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Worship Bulletin for June 29, 2025

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

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

Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.

We live a new life of spirit and truth.

Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.

***Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory

GtG # 307

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, you give us freedom. In fact, in you, we live in perfect freedom. Fear tries to bind us. Idolatry comes chasing after us. Divisive arguments try to trap us in corners and keep us locked away from one another. These are not the freedoms you have in mind for your children, loving God. We confess, we have submitted to them in the past, but no more. Inspire us to live in the freedom you have given us for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You set us free. Give us the courage to enjoy it. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Beloved children of God: hear and believe the good news, for freedom Christ has set us free to live anew.

*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-831 345-6324

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

Great Are You, Lord

GtG # 614

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;

by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;

by your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice;

we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*responsive*)

Children of God: you are loved into freedom, set loose on the world to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so go and love your neighbor, all your neighbors, as you love yourself, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Psalms 16

OT page #495-496

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.*

For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Lesson:

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

NT page #190-191

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Sermon

The Gift of Freedom

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

We belong to God,
creator of all that is and all that is to come,
abundant provider of the gifts in this life
and the gifts in our own hearts.
It is God alone who gives life,
who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal,
to show us a new way of living,
with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity.
In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life.
He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death,
and he lives among us and grants his spirit to us.

We live by that Holy Spirit,
and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment.
As members of the church, the Body of Christ,
we devote ourselves to lives of love,
rejoicing in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

Offering

Doxology (Inclusive words)

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)

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

I've Got Peace like a River

GtG # 623

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. [2x]

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. [2x]

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. [2x]

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Gwen Yeo

GREETER: Stan Cowan

COFFEE HOST: The Nurture Committee OFFERING COUNTER: Pam Arnsberger

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Hardy Kim. On Wednesday evenings they host a Modern Worship Service with an inclusive "Dinner Church."

Join us after service today for our Fun Food and Fellowship on the Fifth Sunday event. Today, the Nurture Committee will host an ice cream social in Hubler Hall!

Progressive Dinner on July 19th at 4:00 pm at Keith McKenzie's home, 4 Kite Hill Rd. in Santa Cruz. We will meet at the church at 3:30 to carpool.