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Worship Bulletin for February 1, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Moment for Mission – Super Bowl of Caring

Pam Arnsberger

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

A time to remember those we love,

and time to remember the holy promises of God.

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

***Hymn**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

GtG # 509

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – 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.

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-831-345-6324)

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**

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

GtG 408

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

(Refrain)

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

God of mystery, as we hear your Word, fill us with wonder and awe at your love and power. Draw us deeper into your story through the fragrance of your Son. Amen.

First Lesson: **Ephesians 4:32-5:2** **NT page #194**

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Second Lesson: **Matthew 5:1-12** **NT page #4**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon **The Aroma of Mercy** **The Rev. Anne McAnelly**

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory

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*)

May my prayer come to you like the sweet smell of incense. When I lift up my hands in prayer, may it be like the evening sacrifice. May the gifts we share glorify you, O Lord, and further your church, spreading the fragrance of Christ throughout all the world. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

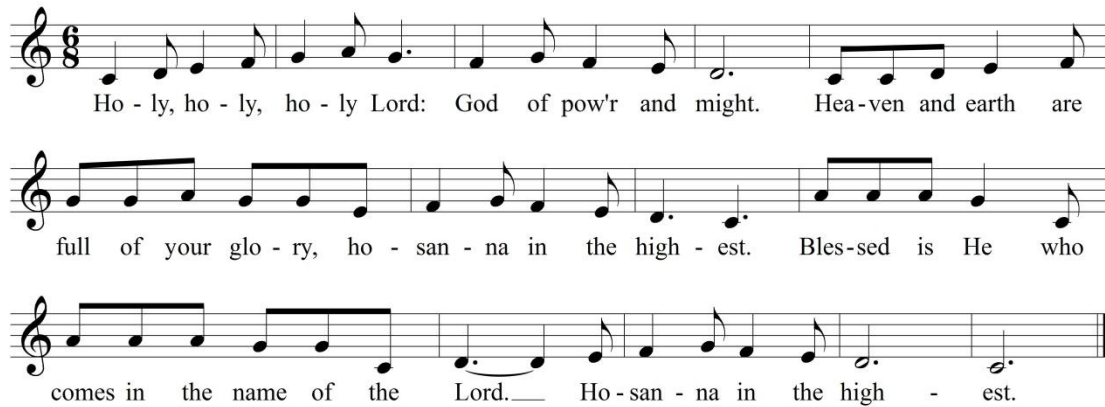
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

Blest Are They

GtG # 172

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

(Refrain)

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. **(Refrain)**

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. **(Refrain)**

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. **(Refrain)**

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. **(Refrain)**

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sandy Petznick

GREETER: Pam Arnsberger

COFFEE HOST: Shari Gallegos

OFFERING COUNTER: Pat Manning

COMMUNION: David Allshouse, Sharon Allshouse, Myles Billheimer

Unity Candle: Today we pray for Daesung Korean Presbyterian Church in Sunnyvale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week

Monday: Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Tuesday: Nurture Meeting at 10AM, Zoom

Bible Study: Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ at
1PM, Zoom. Please read Intro-Ch. 1

Enrichment Meeting at 2PM, Zoom

Wednesday: Red Cross Blood Drive, Hubler Hall, starts at 9AM by appointment
only using the Red Cross app.

Thursday: Choir Practice at 2PM

Next Week

Wednesday: Life Line Screening, Hubler Hall from 9AM-5PM