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Worship Bulletin for October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

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

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

***Hymn**

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

GtG # 510

We gather here in Jesus' name; his love is burning in our hearts

like living flame; for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:

Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.

Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread; the Lord who pours the cup

is risen from the dead; the one we love the most is now our gracious host:

Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.

Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord

and coming King; now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:

Come, take the bread; come drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of Grace, We grieve that the church which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language, but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our sins as we commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ. In his name, Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (responsive)

As far as east is from west, so God removes our sins. (Ps. 103:12)

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

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.

Passing the Peace

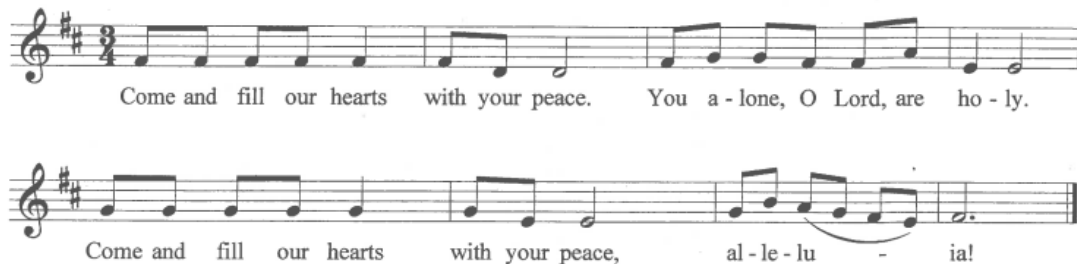
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(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

Come and Fill



Prayers lifted to God

*Hymn

I Come with Joy

GtG # 515

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved,
and free, the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find,
as all are fed, the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *(responsive)*

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Isaiah 5:1-7

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Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done on it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Second Lesson:

Matthew 21:33-46

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"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance. So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants? They said to him, "He will put

those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon

What's in a Vineyard?

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*)

Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love.
Amen.

Anthem

At the Table of the Lord by Jay Althouse

St. Andrew Choir

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

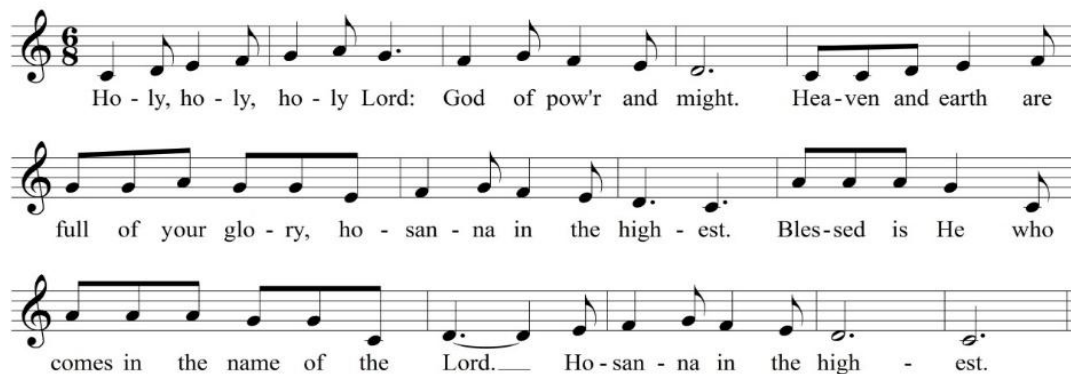
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



...as we dedicate ourselves again to you, thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

GtG # 361

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sandy Petznick

GREETER: Stan Cowan

COFFEE HOST: Mission Luncheon

ACCOMPANIST: Eileen Mihm

COMMUNION: Sandy Petznick and Shari Gallegos

OFFERING COUNTERS: Sandy Petznick

Unity Candle: This week we pray for St. Andrew Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's almost time to nominate for Elders and Deacons.

If you have suggestions, please see Pat Manning after worship.

Today

- Mission Luncheon after worship in Hubler. Lunch will be provided, with a basket to contribute, if you wish. Veronica Ota, the Presbytery Peacemaking and Justice Advocate, will speak with us about Hope Village in Watsonville. We will hear about Good Growth Garden and Veronica's enthusiasm for this ministry.

Tuesday

- Bible Study at 1PM, Zoom. *Pastrix, The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint by Nadia Bolz-Weber*. Please read Ch.6 - Ch.8

Thursday

- Bells at 2PM
- Choir at 3PM

Upcoming Events

- **Oct. 18th:** Lunch Cluster #1: Seascape Golf Club (610 Clubhouse Dr., Aptos) after worship hosted by Connie Friel
- **Oct. 24th:** Home Cluster at 4:30PM, Bill and Nancy Samsel's home