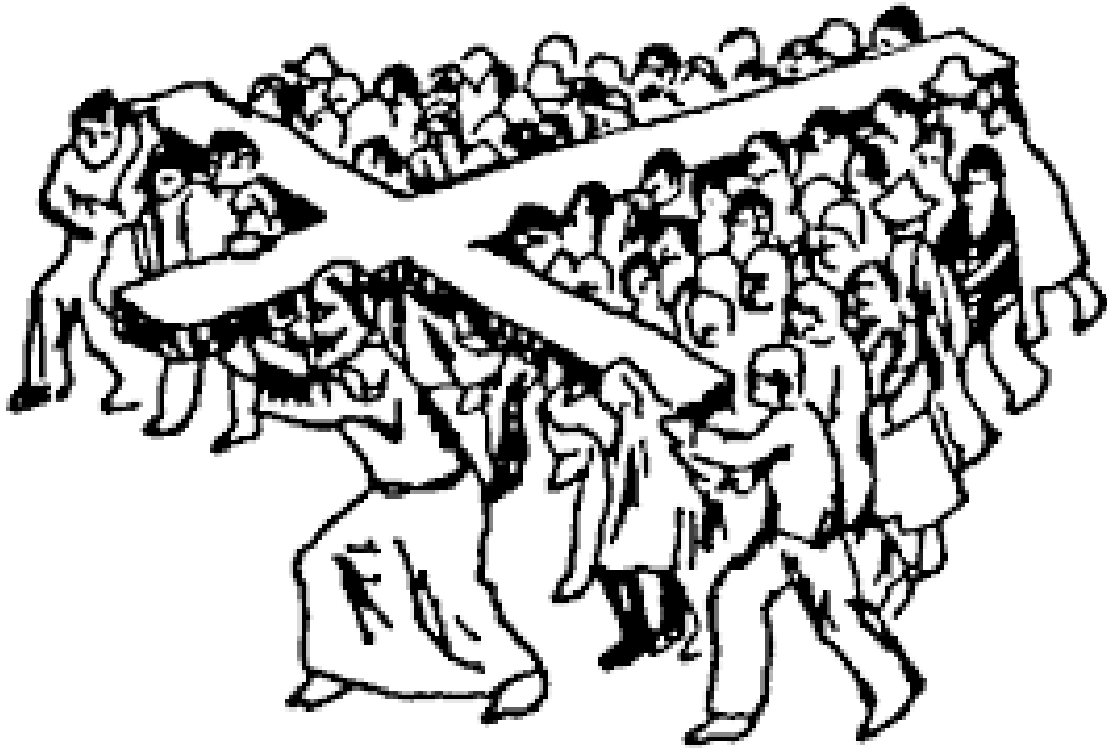




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**September 3, 2023**  
**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



**PRELUDE**

**John Cribb**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

## ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING

### We Are the Church

Jay Beech

**The church is not a building where people go to pray;  
it's not made out of stick and stones; it's not made out of clay.**

#### CHORUS

**We are the church, the body of our Lord;  
we are all God's children. We have been restored.**

**You can go to worship but you cannot go to church;  
you can't find a building that's alive no matter how you search.**

#### CHORUS

**The church is not a business, a committee or a board;  
it's not a corporation for the business of the Lord.**

#### CHORUS

**The church, it is the people living out their lives,  
called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ.**

#### CHORUS

### GREETING

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

Come let us worship God (repeat throughout).

Come let us worship God.

Welcome everyone,

To the Love of God.

Rest for the weary...

Food for the hungry...

Hope for the children...

## KYRIE

Ray Makeever

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

**[Repeat last line two more times in a round.]**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Let us pray together.

**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

### **FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

*[The congregation will read the **bold** words.]*

O Lord, you know;

remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

**Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?**

**Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.**

Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

**And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;**

**they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,**

**for I am with you to save you and deliver you,**

**says the Lord.**

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 26:1-8 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**Test me, O God, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.

