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Worship Bulletin for October 18, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 24:1-2) *(responsive)*
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it.
For God has founded it on the seas,
And established it on the rivers.
We belong to God, our breath, our work, our faith, belong to God.
LET US WORSHIP THE GOD OF BELONGING!

***Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* GtG # 716

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing,
teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Prayer of Confession
Creating One: We confess we don't always act and live as you dream for us. We pretend we are the only ones who belong. We reject our neighbors who are different or annoy us. We treat the very earth from which we are created as a thing, forgetting that like us, it is a living entity. We confess we forget that we belong to one another, to the earth, and to you O God. *(Silently reflect on belonging to God)*

Assurance of Grace

Despite mistakes and imperfections, you still belong to God. It is not conditional. God forgives you and remains with you. Remind your neighbor of their belonging in God's world and love.

Passing the Peace

You Belong.

As do you.

***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.
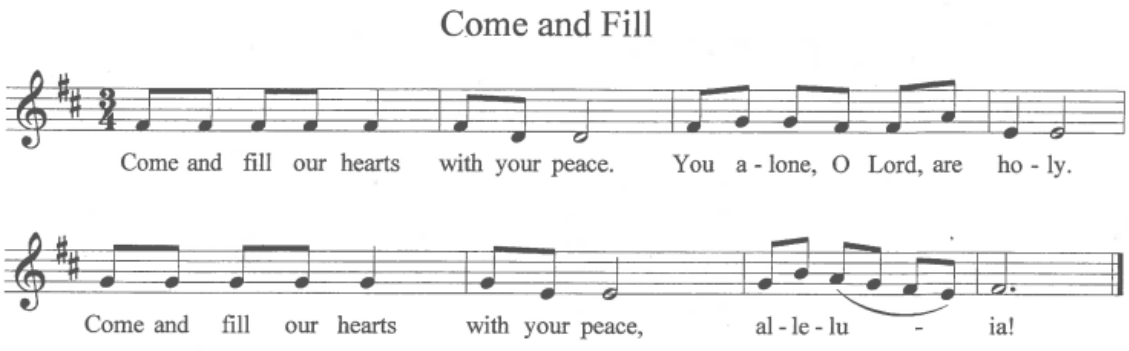
Special Music *Bach Prelude in C Minor* Matthew Mather

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



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** *Though I May Speak* GtG # 693

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *by Jerome (responsive)*

Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 10:12-15 OT page #167

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today.

Second Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22 NT page #24

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Sermon The Things That Belong to God The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offering Prayer** *(unison)*

Gracious God, we thank you for your immense provision and for reminding us that everything we have—and everything we are—belongs to you. We are not owners, but stewards of your abundant gifts. As we bring our tithes and offerings today, we dedicate them and ourselves to your service. Help us to manage our time, talents, and resources with wisdom, love, and a joyful heart, bringing glory to your name. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

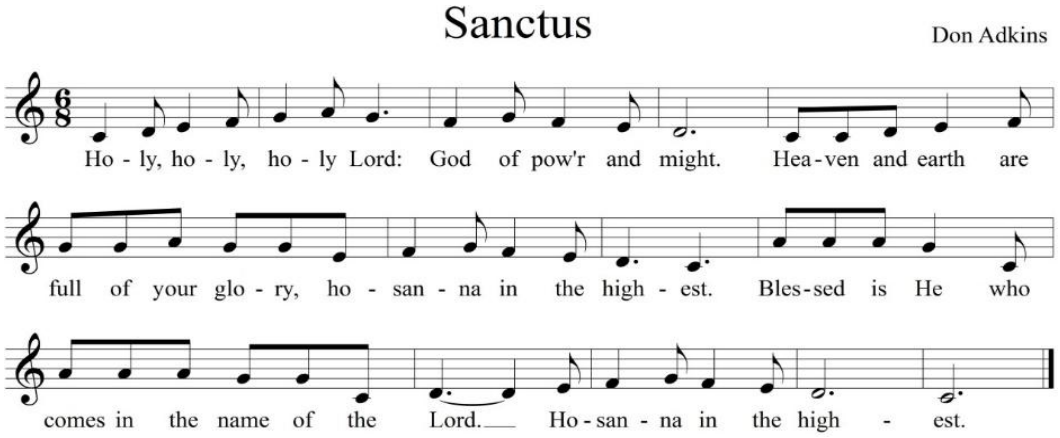
And also with you.

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.



WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** *Take My Life* GtG # 697

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction

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

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TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Pam Arnsberger

GREETER: Pam Arnsberger

COFFEE HOST: Gwen Yeo

ACCOMPANIST: Matthew Mather

COMMUNION: Pam Arnsberger, Kathryn Adkins, and Dorothy Glaum

OFFERING COUNTERS: Jan Maack and Gwen Yeo

Unity Candle: This week we pray for SOMOS Watsonville which is led by a Presbytery administrative commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's almost time to nominate for Elders and Deacons
If you have suggestions, please see Pat Manning after worship.

Sunday

- **Lunch Cluster #1: Seascape Golf Club (610 Clubhouse Dr., Aptos) after worship hosted by Connie Friel**

Monday

- Deacons Meeting at 10AM, Thomas Lounge
- Operations Meeting at 10AM, Office

Tuesday

- Bible Study at 1PM, Zoom. ***Pastrix, The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint by Nadia Bolz-Weber*** . Please read Ch.9 - Ch.11

Thursday

- Choir at 2PM
- Bells at 3PM

Saturday

- Home Cluster at 4:30PM, Bill and Nancy Samsel's home

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

- **Nov.** 15th: St. Andrew Day