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WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE

Ina Davenport

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING Shout to the Lord. #821 (red book, rear section)

**My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit (+) be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (Spanish setting)

page 175 (red hymnal, front part)

**Lord have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, mercy on us;
O Christ, have mercy.
Christ, mercy on us;
O Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray together... **Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The first lesson for Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Ecclesiastes, the 1st chapter, beginning with the 2nd verse.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities!
All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem,
applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom
all that is done under heaven;
it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with.
I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun;

and see, all is vanity and a chasing after the wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun,
seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me –
and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish?

Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun.

This also is vanity.

So I turned and gave my heart up to despair
concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun,
because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill
must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it.

This also is vanity and a great evil.

What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun?

For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation;

even at night their minds do not rest.

This also is vanity.

[New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 49:1-12 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak wisdom!

The meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

I will incline my ear to a proverb;

I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
**those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.
**For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,
that one should live on forever and never see the grave**

When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.
**Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations
though they named lands their own.**

Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.

[New Revised Standard Version]

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

The Second Reading for this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 3rd chapter of Colossians, beginning with the 1st verse.

[Paul writes:]

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it.

Pursue the things over which Christ presides.

Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you.

Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ –
that's where the action is.

See things from *Christ's* perspective.

Your old life is dead.

Your new life, which is your *real* life – even though invisible to spectators –
is your Christ in God.

Christ is your life.

When Christ (real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up too –
the real you, the glorious you.

Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death;
sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust,

doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it,
and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy.

That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God.

It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger.

It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better.

But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good:

bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

Don't lie to one another.

You're done with that old life.

It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put into the fire.

Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe.

Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator,
with God's label on it.

All the old fashions are now obsolete.

Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider,
uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing.

From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

[*The Message*]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:13-21

The gospel lesson for this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 12th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 13th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

Someone out of the crowd said,

“Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family inheritance.”

He replied,

“Mister, what makes you think it’s any of my business
to be a judge or mediator for you?”

Speaking to the people, he went on,

“Take care!

Protect yourself against the least bit of greed.

Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.”

Then he told them this story:

“The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop.

He talked to himself:

‘What can I do?

My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’

Then he said,

‘Here’s what I’ll do:

I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones.

Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself

Self, you’ve done well!

You’ve got it made and can now retire.

Take it easy and have the time of your life!’

“Just then God showed up and said,

‘Fool! Tonight you die.

And your barnful of goods – who gets it?’

“That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

[*The Message*]

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN See Ye First the Kingdom of God Karen Lafferty, David Huff

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you.
seek and ye shall find.
knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia**

**We do not live by bread alone
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, especially Nancy Koppl and Jean Senter, seminary

professors, especially from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food, especially those in San Luis Obispo County. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress, and others in need of our prayers, especially,

- Paul Kenealy, returning to work after a serious kidney issue
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, and husband of Mike- now in rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- completed final round of chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law- recovering from a stroke
- Edith Tway- moving from the hospital again to rehab
- George Tway- supporting Edith
- Becky Padilla- whose doctors are turning to different healing techniques
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- recovering from a complicated bladder replacement surgery
- Tim Stein, Pastor Mary's brother- living under hospice care
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- adjusting to the new baclofen pump
- 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
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Garrett Stapp, husband and father of 2 young children and son in law of the Brochtrup's neighbors John and Judy Jeter - awaiting a heart transplant
- For Vern and Edith West, that they stay safe and healthy
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering boldly in Santa Maria, and for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants, and that we might continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Gail Brochtrup, Darel Sorensen, Mollie Lange, Nancy Padilla and Ronnie Smith who celebrate their birthdays this week, and Ron & Audrey Forster who celebrate their wedding anniversary

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place Especially bless our co-presidents Gail Brochtrup and Joyce Bauer, our secretary Janet Lorenzo, and our treasurer, Sandy McMillan. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We also offer these prayers, spoken and unspoken, from those assembled here [*offer your prayers, either aloud or silent*]...

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
May we work toward a world where nobody is hungry,
in the name of Jesus.**

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Take My Life That I May Be #583 (red hymnal, rear section)

REFRAIN

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; 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.**

REFRAIN

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

REFRAIN

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

REFRAIN

**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.**

REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Mary Stein-Webber**, 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** for streaming worship, assembling worship bulletins and editing our newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.

Events this week:

- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, discussing how God is showing up in our lives.
- **Coffee Club** will meet on Monday, tomorrow at 9:00, at Top Dog in Morro Bay
- **Men's Group** meets on Tuesday, August 2nd, 1:00 to 2:30 at the Stein-Webber house, 1302 17th St., Los Osos
- **Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, July 20th, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall
- **The Worship Planning Workshop** will be this Saturday, August 6, 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday, August 7th, 10:00 am**, worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall.
- **Note that we are still strongly asking for the use of masks in worship**, for the sake of those whose health is compromised or weak. Until further notice, we will not be holding fellowship hour after worship.