**I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O God,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**God, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

**Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21  
(The congregation reads the bold words.)**

[Paul writes:]

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine;  
hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;  
love one another with mutual affection;  
outdo one another in showing honor.  
Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.  
Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

**Contribute to the needs of the saints;  
extend hospitality to strangers.**

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.  
Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.  
Live in harmony with one another;  
do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;  
do not claim to be wiser than you are.  
Do not repay anyone evil for evil,  
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

**If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**  
Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;  
for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them;  
if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;  
for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."  
**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    Open Your Ears #519 (verse 1) (red hymnal, front section)**

**Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

## **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28**

The gospel lesson for this Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the 21<sup>st</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, O God.**

**(The congregation shall read the bold words.)**

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,]  
Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem  
and undergo great suffering  
at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes,  
and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

**And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,  
"God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."**

But he turned and said to Peter,

"Get behind me, Satan!

You are a stumbling block to me;

for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples,

"If any want to become my followers,

let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it,

and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?**

**Or what will they give in return for their life?**

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father,  
and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death

before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Open Your Ears (refrain)

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)  
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

SERMON

Pastor Brian

SERMON HYMN

Borning Cry #732

(red hymnal, rear section)

“I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”

“I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

## 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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.  
*A brief silence.*

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict, especially in Eritrea, Sudan, Ukraine, Mali, Niger, Benin, Ecuador and Syria. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and ensure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

**God of healing, we name before you today those who suffer pain or illness, separation from loved ones or isolation, sorrow or distress, especially,**

- Reverend Caro and Jill – seeking to resolve conflict with neighbors
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Robin Karas – back at French Hospital
- Mark Shuck – Gail B.’s brother –recovering from shoulder surgery
- Pastor David Ryal – recovering from heart surgery and being monitored for other conditions
- Christian – Heidi Carney’s son – dealing with multiple ailments
- Dick Williams – enjoying healing of his back
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Joyce Bauer – being monitored for condition
- Wes, brother of John Cribb – facing the choice between kidney dialysis and kidney transplant
- Byron Nelson - friend of Jacoby's - Cancer
- Mike Johnson - lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – dealing with illness
- Heidi Carney – Puzzling spots in her lungs
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – preparing to move to assisted living
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Aaron Brochtrup - for perseverance and patience while he works to recover from his injuries
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – learning to live with condition
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- weighing treatment options for persistent infection
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID

- For the people in Turkey suffering from the earthquake, and the IMPACT Missionaries
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Melina Jacoby and Heidi Carney who celebrate their birthdays this week

**Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.**

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray also, O God, for those whom we have not named yet, but are also in need of our support and intercession, especially, [*You may name out loud or in your heart, those who are on your hearts*]

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor, especially Linda Luke. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us share that peace with one another.

## **OFFERING SONG**

**Ray Makeever**

**What have we to offer? What have we to share?  
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.  
God will not falter; so let us dare  
lay it at the altar there.**

**What have we to offer? What have we to bring?  
Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;  
dreams of what we're after, promises of when.  
Lay it at the altar then.**

**What have we to offer? What have we to give?  
Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;  
truth that must be spoken, justice somehow.  
Lay it at the altar now.**



## **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, HOLY (spoken)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our 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 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 ON US ALL**

**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. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. 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. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:  
**Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
AMEN.**

## **BLESSING**

The God of glory,  
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**Canticle of the Turning #723 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to  
west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

**REFRAIN**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.**

**REFRAIN**

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from their throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.**

**REFRAIN**

**Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast;  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.**

**REFRAIN**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**John Cribb**

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Thank you to:

- **Katie Edson** for being assisting minister.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer and others** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and Jim Luke for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling bulletins and the 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.

- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will not meet tonight. The next discussion group will be on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow, Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The lessons to be discussed will be Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 1:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.
- **Coffee Club** will be on **Tuesday, September 5** at the Nautical Bean in Los Osos.
- The **Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- There will be a **CHURCH WORKDAY on Saturday, September 16**. The day will start with a pizza lunch at 12:00. There is a sign-up sheet going around.
- The **Pancake Breakfast** will be held on **Sunday, September 24** after the service. The free will offering will benefit our Compassion Child, Charite.
- 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**