardening, creating personal home decor/gifts and volunteers for the Salvation Army and Sutter Hospice. Leticia has two children being baptized today: Mia Marie Krause is 11 years old in the 6th grade and Elijah Eric Krause is 8 years old in the 3rd grade. (Members Linda Lance and Sam Martinez are grandparents to Eli and Mia.) She is sponsored by Linda and Sam.

Ellen Lou Rossow Bowen (nickname "CoCo") was born in Los Altos, CA. She is a retired licensed clinical social worker who joins by way of reaffirmation of her faith. She was previously baptized as a Lutheran and Baptist. Ellen is interested in sewing, historical costuming, and volunteers as a docent at the SR Rural Cemetery, and as an art docent at the Roseville elementary school and for her grandchildren. She served on the church council at the Bethlehem Lutheran church and was a children's center commissioner. She has also played handbells for 14 years. Ellen with her husband, Chris Bowen, have two adult children: Andrew Bowen-Ataide and Meredith Bowen Gilbert. Ellen is sponsored by Joy & Lindsay Olson.

Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway* Liturgist: *Rev. Joe Clarke*

Music: *Althea Wright, Myles Ellis, Chancel Choir*

Technology: *Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Nico Wycoff*

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER ARTIST: Richard Hook (1914-1975) was a talented and inspired artist who was best known for painting sketches of Jesus in the 1960's and 1970's. He created major religious works for many publishers over the years, including Concordia Publishing House. Titles such as such as the Head of Christ and The Good Shepherd are often credited to his wife Frances Hook — an artist who would later be called "the Berta Hummel of America" for her ability to capture the emotions and expressions of youngsters in everyday situations.

PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

Those mourning the death of their loved ones

- * *The family of Marilyn Hilen as they mourn her passing on August 12, 2021.*
- * *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.*

Those with health issues

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



The BOOMERS PLANNING PARTY!
Our Theme is an International Potluck with foods, stories, and trivia as we plan fun, safe activities for 2021/22.

When: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH @ 1 PM

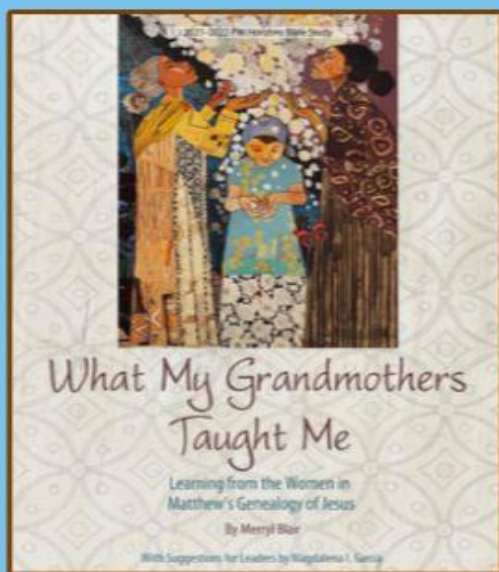
Where: 5220 BADGER RD. in Rincon Valley (off Calistoga Rd.)

What to Bring: Potluck Dish with International Flair + beverage of choice

RSVP: Please RSVP to Lindsay Olsen with food ideas (plus I need to arrange seating) Text: 707-515-9009 or email olsenl2001@yahoo.com

Covid Protocol: All Boomers participating need to be fully vaccinated & mask indoors.

*Learn more about the Boomers in the Rose Clippings.
All active adults are encouraged to join us!*



Presbyterian Women

With Covid still among us we have decided not to meet yet at church but we invite everyone to join us on ZOOM for this engaging new Bible Study. Google [Introduction to What my Grandmothers Taught Me on youtube](#) to meet the charming Australian author Merryl Blair.

Tuesday September 21 10:30 AM on ZOOM!

Watch the church email for the Zoom link

Presbyterian Women in Redwoods Presbytery



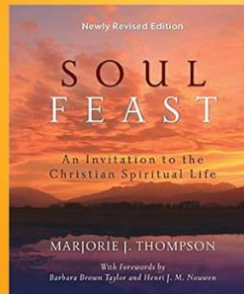
Fall Gathering 2021

Saturday, October 16, 2021

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom

Soul Feast ~ Lectio Divina

Enhance Your Spiritual Life



ZOOM CLASS
Wednesdays @ 7 pm
beginning
September 15th

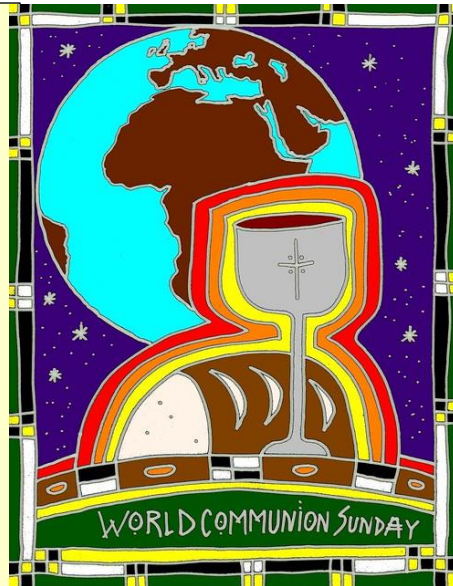
Email for Zoom Link or check your weekly email!



COMPUTER SAVVY? WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Our audio-visual team is in need of your skills to help fully staff for 3 volunteer positions each Sunday. Training will be provided. See Norm Smith or Phil Goede for more information.

Start gathering your world fabrics for World Communion Sunday on October 3rd. Drop them off at the office with your name taped to them.



STRONGER SENIORS **SUMMER EXERCISE**



VIDEO CLASS

in the Rose Room

TUESDAYS

10:30-11:30 a.m.