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Worship Bulletin for July 27, 2025

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

***Hymn**

Seek Ye First

GtG # 175

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize

your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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.

Special Music

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Solo by Kathryn Adkins

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**

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

GtG # 470

(Refrain) There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near;
hear our prayer, O God. (Refrain)

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be
near; hear our prayer, O God. (Refrain)

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be
near; hear our prayer, O God. (Refrain)

Lord save us, take pity, Light in our darkness. We call you; we wait: be near;
hear our prayer, O God. (Refrain)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Almighty God, your Word is our comfort in distress. It holds your promises that give us life. Give us ears to hear your hope and call. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 8:18-22

OT page #709

My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick.

Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken,

I mourn, and horror has seized me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?

Second Lesson:

Luke 11:1-13

NT page #72

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him. And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything. I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Sermon

The Disciple's Prayer

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith** (from The Confession of 1967)

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world.

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)

Gracious God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to this world. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

GtG # 753

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sharon Allshouse

GREETERS: Bill and Nancy Samsel

COFFEE HOST: Stan Cowan

OFFERING COUNTER: David Allshouse

Unity Candle: Today we pray for First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, and the Rev Tom Harris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today after service, July 27, Lunch Cluster #2 with Michele Pomroy will meet at Sanderlings following worship.

Tom Schmida is 95 and walks with his daughter Mary most evenings. He loved the card the congregation sent him for his birthday. With his Alzheimer, cards are gifts that keep on giving as he re-reads them.

AFC Shelters. Since June 3, we have hosted the Associate Faith Community (AFC) Homeless Shelters in Hubler Hall. Every Tuesday evening, between 8-15 people drive or are bused to our campus and enjoy a hot meal before taking showers and getting a good night's sleep. This consistent group of people have been vetted and are being worked with to secure more permanent housing. They have breakfast in the morning and clean Hubler before starting their day. I am thankful that God has given us the space and willingness to support these individuals during this season of their lives.

Some people have asked about providing food for those staying in Hubler on Tuesday. If you are wanting to do this, please let Anne know. The Outreach Committee will be discussing this option soon. Shelter and food are the most basic needs, things Jesus has asked us to provide.

Santa Cruz al Salvador; Building Relationships For Better Lives

Sunday July 27, Santa Cruz al Salvador (SCaS) members will be presenting at Lutheran Community Church, 95 Alta Vista Ave in Watsonville, at their 9:30 am worship service and at a pupusa luncheon following the service from 11:00 – 12:30. Suggested donation for the pupusa lunch is \$20.

If you are interested in learning more about the SCaS's mission of accompanying rural communities in El Salvador in the areas of Education, water and sanitation projects, or are considering going on our now-scheduled November 23/24 - December 3 delegation, you are invited to attend either or both events.

Please RSVP Lucas Grams: 831-247-2814 or Steve Barrett: 831-297-0530.