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Worship Bulletin for September 28, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Gwen Yeo

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

Come! Praise the Lord!

The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

***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.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. 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.

Baptism of Alexandra Gonzales (see insert)

Special Music

Ma Navu (How Lovely on the Mountain)

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

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

GtG # 766

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.

Where charity and love are found there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.

True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.

True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

God of wonder, as we hear your Word for us today, fill us with holy imagination. Help us hear your holy invitation and ignite within us a passion to live your truth and follow your way. Amen.

First Lesson:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

OT page #210

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Second Lesson:

Luke 16:19-31

NT page #79

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He

called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Sermon

The Good and the Bad of It

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Holy is the Lord by Franz Schubert

Bell Choir

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

All that we have is a gift from you. Lord, bless these gifts and inspire us to use them in ways that transform and enliven your people. May they be a blessing to those who need them most. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GtG # 542

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick
confound you, put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating
o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Shari Gallegos

GREETER: Michele Pomroy

COFFEE HOST: Michele Pomroy

OFFERING COUNTERS: Janet Maack and Shari Gallegos

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Gonzales Presbyterian Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY ~ New Member Class. Meet in the Sunday School room following worship.

Monday, September 29th, Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Tuesday, September 30th: Book Study at 1:00 PM – Zoom

In **Do I Stay Christian**, by **Brian McLaren**, please read Ch. 7 through Ch. 10

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 11th, Prime the Pump Fundraiser from 2-4PM at 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 Kress**.

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