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Worship Bulletin for September 21, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and forever.**

Everywhere—from east to west—
praise the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is high above the nations;
his glory is higher than the heavens.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and forever.**

Opening Prayer

***Hymn**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

GtG # 327

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Sometimes God we take ourselves so seriously

—our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements—

that we fail to notice our effect on others.

And we do not make connections between our limitless wants
and the resources left for others.

We do this without knowing it.

Bring our awareness to Justice for all

to the common good, to your universality of blessings.

Remind us you love all.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are accepted,
we are loved, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

***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

Be Thou My Vision

Bell Choir

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**

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 (*unison*)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us, so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

First Lesson: **1 Timothy 2:1-7** **NT page #208**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Second Lesson: **Psalms 113** **page #563**

God the Helper of the Needy. Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

Sermon **Who Is Like the Lord?** **The Rev. Anne McAnelly**

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come;
who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.
We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother and teacher;

who lived in prayer and in love.

Listening to God's voice and doing God's will,
he gave his life in love; but God raised him to life that is eternal;
and so we follow him. We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit,
God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.
We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection,
the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ,
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

Offering

Doxology

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)

Generous God, what we place before you is but a fraction of all you have entrusted to us. Receive these gifts, we ask, and multiply them for your purpose. Let our offerings become a source of blessing for the most vulnerable, for those in greatest need. May the act of giving, rooted in generosity, loosen our grip on what we possess, and kindle in us a deeper desire to share. Amen

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

Our God Is an Awesome God

GtG # 616

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Carol Crocker

GREETER: Judy Zscheile

COFFEE HOST: Mission Luncheon

OFFERING COUNTER: Pam Arnsberger

Unity Candle: This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church of Monterey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Outreach/Mission luncheon after worship

- Guest Speaker: Katie Gentile from Urban Works

Monday, September 22nd, Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Tuesday, September 23rd: Book Study at 1:00 PM –

In Do I Stay Christian, by Brian McLaren, please read Ch. 4 through Ch. 6

Saturday, September 27th, Ken Petznick Memorial at 2PM, Sanctuary

Sunday, September 28th, New Member Class. Meet in the Sunday School room following worship. This is an opportunity to learn about the Presbyterian church, this congregation and to answer any questions.

Saturday, October 11th, Prime the Pump from 2-4PM at the Watsonville Public House (625 Main St., Watsonville). Join us for a day of fun, food, and fellowship to benefit the rural community of Las Orquideas, El Salvador. Tickets are \$35 each purchased either at santacruzalsalvador.org or contact Karla Norton.

Sunday, Oct. 12th, New members join the church during worship and Game Day in Hubler Hall