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Worship Bulletin for September 6, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

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

God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

And I will give you rest."

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

Let us worship God this day!

***Hymn**

We Are One in the Spirit

GtG # 300

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;

we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,

and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

(Refrain)

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;

we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,

and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: **(Refrain)**

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;

we will work with each other; we will work side by side,

and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: **(Refrain)**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,

and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess that we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits while others may have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits. Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. And one where those who serve and care for others – in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places – are, themselves, also served and cared for. A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

Time for silent reflection

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

Our God is a God of grace and transformation. When we ask, God gives us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. 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

For All the Saints

Gail Swain

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

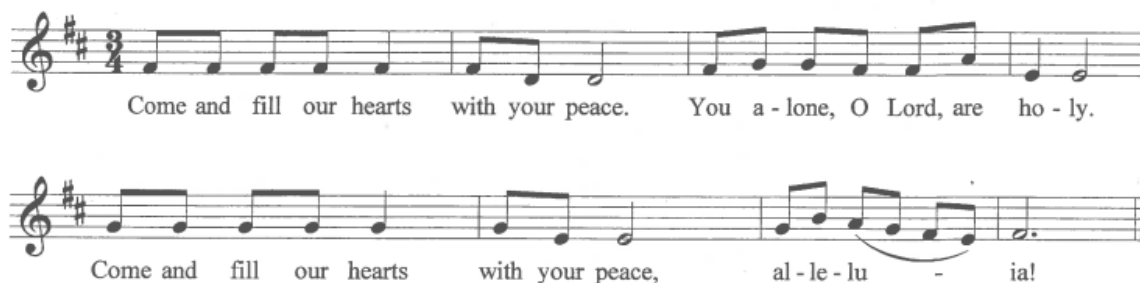
(For those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted at 831-345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Response: Lord, in your mercy and love, **hear our prayer.**

Song of prayer

Come and Fill



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 of All Hopefulness

GtG # 683

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Holy Spirit, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts, that we may hear your Word, walk in your ways, and truly live. Amen.

First Lesson:

Genesis 2:1-3

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Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather, let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

Sermon

Labor and Work Honestly

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory

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*)

God, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all that you have offered us.
We give because you gave. We love because you first loved us. Receive our gifts
and our lives, and use them, we pray, for your reconciling work in the world you
love. Amen.

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

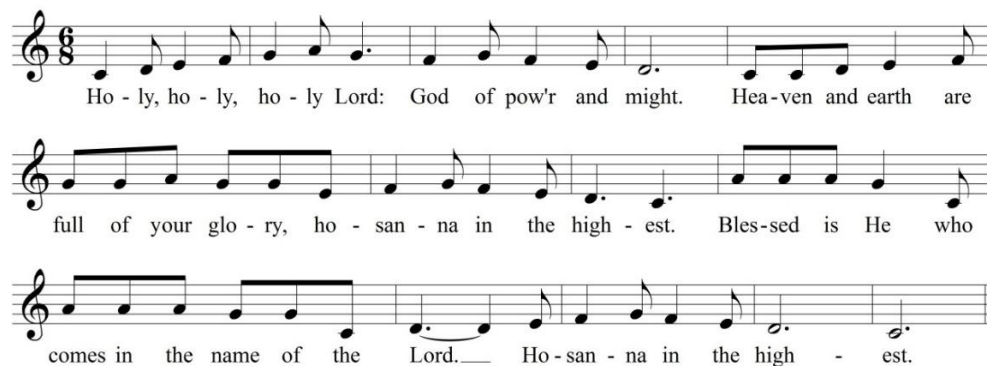
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

GtG # 488

"I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.

You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

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I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Pam Arnsberger

GREETER: Pam Arnsberger

COFFEE HOST: Janet Maack

ACCOMANIST: Eileen Mihm

COMMUNION: Pam Arnsberger and Shari Gallego

OFFERING COUNTERS: Shari Gallego and Pam Arnsberger

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday

- Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday

- Deacons Meeting at 10AM, Thomas

Wednesday

- Outreach Meeting at Noon, Zoom

Thursday

- Bells at 2PM
- Choir at 3PM

Upcoming Events

- **Sept 19th:** Autumnal Potluck (Progressive Dinner) at Keith McKenzie home at 4PM. Please let Jan Maack know what dish you'd like to share or need a ride either Sept. 6th or 13th after worship. Keith's address: 4 Kite Hill Rd., Pasatiempo.
- **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 sanjosephby.org
- **October 12~16:** Anne out of the Office