



**St. Andrew
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Worship Bulletin for June 22, 2025

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

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

The presence of the Lord is here among us;

Protecting us, loving us, encouraging us.

We come as a people of hope to witness God's power;

**Fixing our eyes on what is true and right and Holy. May our hearts and minds dwell
in the peace that only our Lord can provide. Amen.**

***Hymn**

Here in This Place

GtG # 401

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, who casts healing light into deep and shadowed places, we confess to finding ourselves saying hurtful things out of fear to those who differ from us, in politics, religion, or ability. Forgive us. We are not our best, most loving selves. Fear does not bring out the qualities that you invite us to practice: compassion, generosity, mercy, and love of neighbor— even love of strangers. There are countless ways to succumb to our fears. Do not let them have dominion over us. Keep reminding us of your commandment to live in love. And let us never give up trying to be our best, most loving selves, as you would have us be. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who showed us the way. Amen. *Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life. 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.

Special Music

Don 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, Hear Our Prayer*" (*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

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

GtG # 181

"Silence! Frenzied, unclean spirit," cried God's healing, Holy One.

"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't bear it. Flee as night before the sun."

At Christ's voice the demon trembled, from its victim madly rushed,
While the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder, stunned, and hushed.

Lord, the demons still are thriving in the gray cells of the mind:
tyrant voices, shrill and driving, twisted thoughts that grip and bind,
Doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting reason's sight,
guilt that makes our loving frantic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit, in our mind and in our heart.
Speak your word that when we hear it all our demons shall depart.
Clear our thought and calm our feeling; still the fractured, warring soul.
By the power of your healing make us faithful, true, and whole

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson:

Psalm 22:16, 19-24

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For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they bound my hands and feet.
But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me
but heard when I cried to him.

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Sermon

Naked Fear

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith** (Iona Abbey Worship Book)

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

Offering

Doxology

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

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

Generous God, may these gifts empower our witness to your work in the world.
Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

GtG # 547

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Erik Ottem

GREETER: Jennifer Power

COFFEE HOST: Janet Maack

OFFERING COUNTER: Janet Maack

Unity Candle: This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church of Santa Clara, and the Rev. Dennis Woodsmall. Dennis has worked in ministry for over 40 years, and is also a martial arts instructor, holding dual Black Belt status!

SAVE THE DATE for July 19th for the Progressive Dinner.

Fun Food and
Fellowship on
the Fifth Sunday

The Nurture Committee
Presents
A Fifth Sunday of the
Month
Ice Cream Social
June 29 after Worship
In Hubler

