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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

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

From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!

The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.

Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve. AMEN.

***Hymn**

Here In This Place

GtG # 401

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;

See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;

Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;

Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;

Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:

Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord, we like BIG things. We have focused on big cars, big houses, big bank accounts, big, big, big! And you must be disappointed in us when we forget that from even the smallest thing something mighty can happen. Today the scriptures remind us of the smallness of the mustard seed and the tiny grain of yeast. Each of these things grew into something that offered shelter, peace, and hope, which became the treasures of compassion. Take away our need for the BIG possessions. Open our hearts to receive your word of love and healing, and let our spirits be ready to grow for you. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your faithful presence. For all things will work for the good for those who love God and are called according to God's purpose. AMEN.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Don't be frantic! God is working mighty things in your life. You have been given the spirit of hope and courage. God is with you. Place your trust in God's absolute care. AMEN.

*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

Francis Poulenc's Melancolie

Derek Hamesly

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



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.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Allelu, alleluia!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson:

1 Kings 3:5-12

OT page #306

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

Second Lesson:

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

NT page #14

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The

kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Sermon

Snap Shots of Heaven

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**Affirmation of Faith (from Lisa's Liturgies)*

In a time before all knowing, God is,
and God's breathe fills the emptiness, creating:
a universe, a world, an ecology, a biology and us, humankind.
All humankind, no exceptions, no imperfections;
and all of us beloved just as we are.

In a time before all knowing,
Christ Jesus watches the creating,
and steps out into creation:
becoming, living, dying, and rising, all for us.
All humankind, no exceptions, no reservations;
all of us just as we are, God's beloved.

In a time before all knowing the Spirit is,
and moves through every part of creation:
consoling, interceding, leading, and refreshing all the world, including us.
All humankind, no exceptions, no differentiations;
all of us just as we are, God's beloved.

Offering

Offertory

Derek Hamesly

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)*

Loving God, we present now what we have brought to you. Things that are both visible and invisible. The coins and paper represent our work and express in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also bring as an offering the fragile dreams and hopes that we have. These invisible gifts are what sustain our lives. Receive all that we have brought in love, O God. Amen

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

GtG # 450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Gwen Yeo

GREETER: Judy Zscheile

COFFEE HOST: Stan Cowan

ACCOMPANIST: Derek Hamesly

OFFERING COUNTERS: Kathryn Adkins and Gwen Yeo

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

- **July 26th:** Santa Cruz al-Salvador fundraiser luncheon at Noon at Trinity Presbyterian Church (420 Melrose Ave., off Morrissey Blvd.)

Upcoming Events

- **Aug 3-9:** Anne is out of the Office for continuing education
- **Aug. 22th:** Homeless Showers at St. John Church in Aptos from 11-2PM. Please let Joanna know if you can help.
- **Aug. 30th:** FFFF Luncheon, Hubler
- **Sept 19th:** Autumnal Potluck (Progressive Dinner) at Keith McKenzie home at 4PM