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Worship Bulletin for January 25, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel

You sent us your light and your salvation.

Hear us and restore us, Lord God Almighty

Help us to hear you and know you are here

All: Jesus Christ is our Lord, our light and our salvation.

Let us praise and worship him together.

***Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth

GtG # 14

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

(Refrain)

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,

hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: **(Refrain)**

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,

for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: **(Refrain)**

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,

friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: **(Refrain)**

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;

for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace, we confess that often so many voices clamor for our attention that your word is hard to hear. Forgive us if you have called us to be prophetic witnesses or to use our gifts to serve you, and we have not heard, or have been unwilling to respond. Lord Jesus Christ, you met four fishermen and said, "Follow me" - and they did... We confess that we do not expect to meet you on the familiar roads we travel and so we fail to discern your presence or your call on our lives. Holy Spirit, you empower us to recognize and to respond to the invitation of Jesus to follow him, even when that means travelling on unknown and unfamiliar paths... Merciful God, take from us all that hinders our hearing your voice and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit that we may joyfully respond to Jesus' call on our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

The good news is that even if we at first do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls again and again. When our words and actions separate us from God, let us listen and hear God's patient calling on our lives and live in the mercy granted us through Jesus Christ. 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.

Anthem

Lift Up Your Voice

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 at 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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

GtG# 724

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Light of the world, shine on us today. As your Word is read, illumine what we have not yet seen. Draw us toward your grace and send us out with your glory. Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalms 85:7-9

OT page #543

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Second Lesson:

Matthew 4:12-23

NT page #3

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles-- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith

We are God's work of art—each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight. We are God's handiwork—woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty. We are the church of Jesus Christ—diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are the Body of Christ—living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much. We are here to be reminded once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about. We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us. We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

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*)

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me?

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.

Congregational Meeting

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Pam Arnsberger

GREETER: Stan Cowan

COFFEE HOST: Linda Walker

OFFERING COUNTER: David Allshouse

Unity Candle: Today we pray for Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregation Meeting today

Printed copies available at church.

*Receive the budget *Committee reports *Approve pastor's terms of call

This Week

Monday: **Deacon Training at 9AM**

Deacons Meeting at 10AM, Thomas Lounge

Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Thursday: **Choir Practice at 2PM**