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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 This is My Father's World #824 (red book, rear section)

**This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand these wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's word; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; God shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear God pass; God speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

**This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that,
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad.**

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... **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The first lesson for today is from the book of Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter, beginning with the 15th verse.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today,
by loving the Lord your God, walking in God's ways,
and observing God's commandments, decrees, and ordinances,
then you shall live and become numerous
and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them,

I declare to you today that you will perish;
you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today
that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God,
obeying God, and holding fast to God,
for that means life to you and length of days,
so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors,
to Abraham and Sarah, to Isaac and Rebekah, and to Jacob and Leah and Rachel.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**but their delight is in the law of God,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind dries away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**for God watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

The Second Reading for today is from the book of Philemon, beginning with the 1st verse.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister,
to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:
Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers,
I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints
and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.
I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective
when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.
I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love,
because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,
yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love –
and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus,
whose father I have become during my imprisonment.
Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.
I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.
I wanted to keep him with me,
so that he might be of service to me in your place
during my imprisonment for the gospel;
but I preferred to do nothing without your consent,
in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.
Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while
so that you might have him back forever,
no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother –
especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.
If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.
I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand:
I will repay it.
I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.
Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord!
Refresh my heart in Christ.
Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you,
knowing that you will do even more than I say.

[The New Revised Standard Version]

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

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

Alleluia!

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:25-33

The gospel lesson for today is from the 14th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 25th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus];
and he turned and said to them,

“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

For which of you, intending to build a tower,
does not first sit down and estimate the cost,
to see whether you have enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when you have laid a foundation and are not able to finish,
all who see it will begin to ridicule you, saying,

‘This person began to build and was not able to finish.’

Or what ruler, going out to wage war against another ruler,
will not sit down first and consider
whether they are able with ten thousand
to oppose the one who comes against them with twenty thousand?

If they cannot, then while the other is still far away,
they send a delegation and ask for the terms of peace.

So therefore, none of you can become my disciple
if you do not give up all your possessions.

[The New Revised Standard Version]

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Cost of Discipleship

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN One Bread, One Body #496 (red hymnal, rear section)

REFRAIN

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.**

REFRAIN

**Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.**

REFRAIN

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.**

REFRAIN

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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith, especially with the congregations of our conference, including La Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, especially tomatoes, broccoli, peaches, avocados, strawberries and for streams and other bodies of water. We also pray for farm workers who are facing the premature end of the harvesting season, due to high temperatures and wind. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations, especially Morro Bay Council members John Heading, Jeff Heller, Dawn Addis, Jennifer Ford and Laurel Barton, and San Luis Obispo County Supervisors, John Peschong, Bruce Gibson, Dawn Ortiz-Legg, Lynn Compton and Debbie Arnold. Grant wisdom to those who govern and

raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community and beyond who need your care, especially,

- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, now in on-going rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- completed final round of chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, living in a nursing home
- Aparicio family dealing with an unexpected loss of a loved one, Jacob Tovar
- Edith Tway- multiple health problems, back at home
- George Tway- supporting Edith
- 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- recovering from bladder replacement surgery
- The family of Tim Stein, whose memorial will be on September 24th
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- adjusting to her 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
- 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 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 Heidi Carney who celebrates her birthday this week

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We also offer up prayers for the following:

(you may pray silently or out loud)

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors, especially Peter Claver, priest and missionary. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 (spoken)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

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 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. 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:

**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 Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer #618 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises I will raise for evermore,
I will raise for evermore.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Cindy Haener**, 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.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and 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 conversation and fellowship.
- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, discussing how God is showing up in our lives.
- **Men's Group** will meet this Tuesday, September 6th, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house (1302 17th St., Los Osos).
- Also on Tuesday (Monday is a holiday) the **Coffee Club** will meet at Buttercup at 9:00.
- **Bible Study** on Wednesday, September 7th, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- The **Church Council** will be meeting this Thursday, September 8th, at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- You are encouraged to bring in your donations to the church for the **October 1st Parking Lot Sale**. (We have learned that the Harbor Festival, usually planned for this weekend, will not be taking place this year.). There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee counter in the Fellowship Hall. Please help with this very important fund raiser!
- **Sundy Undy!** Every Sunday in September will be a "Sundy Undy" Sunday! We're collecting underwear and socks in all sizes for Iglesia and the Prado center. If you prefer, you may make a cash donation instead of shopping for undies. Just place your donation in an offering envelope and mark it "undies".
- **Sunday, September 11th, 10:00 am**, worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall. Immediately after worship, we will dedicate the new stained glass window in the narthex, crafted by Ken Foran.
- **Note that we are still asking for the use of masks in worship**, for the sake of those whose health is compromised or weak. We are grateful that COVID cases are going down in our area, and that we may lift this requirement soon.
- 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