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Worship Bulletin for October 5, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Prime the Pump!

Karla Kress

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,

All: Bless God's Holy Name.

O: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**A: and do not forget God's gifts, who forgives all our iniquity,
who heals all our diseases,**

O: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**A: who redeems our lives,
who showers us with steadfast love and mercy.**

O: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**A: who satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Bless the Lord.

***Hymn**

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (the Summons)

GtG #726

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and
never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and
admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, And the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

All: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: 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

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People

(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

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. **(Refrain)**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

(Refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

First Lesson: **Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26** **OT page #762&766**

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labor. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and

therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Second Lesson:

Luke 17:5-6

NT page #80

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Sermon

Lament, Holy Discontent, and God's Deliverance

The Rev. Julianne Porras-Center

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)

Faithful God, our source and sustainer, you call us to believe beyond what we see and serve without seeking reward. Take these gifts as seeds of trust, planted in hope and watered with gratitude. Even when our faith feels small, you multiply our offering into acts of healing, welcome, and justice. So, increase not only our faith, Lord, but also our willingness to serve—with humility, joy, and confidence that you are at work through every generous act. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION

Invitation

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. Man and woman, gay and straight, cis and trans, black and white, housed and unhoused, citizen of the United States or of God's kingdom, everyone. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's not a Presbyterian table. It's not an American table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. By gathering around, it, we enter into a state of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, indeed, you are called: come, let us share this meal together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

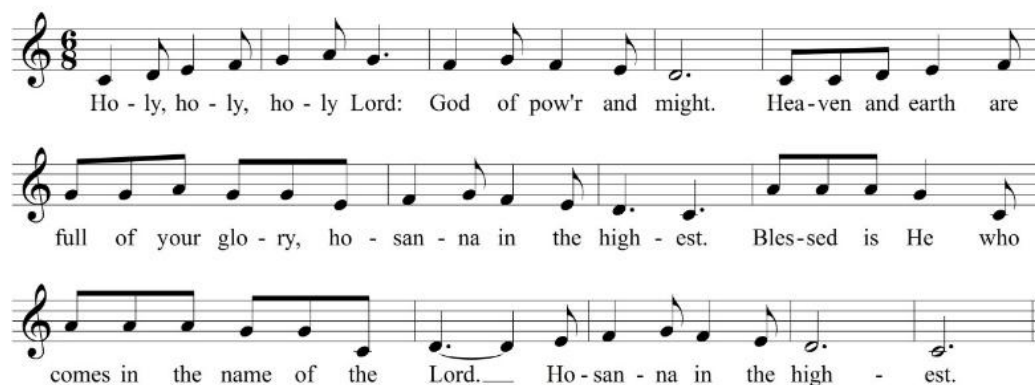
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

.... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Don Adkins



....Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again....

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Let us retain the elements so we may partake together.

While the elements are served sing, Come to the Table of Grace GtG# 507

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

'For Everyone Born'

GtG #769

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born,
clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead, **(Refrain)**

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles,
deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, **(Refrain)**

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard,
a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, **(Refrain)**

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused,
with need to forgive, In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, **(Refrain)**

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear,
and simply to be, To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, **(Refrain)**

(Refrain)

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Al Cheney

GREETER: Lori Burkett

COFFEE HOST: Linda Walker

OFFERING COUNTER: Jan Maack

COMMUNION: David Allshouse, Pam Arnsberger, Jan Maack, Sharon Allshouse

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Northminster Presbyterian Church in Salinas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 6th, Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Tuesday, October 7th: Nurture Meeting at 10AM – Zoom

Tuesday, October 7th: Book Study at 1:00PM – Zoom

In **Do I Stay Christian**, by **Brian McLaren**, please read Ch. 11 through Ch. 13

Tuesday, October 7th: Enrichment Meeting at 2PM – Zoom

Thursday, October 9th: Choir Practice at 2PM

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