

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Stockton, CA**

July 25, 2021—9:30 a.m.



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~GATHERING THE FAMILY OF GOD~

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE HISTORIC CHURCH BELL

INTROIT

Come, All You People

Temple Choir

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ashley

One: As our call to worship, let us repeat together the prayer from Ephesians 3:16-19, which we will hear in full later in worship. Let us pray that in this time of worship we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through his Spirit, according to the riches of God's glory.

All: and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love.

One: I pray that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

All: and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

One: Amen, let us wake up our voices in praise.

*GATHERING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

#667 v.1,2&4

V.1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

V.2. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthy bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

V.4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Kim Roider

One: Beloved of God, none of us is without sin. The only perfect one here is God. The wonder of our faith is that God loves us and has compassion on us. God calls us forgiven, liberating us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Let us bring our hearts in honesty and hope.

All: God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls and bring about resurrection in our lives and in this weary world. Amen

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

Kim Roider

One: Siblings in Christ, God forgives us and strengthens us for the living of each new day.

All: **Amen! Holy Spirit, guide us to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

You and I

Temple Choir

~HEARING GOD'S WORD~

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

Kim Roider

One: *Loving God, your word has power to move mountains, including our own hearts! Send your Holy Spirit to dwell among us and teach us your ways. Amen.*

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Ephesians 3:14-21

Kim Roider

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:45-56

Pastor Ashley

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Ashley

REFLECTION SONG

Be Still My Soul

#819 v. 1&2

- V.1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- V.2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the wave and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

TIME OF PRAYER

O God, merciful and just;

O God, kind and compassionate;

O God, forever faithful for your own name's sake:

We pray for the world Christ came to save; we pray for the realm of God's grace that you are bringing through Christ. Bless the church, the body of Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that our strength is renewed like the eagle's.

Then send us out to proclaim the good news that in Jesus Christ there is newness of life.

We pray for all who are weary from hard labor, especially for those who are not fairly paid, for those who work in dangerous places, for those trapped in slavery. Break yokes of oppression and bonds of bitterness.

We pray for all who serve on behalf of others, especially for those who care for the sick, elderly, and dying; for those who fight fires, enforce just laws, serve in the military; for those who hold public office. Build up all people in peace and freedom.

We pray for ourselves, that we will be faithful, especially in times of temptation, that we would be healed in body, mind, and spirit, that our love for one another and you would grow ever deeper. Make us into a holy temple in the Lord; build us spiritually into a dwelling place for God that we might be conduits of Christ's grace in this church, this city, this world, for such a time as this. We lift all these prayers along with the prayer Jesus taught us to say...

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** *Way Maker* By Osinachi Okoro

**You are here moving in our midst, We worship you, we worship you
You are here, working in this place. We worship you, we worship you**

**Chorus:
Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who you are
Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who you are**

**You are here touching every heart We worship you, we worship you
You are here healing every heart. We worship you, we worship you
You are here turning lives around. We worship you, we worship you
You are here, mending every heart. We worship you, we worship you**

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Go to the World* Temple Choir

***POSTLUDE**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for **Coffee Hour via Zoom at our new time 11:30am** Sundays following our service. Now that we are having services at 9:30am, we have also made the Zoom Coffee Hour start time earlier. The new meeting ID number is 885 6468 4370 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.

The mid-week **Prayer Gathering** continues on Thursdays. Join us in Callistro Park at 10am for an informal gathering. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and your mask.

**The Church Office is now open Monday-Thursday, 8am-1pm and closed on Fridays.**

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings:**

Worship & Music

July 26th at 6:30pm

**Save the Date:** On **Sunday, August 8th, during worship**, we will celebrate two important partnerships in worship. We will connect with our partners in the Presbyterian Church in Colombia with a short video tour from the Presbytery of Urabá and a message from Reverendo Diego about the mission of Christ's Church.

Additionally, we will meet Charlie and Maggie Luber, our Restore partners who recently moved into the church apartment. Join us after worship for a tour of their new home.

### **Lectionary August 1st:**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a and Psalm 5:1-12 ~ Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29 ~ Ephesians 4:1-6 ~ John 6:24-35

*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.

## REQUESTED PRAYERS

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

- ◆ We pray for healing for those in our congregation facing medical challenges and upcoming procedures: Lee Mecum, Don Hover, Ramon Becerra, Karen Hathorn, and Charlie Briggs. For Natalie, Sylvia Martin's daughter, as she transitions home after receiving medical care. For Joseph Mills' Uncle Richard who is hospitalized facing medical challenges. Prayers of gratitude to God for a successful surgery for Marilyn Lloyd's sister and continued prayers for her recovery.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort and peace to all who are grieving: the family of Delilah Mason following her unexpected death, Gloria Balis, the Tamon family, and the families in Urabá who continue to lose loved ones to COVID. Prayers for the family of Rick Francis, who passed away recently, and for comfort for the Boy Scouts and all those in the community who are mourning his passing.
- ◆ Pastor Ashley requests prayer for her grandma Mary as she recovers from a broken tailbone.
- ◆ Prayers for Marilyn Vaughn's work colleague, Pam, whose husband was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for Suzanne and Lee Mecum as she continues to receive medical care.
- ◆ We pray for healing for Gretchen Loudon's friend, Hamish, who is in need of open heart surgery and prayers for a family member who has pancreatic cancer and is recovering from major surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for healing for Sylvia Cavanaugh's friend's son, Garrett, who was badly injured in a motorcycle accident.
- ◆ Prayers for Alice Callistro's husband's cousin Linda Callistro Williamson and her family as they navigate a diagnosis of stage 4 lung cancer and her recovery from a broken hip.
- ◆ Prayers for Harriet Washburn for her new adventure in Gainesville, Florida.
- ◆ Prayers for Patty & Lloyd McKinney as they begin a new adventure in Ozark, Missouri. Please contact the Church Office for her new address.
- ◆ 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 is progressing.
  - Gretchen Loudon's friend Judy, after an additional recent seizure
  - Michelle Thompson, Cynthia Allison's sister's daughter-in-law, who will start radiation treatment for a recent cancer diagnosis.
  - Mara Duffy requests prayer for David Washburn for health reasons
- Yasmin, in Colombia, sends her gratitude for our prayers for her and for so many others grieving the ravages of COVID.
- Prayers for all who are affected by the flash flooding on the East Coast and the fires on the West Coast.

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