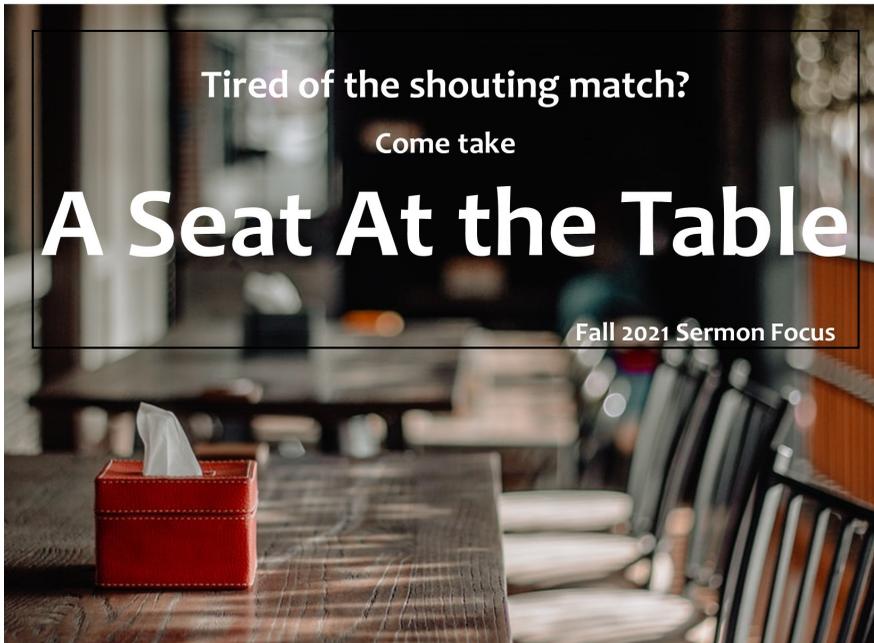


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Stockton, CA**

November 14, 2021—10:30 a.m.



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~GATHERING THE FAMILY OF GOD~

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE HISTORIC CHURCH BELL

INTROIT

Temple Choir

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ashley Love

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ashley

One: Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places,

All: Offering us the grace of new life.

One: When we see nothing but hopelessness,

All: You surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

One: Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds,

All: And fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace.

One: Amen, let us raise our voices together.

GATHERING HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#353

V.1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

V.2. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

V.3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

V.4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Sue McCormack

One: Join me as we pause a moment with the part of the Lord's prayer that invites us to reconciliation. Let us ask God first to forgive our debts and then to help us to forgive our debtors.

All: God of justice and mercy, we know that we so often miss the mark. We fall short of your commandments to love you with our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We neglect to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you as you have directed us. Jesus our redeemer, forgive us and give us strength to follow your way that peace may begin first within our hearts and in our lives. (moment of contemplation)

God of the cross, we also lift up to you our wounds, confessing when others have hurt us, disrespected us, have not treated us with justice, mercy, and humility. Holy Spirit, fill the space between what we needed and what was given, and heal us so that we would not return or pass along the wrongdoing we have experienced. Be our hiding place and our firm foundation as we seek to forgive and live in freedom while speaking the truth in love.

A MOMENT FOR CONTEMPLATION

(This single minute of quiet is offered to encourage you to share your personal thoughts with God as well as listen to God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sue McCormack

One: Because of Christ's resurrection, we know that sin cannot have the last word, whether it is our sin or the sin done to us.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and claimed as God's beloved.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sue McCormack

One: Having received such an amazing gift of grace and peace in Jesus Christ, let us share it with each other. May the peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let's share the peace of Christ with each other, with a wave or a text or any greeting that is available to us.

CHILDREN'S CHECK IN

ANTHEM

Faithful to Me

Temple Choir

~HEARING GOD'S WORD~

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

Sue McCormack

One: Holy Spirit, speak to us as we listen to your word and shape us as your people.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Isaiah 56:1-8

Sue McCormack

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:15-19

Pastor Ashley

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A Seat at the Table: Remember the Holy No

Pastor Ashley

REFLECTION SONG

Be Still and Know that I am God

#414

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

(Repeat)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

VETERANS DAY PRAYER

Holy and Loving God, we give you thanks for the veterans among us, those living and the saints who have gone before. Thank you for their service and sacrifice. Guide us, Lord, as we seek to love our veteran neighbors and render them honor. We lift up those who live with injuries and those who are healing from physical or psychological wounds. We pray for those who have witnessed devastation and death, for those who live with painful memories of losing friends and family. We pray for veterans who are adjusting back to civilian life, finding work and a new lifestyle when they have experienced so much. May we support and comfort them as beloved members of our community. Fold these children of yours into your arms and into your church.

