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Worship Bulletin for July 6, 2025

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Nan Swanson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Introit

Star Spangled Banner

St. Andrew Bell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

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

O, God, on this week when we celebrate the beginning of our country

Remind us again whose we are and who we are called to be.

We remember your mighty acts throughout our faith history.

How you call us Beloved and called us to be your Body in this place and time.

Remind us again that you have created the earth and all its people

That we might love and serve You and one another.

ALL: Renew us as we worship that we might exhibit Your Kingdom where all are equal and all are loved.

***Hymn**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

GtG #331

God of the ages, whose almighty hand

leads forth in beauty all the starry band

Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,

our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.

In this free land by thee our lot is cast.

Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:

thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,

be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.

Thy true religion in our hearts increase.

Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of Compassion, you call us to live in peace. Instead we reject one another and find fault with those who differ from ourselves. You call us to include all in this community of hope, but we tend to like our comfortable community with people like us. You call us to love unconditionally, but we keep making lists of who is in and who is out. Forgive us in your mercy and free us from arrogance that we might live in humility. Help us to spread the news that your love is near to all, as near as our breath, transforming us all and making us whole. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

Come and see God's forgiveness. Come and feel God's love for all. Come and experience God's call to serve in God's name.

**We will open to God's forgiveness. We will show God's love and care for all.
We will work for equity and justice for all. Thanks be to God for all God's gifts.
Amen**

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.

Passing the Peace

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 "Come and Fill" (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God

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**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

GtG #298

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,

Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:

with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This, my body; this, my blood."

Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,

Asking that the world around us share your children's liberty:

with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."

Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:

with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,

And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:

with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Holy One, open us to your word, that we might have courage for our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness, and wisdom for our confusion...in Christ's name. Amen

First Lesson:

Psalm 30

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I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:
"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Second Lesson:

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

NT page #71

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they

provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you. But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me. The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Sermon **Land of the Free and Home of the Brave?** Rev. Nan Swanson

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Doxology

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*)

Take these gifts, Loving God, and use them as you create hope out of despair, as you build communities of justice out of crumbling neighborhoods, as you shape peace out of the anger of our times. This we pray. Amen

COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise....

And so, with your people in every land on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Don Adkins

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord: God of pow'r and might. Hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

...And so we remember again as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
(G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B $\flat$ C Dm B $\flat$ F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
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LAND OF REST

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

While the bread is served, sing.

"Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life."

While the cup is being served,

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, com to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

CLOSING PRAYER

O Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

GtG #339

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our
bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Myles Billheimer

GREETER: Shari Gallegos

COFFEE HOST: Janet Maack

COMMUNION: Myles Billheimer, Janet Maack, David Allshouse

OFFERING COUNTER: Janet Maack

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Daesung Presbyterian Church in Sunnyvale, and the Rev. Taejinn Hahn.

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 7.



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