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Worship Bulletin for August 2, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,

for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

As a father has compassion on his children,

so the Lord has compassion on us.

LET US WORSHIP OUR COMPASSIONATE GOD!

***Hymn**

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

GtG # 510

We gather here in Jesus' name;

his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;

for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:

Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.

Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread;

the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;

the one we love the most is now our gracious host:

Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.

Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;

we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;

now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:

Come, take the bread; come drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Compassionate and Gentle God, you have called us to love others as you have loved us. Yet, in our selfishness, we have rushed past those in need and wrapped ourselves in our own concerns. Forgive us for our hard hearts and lack of empathy. In your great compassion, cleanse us of our shortcomings. Send your Spirit to heal us, and open our eyes to the hurting world around us so we may be your hands and feet. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

Listen! Here is good news.

God will forgive us in your failure.

God will accept you as you are.

God will make us what we were meant to be.

This is the Good News of the Gospel; through Christ we are forgiven!

Let us sing to the glory of God.

Gloria Patri

GtG #581

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

Reflections by Meg Robinson

Eileen Hihm on Harp

Passing the Peace

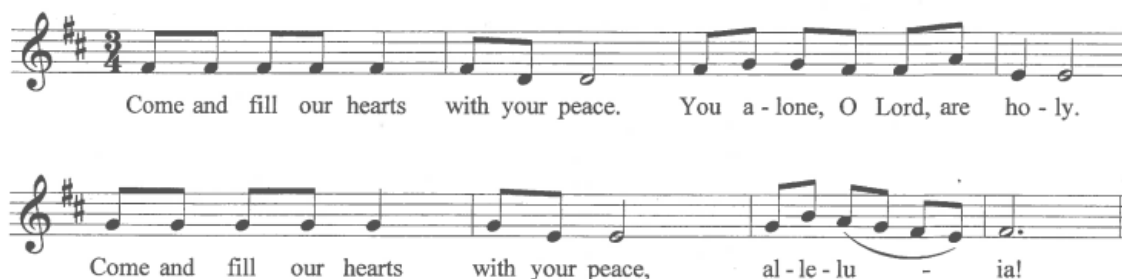
Prayers of the People

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer

Come and Fill



Prayers lifted to God

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.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

(Refrain)

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. **(Refrain)**

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **(Refrain)**

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. **(Refrain)**

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

First Lesson:**Romans 8:38-9:5****NT page #158**

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Second Lesson:**Matthew 14:13-21****NT page #16**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves

and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon

Compassionate Christ

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory

Schumann's Kinderszenen Scenes

Matthew Mather

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*)

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money,
symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

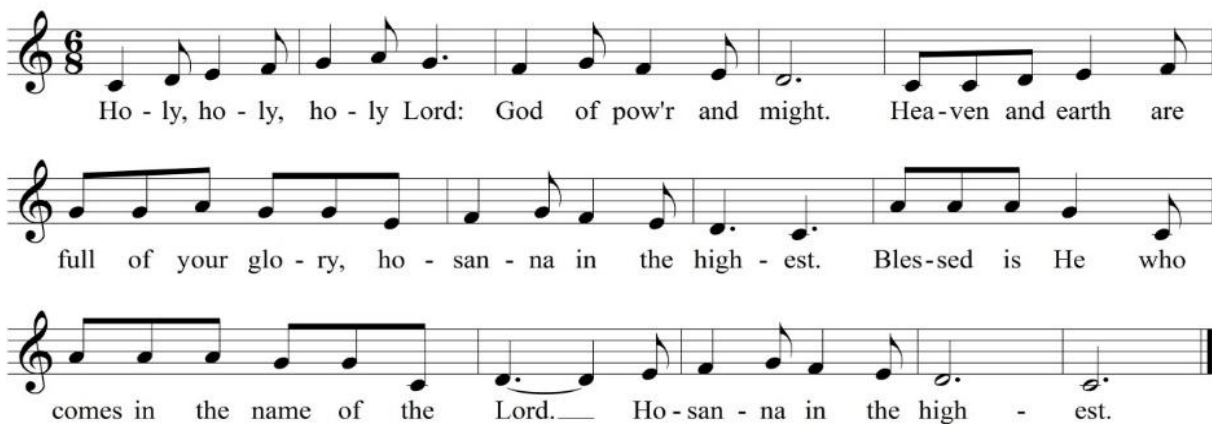
We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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: Stan Cowan

GREETER: Lori Burkett

COFFEE HOST: Al Cheney

ACCOMPANIST: Matthew Mather

COMMUNION: Keith McKenzie, Kathryn Adkins, and David Allshouse

OFFERING COUNTERS: Janet Maack and Linda Walker

Unity Candle: Today we pray for Westhope Presbyterian Church in Saratoga

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug 3-9: Anne is out of the Office for continuing education

Tuesday

- **Nurture Meeting at 10AM, Zoom**

Wednesday

- **Outreach Meeting at Noon, Zoom**

Upcoming Events

- **Aug. 16th:** Lunch Cluster #2 at Al Cheney's home after service (carpool over)
- **Aug. 22th:** Homeless Showers at St. John Church in Aptos from 11-2PM.
Please let Joanna know if you can help.
- **Aug. 22nd:** Home Cluster at Pam Arnsberger home at 4PM
- **Aug. 23rd:** Lunch Cluster #1 at Seascape Golf Club (610 Clubhouse Dr., Aptos)
- **Aug. 30th:** FFFF Luncheon, Hubler
- **Sept 19th:** Autumnal Potluck (Progressive Dinner) at Keith McKenzie home at 4PM

About Matthew Mather

Matthew is an upcoming senior at Soquel High School. His primary instrument is classical piano, though he also plays the trombone in the school band. Recently, Matthew has been getting into jazz piano and has really enjoyed how fun and different it is from classical music.

Matthew first started playing the piano for fun when he was around seven years old, but became more serious about it after COVID. Since then, music has become a big part of his life, and he's had the opportunity to participate in competitions, perform with others, and continue growing as a musician.

Outside of music, Matthew runs cross country and enjoys playing basketball whenever he has time. He's very grateful for the opportunity with the church, and I looks forward to getting to know everyone!