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Worship Bulletin for August 30, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

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

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

for great is the Holy One in our midst,

blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

***Hymn**

When in Our Music God is Glorified

GtG # 641

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

Sisters and brothers: hear this good news and see the grace of God:

You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love.

Thanks be to God. 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 *Save Us, O Lord* Carolyn Crocker, Myles Billheimer and Eileen Mihm

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.

***Hymn**

O for a World

GtG # 372

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Divine Light, shine on these pages that the stories may speak again to us today. Shine on our hearts that we might know how to respond. Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalm 100

OT page #552

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Lesson:

Romans 12:9-18

NT page #162

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Sermon

Musical Community

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith (*responsive*)

Together let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, our creator?

I believe in God, creator of all things, whose heavenly song sent the planets into motion. Even when we go astray, God calls us back, showing us the fullness of life and giving us new songs of praise for each and every day.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ who lived for us and among us, healing the sick, easing the burdens of all people, and teaching us the new song of God's kingdom. He showed his love for all God's children in his death and the hope for eternal life in his resurrection.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life who sings God's grace through all time and space. I listen for the Holy Spirit through the history of songs sung by all the communion of saints and through the unwritten songs of all who are to come in the future. I believe that God has a song for my life as well. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Thou Art Worthy

Don Adkins and Magic Fingers

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*)

Generous God, we offer our gifts to you, grateful for all you have given us, and grateful for the chance to give to others. Build up your church through these offerings, that we might be a place where your goodness is seen, practiced, and shared. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God

GtG # 853

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God;

we are dancing in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God;

we are dancing in the light of, the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God;
we are praying in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God;
we are praying in the light of, the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God;
we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God;
we are singing in the light of, the light of God.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sandy Petznick

GREETER: Connie Friel

OFFERING COUNTERS: Janet Maack and Sandy Petznick

Unity Candle: This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Dr. Don Adkins Retirement Luncheon, Hubler.

Monday

- Bells at 2:15PM, Thomas

Tuesday

- Nurture Meeting at 10AM, Zoom
- Enrichment Meeting at 2PM, Zoom

Upcoming Events

- **Sept 7th:** Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
- **Sept 19th:** Autumnal Potluck (Progressive Dinner) at Keith McKenzie home at 4PM
- **Sept. 22nd:** Bible Study starting at 1PM, Zoom. Please purchase your book, ***Pastrix, The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint by Nadia Bolz-Weber*** and read the Introduction through Ch.3
- **Sept 26th:** 4th N.E.A.R. Gathering at Gilroy Presbyterian Church. Please register by Sept. 12th at sanjosepby.org