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Worship Bulletin for August 10, 2025

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)**

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the convictions of things not seen.

**Like Abraham, let us follow God,
even when we don't know where we are going.**

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.

Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

***HYMN**

Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

GtG # 65

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen. *Time for silent reflection.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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

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**

Faith Begins by Letting Go

GtG # 684 (Alt Tune Dix)

Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:

pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

God, your Word directs every step we take. Help us listen closely to your Word as it is read and preached today, so we may understand your message and follow your will. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 33:12-22

OT page #507

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. 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.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

NT page #225

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing

where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

SERMON

By Faith

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

OFFERING

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*)

God of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you. Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn, be a blessing to others. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***HYMN**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GtG # 730

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,

who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:

They were all of them saints of God,
and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:

And there's not any reason,
no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school,
or in lanes, or at sea, in church,
or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;

For the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

BENEDICTION

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Shari Gallegos

GREETERS: David and Sharon Allshouse

COFFEE HOST: Nurture Committee

OFFERING COUNTER: Jan Maack

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Bonny Doon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week:

Join us today to celebrate Don and Kathryn Adkins' 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Monday, August 11th: Bell Choir at 2:30 pm (Thomas Lounge)

Wednesday, August 13th: Outreach Meeting at 12 Noon (Zoom)

Upcoming Week:

Sunday, August 17: Lunch Cluster 1 will be meeting at Golden China in Watsonville following worship. Please RSVP to Eileen.

Sunday, August 31st – FFFF Fifth Sunday Meal in Hubler Hall following worship

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