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Worship Bulletin for August 3, 2025

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive) from Luke 12:13-15,21

Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.

Who set me arbitrator over you? Take care!

Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.

For one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.

Don't store up treasures for yourselves but be rich toward God.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

GtG # 318

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank you for the mercies we know, and ask your forgiveness when fail to acknowledge you as the source of all good.

When we hoard your gifts, When we say, "that's mine,"

When we ignore the bounty around us,

When are blind to the good,

Forgive us. Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia, 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

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

***Hymn**

Our Hope, Our Life

GtG # 847

Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we honor and confess.

Why crave renown or opulence?

They fade, those things we now possess.

Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power,

but what they cherish will decay;

and still the ransom for a soul

remains a price too great to pay.

Though wealth or learning may be ours,

or fame that spreads throughout the land,

the shackles of mortality prevent so much

that we have planned.

Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a better destiny:

the Lord will lift us free from death to dwell in praise eternally.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

First Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11 NT page #201

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the

things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Second Lesson:

Luke 12:13-21

NT page #74

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry. But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.

Sermon

Above All, Christ Is All

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

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)

Holy and ever-present God, you call us to set our minds on things above, to let go of all that weighs us down, and to embrace the new life found in Christ. As we bring these gifts, shape our hearts in generosity, our hands in service, and our minds in faithfulness. May these offerings be used to transform lives, to build up your kingdom, and to reflect your love in this world. Keep us ever mindful that we give because you have first given so abundantly to us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

COMMUNION

INVITATION

Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy, where he pled the cause of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest. But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. Those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his table.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

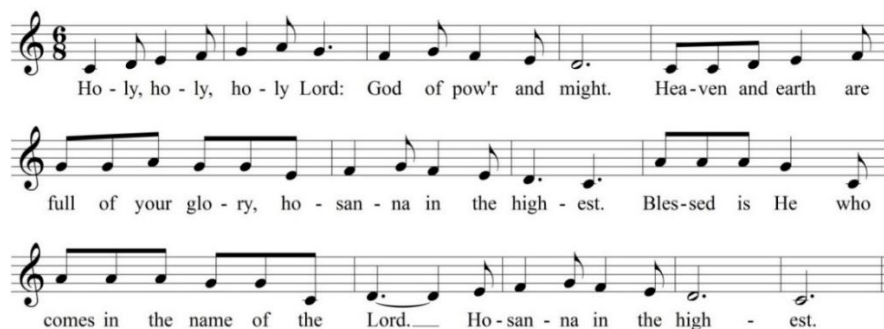
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our knowing, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. For his life, which informs our living, for his compassion, which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking, which contradicts our generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life and breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him. Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that our sharing of them may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. You raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that our sharing of the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Following Christ's example let us join in praying his prayer (Lord's Prayer p. 35 in Hymnal, using "debts/debtors")

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

While the elements are being served, Let Us Break Bread Together (525)

CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of you Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

GtG # 716

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:

Gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Eileen Mihm

GREETERS: Dorothy Glaum

COFFEE HOST: David and Sharon Allshouse

OFFERING COUNTER: Jan Maack

COMMUNION: Myles Billheimer, Eileen Mihm, David and Sharon Allshouse

Unity Candle: Today we pray for Trinity-Santa Cruz/Urban Works

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nurture Meeting, Tuesday, August 5 at 10 am, Zoom

Enrichment Meeting, Tuesday, August 5 at 2 pm, Zoom

Save the Date: August 31 – FFFF Fifth Sunday Meal

August 10th: Let's celebrate Don and Kathryn Adkins' 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Join us for cake following worship.

New Office Hours: Monday -Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.