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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ Intinction ✠

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

We Come as Guests Invited

GtG #504

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured for us,
in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
Renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gentle guide, loving guardian, heal our foolish ways. We long to forsake the advice of the wicked and the slow seduction of sinful paths, but our speech and actions often belie us. We yearn to be like trees planted beside living waters, bearing the fruit of righteousness in due season, but the temptation to return evil for evil withers our souls like shrubs in the desert. Our hearts seek the ways of your Spirit and the waters of life, but our footsteps lead us into arid, desert sands. This is not your hope and plan for us. Forgive us. Turn us again to

the healing you so freely offer and mend the brokenness in our lives and in our world.
Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

GLORIA PATRI (*unison*)

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.

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer "*Come and Fill*" (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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

Blest Are They

GtG #172

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (Refrain)

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. (Refrain)

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (Refrain)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

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He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

SERMON

The Other Beatitudes

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology (*unison*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

Source of every blessing, you have planted us beside living waters and nourished our souls with your ways of life. In gratitude and thanks for the fruit we have born in due season, we return these gifts to you. Bless them with your manifold grace, and multiply them in your mercy, that they may go forth to heal a world trapped in loneliness and isolation. In the name of the one who leads us into life, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

Bread of Sorrows, Wine of Tears

St. Andrew Choir

COMMUNION INVITATION AND PRAYER (*responsive*)

Blessed are you who hunger, for you will be filled at Christ's table.

We come to Christ's table with a hunger for justice and a thirst for righteousness.

Blessed are you who weep, for you will be comforted at Christ's table.

We come to Christ's table with hearts seeking joy and laughter.

Blessed are you who suffer for your faith, for you will find solace at Christ's table.

We come to Christ's table with spirits yearning for healing and strength.

Come to the table, for all are welcome here.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

GtG #815

Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.

BENEDICTION (*unison*)

Go from this place as those who are blessed.

We will live in God's love.

Go from this place as trees planted beside living waters.

We will drink of Christ's mercy.

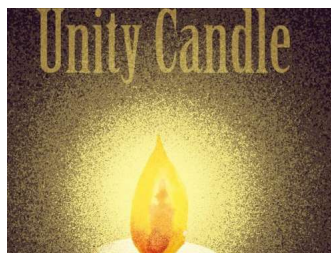
Go from this place to bear the fruit of righteousness.

We will share the Spirit's strength with everyone we meet.

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- **LITURGIST:** Erik Ottem
- **GREETER:** Holly Edwards Duby
- **COFFEE HOST:** Stan Cowan
- **COMMUNION SERVERS:** Sharon Allshouse, Myles Billheimer, Janet Maack
- **OFFERING COUNTER:** Janet Maack



Unity Candle: Today we pray for El Estero.

Prayer is a way we take action on the connectional aspect of our church.



We are proud to have raised \$520 for Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County during our Super Bowl Fund Drive. Yay Team!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Office Closed on Monday, President's Day



Monday, February 17th
Tuesday February 18th

Bell Choir @ 2:30 pm
Session Mtg @ 7 pm Zoom

Join us each Monday at 1 pm for Bible Study. There is no study on Monday. We will be doing 2 lessons per week on our current topic of Climate Justice - Lessons 6 and 7 on Feb 24, and Lessons 8-9 on March 3. This PW/Horizons Bible study is an invitation to explore and to act, with all our hearts, in responding to an issue that impacts all life on God's earth.

The Great Chili Cook Off Is Coming! On **February 28** we will be hosting our **Chili Cook Off** once again! We will have great chili to taste, live music, and a great time of fellowship. If you have never been, churches compete for who has the best chili. We get to vote for our favorite chili, and we have blind tastings with our local judges. It is one of my favorite events of the year! The tickets are \$20.00 and we will be selling them after worship. All proceeds go to support and maintain the shower ministry, Shower the People! This year we will be having the event at Twin Lakes (7000 bldg.) from 6:00 to 8:30. We are so thankful Twin Lake can host because Resurrection is under construction. **See Janet Maack for tickets.**

Tickets are available here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8th-annual-great-chili-cook-off-twin-lakes-church-tickets-1224366576389>. Or you may purchase tickets at the door.