



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

Welcome and Announcements

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

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, enable us to quiet our minds and bodies, to be still and know that you are God.

Help us hear you speak to us in our heart of hearts as that still small voice amidst the storms of life.

As we gather for worship, breathe in us your Holy Spirit to comfort, strengthen and guide us.

May we remember all the ways You have graced us, and hear again Jesus' assurance, "I am with you always."

Let us gather for worship giving thanks for God's presence, lending us courage to step out in faith, and confidence to follow where Jesus leads.

***Hymn:**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

GtG #39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise You for Your faithful love, and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name. Amen

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Receive God's liberating grace and know this: The love and strength of God will sustain us through the difficulties we may face and wills for us and all people, healing, wholeness and hope. 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

Chopin Prelude in F Sharp Major

Christian Stallard

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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:**

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

GtG #721

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

(Refrain)

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. **(Refrain)**

You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. **(Refrain)**

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me: **(Refrain)**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

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

First Lesson:

1 Kings 19: 9-18

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At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of

Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Second Lesson:

Matthew 14: 22-33

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Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sermon:

You Don't Have to Walk on Water

The Rev. Jane Grady

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison--from the Iona Abby Worship Book)

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

Offering

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, may these gifts be sufficient to meet the needs before us. May we be good stewards of your resources. And, may we be moved to live the generous life more deeply and completely in every aspect of our lives. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn:**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GtG #475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Nancy Samsel

GREETER: Stan Cowan

COFFEE HOST: Linda Walker

ACCOMPANIST: Christian Stallard

OFFERING COUNTER: Pam Arnsberger

Unity Candle: Today we pray for First Presbyterian Church of Santa Clara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday

- Deacons Meeting at 10AM, Thomas
- Enrichment Meeting at 2PM, 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) hosted by KloAnn Curtis
- **Aug. 30th:** FFFF Luncheon, Hubler
- **Sept 19th:** Autumnal Potluck (Progressive Dinner) at Keith McKenzie home at 4PM

About The Rev. Jane Grady

Jane moved to the area in 1980 to serve as Pastor of the La Selva Beach Community Church. Over the years she participated with St. Andrew and other mid-county churches in Easter Sunrise and Holy Week services, various feeding programs for the unhoused, the Chili Cook-Off, and the shower project. She especially loved the Mid-County Youth Group mission trip to Mexico. Retirement in 2022 brought an opportunity to combine her love of canines and service. With more time available to her, she was able to volunteer with Unchained, a non-profit partnering at risk youth with rescue dogs, and with her trusty therapy dog, Festiva, volunteer with the Animal Visitation program of the Red Cross serving the VA Clinic in Marina and with Tails to Tales, a reading program in libraries for children to read to a dog. For over 10 years she has volunteered with the Guide Dogs for the Blind Santa Cruz Puppy Raising Club, currently raising a puppy named Rosemary.

About 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.