Jesus our present help in times of trouble, we pray for those currently serving, asking that you would protect them and their families. Heal the hurts of the world and bring us together as your people. Lead us, God, to work together toward the pursuit of your promised reign when nation shall not lift sword against nation, and neither shall we learn war anymore.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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 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.**

~GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD~

***SENDING HYMN** *It is Well with My Soul* #840

V.1. When peace like a river attendith my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain It is well (it is well) with my soul; (with my soul;) it is well; it is well with my soul.

V.2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain
V.3. He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain
V.4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain.

- *BENEDICTION**
- *CHORAL AMEN**
- *POSTLUDE**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for **Coffee Hour via Zoom** this Sunday at 12:30pm. The meeting ID number is 862 6004 7427 or you can call in using the number 669 900 9128 and put in the meeting ID number just like a conference call. See your email for a clickable link.

We hope you can join us for the mid-week **Prayer Gathering Thursdays at 10am** in Callistro Park or the Parlor if it's too cold to be outside. Bring your mask and a chair.

Our last Tuesday night **study of the book of Acts** will meet on Tuesday the 16th. We will resume after the first of the New Year.

We hope you can plan to join us **today** for a **book discussion** following worship. The book is *Thou Shalt Not be a Jerk* by Eugene Cho. Snacks and coffee will be served.

Call to Congregational Meeting, Sunday November 21st, following worship, for the purpose of electing officers and the congregational representatives to the Nominating and Support and Endowment Committees, and voting on a proposed amendment to the Support & Endowment Plan.

Looking ahead—the Church Office will be closed the week of November 22nd.

Lectionary November 21st:

2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) or Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
and Psalm 93~ Revelation 1:4b-8 ~ John 18:33-37

REQUESTED PRAYERS

The Church Office and members of the church receive several prayer requests each week. *Please pray for:*

- ◆ Prayers for Cynthia Allison as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for Margaret Zuckerman who fell and fractured her hip.
- ◆ Prayers for Don Hover, who has terminal muscular atrophy and for Mary Lou for strength and direction during this difficult time.
- ◆ Prayers for Ruth Strombom, who fell and broke her hip, is wheelchair bound, and at a rehab facility in Washington.
- ◆ Continued prayers of thankfulness that Joy Panzer is making progress on her healing journey.
- ◆ Prayers for Tom Alexander as he recovers from a stroke at home (after a 4 week hospital stay).
- ◆ Prayers for Marilyn Vaughn's work colleague, Pam, whose husband was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and is responding to treatment.
- ◆ Prayers of joy that Kathy White has been transferred to Lincoln Square. You can mail a card to her there (room 4B) or drop them off at the front desk.
- ◆ Prayers also for Kathy's son, Tom, and daughter-in-law, Olivia, who are dealing with pregnancy complications.
- ◆ We pray for healing for Gretchen Louden's friend, Hamish, who is recovering from a recent heart procedure.
- ◆ Prayers for Eleanor Lawrence's friends Susanne and Paul, whose son Drew is in out of the hospital but still has a long recovery.
- ◆ Prayers for the Vaughns' sons' Pastor's wife, Jane Pool, and her family. She was in an auto accident. She is home recovering.
- ◆ Prayers for Jim Sepiol as he continues his recovery from hip replacement surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for relief from hand pain for Cecelia Muller.
- ◆ Marilyn Lloyd asks for prayers for her grandniece's mother-in-law, Anne, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer, as well as prayers of support for her family.
- ◆ We ask for healing and restoration for all those who face medical challenges, especially COVID-19 and the after effects of the virus:
 - Kim Roider's cousin whose Parkinson's disease progressing.
 - Michelle Thompson, Cynthia Allison's sister's daughter-in-law, who had cancer surgery, could not tolerate chemo, and is now waiting to see if the tumor returns.
 - Mara Duffy requests prayer for David Washburn for health reasons

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If you have a prayer request, please contact the Church Office or Pastor Ashley.

Joys and concerns are added to the prayer list of the people who have signed up to be members of the WE CARE PRAYER TEAM. If you would like to be a part of the WE CARE PRAYER TEAM, contact Cheryl Hunt or call the Church Office.

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