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Worship Bulletin for July 13, 2025

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

How shall we answer?

We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

How shall we answer?

**We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion
wherever we can.**

***Hymn**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

GtG # 667

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus
I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord, sometimes we are confused. We hear the bad news continually shouted on TV, radio, in the newspapers, online. The whole world seems to be shrieking in pain. Innocent people are being destroyed by the whims of the wicked. Disease and famine reign supreme in too many parts of the world. We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others, often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. We close our eyes. We walk away, often crossing over to the side of self-importance and indifference because we are afraid to become involved. Help us, O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Open our hearts and our eyes to see you, O Christ, that we may be empowered to service rather than apathy. Forgive us, Lord, forgive us. Make us ready to truly become your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

*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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831345-6324

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying" (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God and The Lord's Prayer

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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

GtG # 203

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,

Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came

upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Sermon Is Neighbor a Subject or Object? The Rev. Anne McNelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, maker of all things,
provider of all things, who loves all people.
We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us:
he sees us for who we are,
heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.

In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.
We live by the power of the Holy Spirit,
which empowers us for self-giving love.
We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ,
and for the gift of forgiveness,
the power of resurrection
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here
below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this
offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place,
and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

GtG # 435

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Stan Cowan

GREETER: Janet Maack

COFFEE HOST: Shari Gallegos

OFFERING COUNTER: Kathryn Adkins

Unity Candle: This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church in Mountain View, and the Rev. Kim Dorr-Tilley.

Book Study: Join us Mondays at 1 pm via Zoom as we will discuss Richard Rohr's newest book, *The Tears of Things*. Please read Chapter 8.



Mid Summer Gathering

At Keith McKenzie's lovely home High on a hill
with an amazing view
in Pasatiempo, July 19th at 4:00 PM

Meet at the church at 3:30 to carpool

Bring a heavy appetizer or a Dessert and your
favorite beverage to share

Sign up with Jan after Worship