

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH 480 MONTEREY AVE. MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

October 16, 2022 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE

Ina Davenport

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven 🕂 and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult #696 (red book, rear section)

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christan, follow me":

As of old Saint Andrew heart is by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, sere and love you best of all.

[Hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander, a native of Ireland used to write poetry from a young age and hide the verses under the carpet. Her father, a strict taskmaster discovered them, and unexpectedly encouraged your Cecil. She married an Anglican priest who eventually became the Archbishop of all Ireland. She wrote the words of this hymn to match a sermon of her husband's on St. Andrew Day. Other famous hymns by her include All Things Bright and Beautiful and There is a Green Hill Faraway.]

GREETING

In the name of God the Creator, in the name of Christ the Redeemer, in the name of the Guiding Spirit, Alleluia, Amen.

GATHERING SONG (call and response)

Ray Makeever

Come, let us worship God....Come let us worship God. Come, let us worship God....Come let us worship God. Welcome everyone....Welcome everyone, To the love of God....To the love of God.

Rest for the weary....**Rest for the weary.** Rest for the weary....**Rest for the weary.** Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,** To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

Food for the hungry....**Food for the hungry.** Food for the hungry....**Food for the hungry.** Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,** To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

Hope for the children...**Hope for the children.** Hope for the children...**Hope for the children.** Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,** To the love of God...**To the love of God.**

KYRIE (call and response)

Ray Makeever

Kyrie eleison.....**Kyrie eleison** Kyrie eleison.....**Kyrie eleison** Kyrie....**Kyrie** Christe....**Christe** Kyrie....**Kyrie** Christe....**Christe** Kyrie, Christe eleison....Kyrie, Christe eleison Kyrie, Christe eleison....Kyrie, Christe eleison Kyrie, Christe eleison....Kyrie, Christe eleison

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray together... O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 32: 22-31

The first lesson for today is from the book of Genesis, the 32nd chapter, beginning with the 22nd verse.

The same night [that Jacob was worrying about the visit of his brother Esau,

whom he had cheated,

Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children,

and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone;

and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket;

and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said,

"Let me go, for the day is breaking."

But Jacob said,

"I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

So he said to him,

"What is your name?

And he said, "Jacob."

Then the man said,

"You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,

for your have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him,

"Please tell me your name."

But he said,

"Why is it that you ask my name?"

And there he blessed him.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying,

"For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM 121 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? **My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.** God will not let your foot be moved; the one who keeps you will not slumber. **The one who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

God is your keeper; God is your shade at your right hand. **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

God will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life. God will keep your going out and your coming in from this time and forevermore.

[New Revised Standard Version]

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

The Second Reading for today is from the letter of Second Timothy, the 3rd chapter, beginning with the 14th verse.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching,

- for reproof, for correction,
- and for training in righteousness
- so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,

equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,

who is to judge the living and the dead,

and in view of his appearing, and his kingdom,

I solemnly urge you:

proclaim the message;

be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine,

but having itching ears,

they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,

and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering,

do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

[The New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:1-8

The gospel lesson for today is from the 17th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 11th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

Then Jesus told [his disciples] a parable

about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said,

"In a certain city there was a judge

who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

In that city there was a widow who keep coming to him and saying,

'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

For a while he refused;

but later he said to himself,

'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."

And the Lord said,

"Listen to what the unjust judge says.

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night?

Will God delay long in helping them?

I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them.

And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

[The New Revised Standard Version]

This is the gospel indeed. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #815 (red hymnal, rear section)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

REFRAIN

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Sine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and who me the way to Jesus. REFRAIN

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

REFRAIN

[Composer and musician Kathleen Thomerson studied music at the Universities of Colorado and Texas, and in Antwerp and Paris. She served as organist and music director for a time at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. She wrote this hymn after visiting Evangelical Lutheran *Church of the Redeemer in Houston. Hence the name of the tune,* Houston!]

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, And he will come to judge the living and dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation. A brief silence.

For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground, especially in California and other Western States, after three years of drought. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Help us to promote justice and fairness in our criminal justice and law enforcement systems. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, refugees from climate justice or war, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all who are in special need of prayer today, we lift up:

- The family of Edith Tway who passed on Wednesday, October 12
- Ken Foran recovering from hip surgery
- Sandi and Keith Tygum- former members of Calvary who are homebound with multiple health issues.
- Ina Davenport Glaucoma has returned
- Katie Brochtrup recovering from vaccination side effects
- Sally Mingo Jennifer Kurrle's mother receiving therapy for knee injury
- Arthur Hendey, Kea McKee's brother spine surgery
- Paul Weggenmann Jean Senter's cousin pain with arthritis and dying of a disease that weakens muscles
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, continuing with in home care.
- Linda Luke- Recovering from treatment
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, living in a nursing home
- Becky Padilla- has responded well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- serious infection has returned
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Janelle Muff, for continuing good health
- Elaine Grawe- recovering well from brain surgery
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- For Laura Salazar and her family
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering boldly in Santa Maria, and for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID-19, for swift and effective recovery
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Dick Williams who celebrates his birthday TODAY!

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, especially Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice and redress on behalf of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS p. 173 (red hymnal, front section)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On Friday, Pastor Brian said the words of institution over this wine and bread, in anticipation that he would not be with us this morning. Therefore, may we as a congregation join in saying the words which he recited.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Ray Makeever

Christ, have mercy on us all, keep us steadfast e'er we fall. Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.

God, be with us at the feast. Grant us wisdom, give us peace. Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.

Holy Spirit, breathe again. Light the darkness, be our friend. Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.

Bake a great loaf, give it time; choose the best grapes from the vine. Break the bread, pour the wine Come and dine.

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. There is non-gluten bread available, and there is grape juice in the inner circle of the tray. When you come forward, the bread will be poured into your open hands, and you may choose a cup of wine or grape juice from the tray.

COMMUNION BLESSING

[After all have returned to their pews...]

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN In the Garden

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses. And the voice I hear, falling on my ear the Son of God discloses

REFRAIN And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own. And the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing REFRAIN

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night all around me is falling. But He bids me go, through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

REFRAIN

[The hymnwriter C. Austin Miles was a former pharmacist, and then an editor and publisher. According to his daughter, this popular hymn was written "in a cold, dreary and leaky basement in Pitman, New Jersey that didn't even have a window in it, let alone a view of a garden." It was popularized during the Billy Sunday evangelistic campaigns of the early 20th century.)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- Jean Senter for reading the sermon designed with Pastor Brian
- **Joyce Bauer** for assisting in worship.
- Nancy Koppl for teaching Sunday School.
- Sandy McMillan and others for counting the offering.
- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for assembling worship bulletins.
- **Nancy Padilla,** for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback,** for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo,** for tending to our inside property.
- Ken Brocks for his handyman work.

Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship for a celebration of Dick William's birthday there will be cake!
- **The Zoom discussion group** will not meet tonight at 7:00 pm, since the Stein-Webbers are out of town.
- **Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, October 19th, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **Outreach Committee** meets on Thursday, October 20th, 1:45 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Coffee Club** will be on Friday, October 21st, 9:00 am at Sea Pines Golf Course.
- **Sunday, October 23rd, 10:00 am,** worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall, **Appreciation Luncheon** after worship!
- **Zoom group** meets next Sunday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm. Discussion on the film *The Power* of *Forgiveness.*
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events: morrobaylutherans.org