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WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE

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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, our sins are forgiven.

We are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty #533 (red book, rear section)

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.**

**Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now.**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

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... **Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

The first lesson for Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Genesis, the 15th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

After [the travels and adventures of Abram and Sarai],
the word of God came to Abram in a vision:
“Don’t be afraid, Abram.
I’m your shield.
Your reward will be grand!”

Abram said,

“God, Master, what use are your gifts
as long as I’m childless
and Eliezer of Damascus is going to inherit everything?”

Abram continued,

“See, you’ve given me no children,
and now a mere house servant is going to get it all.”

Then God’s Message came:

“Don’t worry, he won’t be your heir;
a child from your body will be your heir.”

Then God took him outside and said,

“Look at the sky. Count the stars.
Can you do it? Count your descendants!
You’re going to have a big family Abram!”

And he believed!

Believed God!

God declared him “Set-Right-with-God.”

[The Message]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

God looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on earth.

God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

A ruler is not saved by the size of the army,

nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

The horse gives vain hope for victory;

despite its great strength it cannot save.

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you O God,

upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

to deliver their lives from death,

and to keep them alive in time of famine.

Our innermost being waits for you, O God, our helper and our shield.

Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O God, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

[New Revised Standard Version]

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The Second Reading for this Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 11th chapter of Hebrews, beginning with the 1st verse.

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith,
is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we
can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word,
what we see created by what we don't see.

By an act of faith, Abraham and Sarah said yes to God's call
to travel to an unknown place that would become their home.

When they left they had no idea where they were going.

By an act of faith they lived in the country promised them,
lived as strangers camping in tents.

Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel did the same,
living under the same promise.

Abraham and Sarah did it by keeping their eyes on an unseen city
with real, eternal foundations –
the City designed and built by God.

By faith, barren Sarah was able to become pregnant,
old woman as she was at the time,
because she believed the One who made a promise would do what they said.

That's how it happened that from one person's dead and shriveled loins
there are now people numbering into the millions.

[The Message]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **page 179 (red hymnal, front section)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:32-40

The gospel lesson for this Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 12th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 32nd verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

[Jesus said,]

“Do not be afraid, little flock,
for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Sell all your possessions, and give alms.
Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out,
an unfailing treasure in heaven,
where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;
be like those who are waiting for their owner to return from the wedding banquet,
so that they may open the door for them as soon as they come and knock.
Blessed are those servants whom the owner finds alert when they come;
truly I tell you, the owner will fasten their belt
and have the servants sit down to eat,
and will come and serve them.
If the owner comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn,
and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

“But know this:
if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming,
they would not have let their house be broken into.
You also must be ready,
for the Son of Humanity is coming at an unexpected hour.”

[*The Message*]

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

SERMON Treasure and Purse Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN Lord of All Hopefulness #765 (red hymnal, rear section)

**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 kindness, 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.**

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.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit, especially Pastor Brian. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment, especially Somalia and South Sudan. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence, especially Ukraine, Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, Burundi, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Democratic Republic of Congo and Libya. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you, especially Jean Garrison, and Ben and Nathaniel Stein. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation, especially Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz and community meals in Los Osos and Morro Bay, and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be with those in need for healing, recovery, assistance or other things, especially,

- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, 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
- Pastor Mary - the passing of her brother, Tim Stein
- 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 - recovering from 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 August Muff who celebrates his birthday this week

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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

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.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
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

Holy, Holy **p. 181 (red hymnal, front section)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God,
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,
God of might and power, holy is the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 hear and sing the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, which 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.**

LAMB OF GOD

p.174 (red hymnal, front section)

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
**Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Blessed Assurance #638 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

REFRAIN

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

REFRAIN

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with God's goodness, lost in God's love.**

REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Nikki Rocha**, 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.

- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.

Events this week:

- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, discussing how God is showing up in our lives.
- We will cook and serve for the **Morro Bay Community Dinner** on Monday, August 8th, bringing food at 3:45 pm.
- **Bible Study** on Wednesday, July 20th, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall
- **The Church Council** will meet on Thursday, August 11th, at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Sunday, August 14th, 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.