



**St. Andrew
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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

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

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
**That God's way may be known upon the earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the nations be glad and sign for joy,
For the Lord judges the people with equity.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the people praise you!

***Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

GtG#318

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinner, we confess that too often our words
and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show
indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we
pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name.**

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace *(responsive)*

God the Creator redeems you, forgives you and brings you new life.

We take hold of this forgiveness and live life in the Spirit of Jesus. 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.

Special Music

Celtic Suite by Enya

Cat and Larry Hampton

Passing the Peace

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, Have Mercy 551

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) (D) B^b C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) C (D/F[#]) F/A (F[#]m) Am (G) B^b (A) C (Bm) Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) B^b (D) F (A) (Bm) C Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Dsus) Fsus (D) F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

Help Us Accept Each Other

GtG#754

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

**Eternal Lord, hearing your word brings us joy, but we are also convicted by your truth.
Open our hearts to welcome your honest message this day, revealed to us in the pages
of scripture. Amen.**

First Lesson: **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8** **OTpage#686**

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Second Lesson: **Matthew 15:10-28** **NTpage #17**

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil

intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon

Pride and Prejudice

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory

Ashokan Farewell by Jay Unger

Cat and Larry Hampton

* 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*)

Merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for your goodness by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

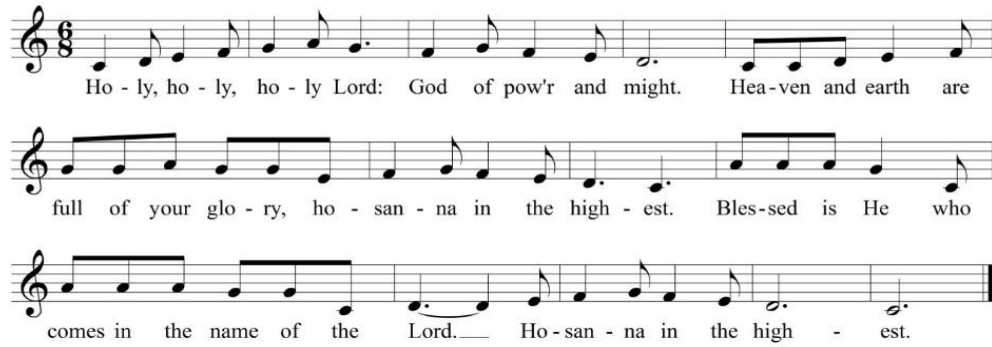
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



(response)

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

GtG#525

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

(Refrain)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees) **(Refrain)**

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees) **(Refrain)**

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

O God of Every Nation

GtG#756

O God of every nation, of every race and land,

redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.

Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,

in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,

from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,

From pride of race and station and blindness to your way,

deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release

from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;

When hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;

with faith that none can alter, your servants under-gird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Myles Billheimer

GREETER: Pam Arnsberger

COFFEE HOST: Stan Cowan

ACCOMPANIST: Matthew Mather

PREPARER: Keith McKenzie

COMMUNION: Dorothy Glaum, Janet Maack, Pat Manning

OFFERING COUNTERS: Pat Manning and Gwen Yeo

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

- **Lunch Cluster #2 at Al Cheney's home after service (carpool over)**

Monday

- **Operations Meeting at 10AM, Thomas**

Tuesday:

- **Session Meeting at 4PM, Zoom**

Friday

- **Information Meeting for NextStage show, "Elves Just Want to Have Fun" from 12:30-2PM, Hubler. Please come prepared to sing one of your favorite songs!**

Saturday

- **Homeless Showers at St. John Church in Aptos from 11-2PM. Please let Joanna know if you can help.**
- **Home Cluster at Pam Arnsberger home at 4PM**

Upcoming Events

- **Aug. 23rd:** Lunch Cluster #1 at Seascape Golf Club (610 Clubhouse Dr., Aptos) hosted by KloAnn Curtis
- **Aug. 30th:** Don Adkins Retirement 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 trombone in the school band. Recently, he's been exploring jazz piano and enjoying how fun and different it is from classical music.

Matthew started playing piano for fun around age seven and became more serious after COVID. Since then, music has become a big part of his life, giving him opportunities to compete, perform with others, and grow as a musician.

Outside of music, Matthew runs cross country and enjoys playing basketball. He's very grateful for the opportunity to be part of the church and looks forward to getting to know everyone!