



**St. Andrew
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Worship Bulletin for August 23, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

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

With eyes to see,

And ears to hear,

With lips to sing,

And hands to help:

Let us worship God with the fullness of our being.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn**

God of the Sparrow

GtG # 22

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,

How does the creature say Awe, How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe, How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace, How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care, How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love, How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy, How do your children say Home

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

There are far too many times, O Lord, when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others because it just wasn't convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless. With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ, direct our lives in compassionate service to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Through the abundance of God's mercy and forgiving love, you are empowered to be disciples, to reach out to others, to offer the words and deeds of hope in a struggling world. God's blessings are poured over you for this service.

*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

Prelude No. 2 by Gershwin

Chrisitan Stallard

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.

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **(Refrain)**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **(Refrain)**

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

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes and ears today.

As we read of Jesus asking, "Who do you say that I am?"

Silence any competing voices within us.

Give us the grace to make Peter's confession our own,

to see Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Transform our hearts by your truth, through Jesus our Lord. AMEN

First Lesson:**Isaiah 51:1-6****OT page #681**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon

Who Do You Say?

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, Spirit of life,
Creator of all that is and all that is to come;
who surrounds us and fills us;
who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.
We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God,
our brother and teacher;
who lived in prayer and in love.
Listening to God's voice and doing God's will,
he gave his life in love;
but God raised him to life that is eternal;
and so we follow him.
We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit,
God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.
We trust in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ,
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Bach Prelude no. 1 in C major

Christian Stallard

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*)

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy.
Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of
your love in the Word-made-flesh. 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.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sally Griffin

GREETER: Janet Maack

COFFEE HOST: Sally Griffin

ACCOMPANIST: Christian Stallard

OFFERING COUNTERS: David and Sharon Allshouse

Unity Candle:

This week we pray for Daesung Korean Presbyterian Church in Sunnyvale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

**Lunch Cluster #1 at Seascap Golf Club (610 Clubhouse Dr., Aptos)
hosted by KloAnn Curtis**

Monday

- Bells at 2:15PM, Thomas

Upcoming Events

- **Aug. 30th**: Don Adkins Retirement Luncheon, Hubler. Please RSVP with Joanna.
- **Sept 7th**: Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
- **Sept 19th**: Autumnal Potluck (Progressive Dinner) at Keith McKenzie home at 4PM
- **Sept 26th**: 4th N.E.A.R. Gathering at Gilroy Presbyterian Church. Please register by Sept. 12th at sanjosepby.org

Who is our Music Accompanist - Christian Stallard?

Christian Stallard is a 15-year-old Santa Cruz native. He has been playing piano since the fourth grade. He currently studies under Ben Dorfin in Santa Cruz and enjoys performing classical music, with Chopin as his favorite composer, though he also loves exploring other composers and genres. Outside of music, Christian is a competitive swimmer and enjoys playing video games with friends. Christian will be a junior in high school this coming fall, attending Pacific Collegiate School. He lives in Aptos with his parents and younger sister.