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Worship Bulletin for June 28, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Coty Catlin and Grainne O'Flynn

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (*responsive*) based in Psalm 89

Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;

With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;

God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

***Hymn** *Let Us Build a House, All Are Welcome* GtG # 301

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

(Refrain)

All are welcome; all are welcome;

all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **(Refrain)**

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;

a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **(Refrain)**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **(Refrain)**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives
and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is
different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive
those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess
that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.
We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living,
so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you
give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and
do. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind
us so that we can be your people.

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 *The Dawning of the Day* Coty Catlin and Grainne O'Flynn

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** *God Welcomes All* GtG # 399 (5x)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 28:5-9

OT page #730

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Second Lesson:

Matthew 10:40-42

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"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Sermon

Who Do You Welcome?

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**Affirmation of Faith (unison) from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Offering

Offertory

Amazing Grace

Coty Catlin and Grainne O'Flynn

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*)

O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

GtG # 753

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Al Cheney

GREETERS: Bill and Nancy Samsel

COFFEE HOSTS: Dan Atwell and Vibeke Orsini

ACCOMPANIST: Derek Hamersly

OFFERING COUNTER: Janet Maack

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Stone Church of Willow Glen in San Jose

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday:

- Lunch Cluster #1 meeting at The Whale City Café & Brewery
(7941 Soquel Dr., Aptos) hosted by Stan Cowan

Current and Upcoming Events

- General Assembly, June 22-July 2, Committee meetings, plenaries, and worship are livestreamed at pcusa.org
- July 6th: Office Closed
- Sept 19th: Autumnal Potluck (Progressive Dinner) at Keith McKenzie home at 4PM