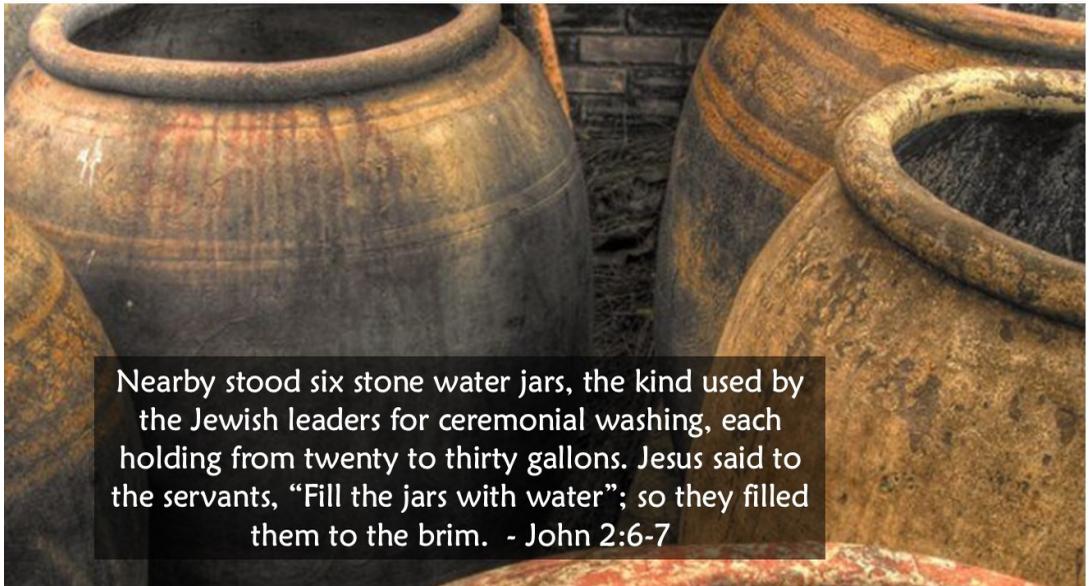


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Stockton, CA**

January 16, 2022—10:30 a.m.



Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jewish leaders for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. - John 2:6-7

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE

Go to the Church’s Website.

Click on Ministries and Worship.

Use the YouTube link

to find today’s worship service

~GATHERING THE FAMILY OF GOD~

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *In the Singing* Temple Choir

WELCOME/LITANY FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD Pastor Ashley

One: Glory to God for this new day!

All: Each sunrise declares the faithfulness of our Creator

One: Glory to God for this community of faith!

All: Jesus Christ brings us together as one body united by his love and grace

One: Glory to God for this opportunity to worship together!

All: Let us turn our hearts to God and join our voices in response to the Holy Spirit who guides us in all seasons of life

GATHERING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #475

- V.1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!
- V.2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- V.3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION Sue McCormack

One: The light of Christ bids us let go of our shadows of sin and shame. Trusting in God's saving love that came not to condemn but to save, let us bring our burdens together.

All: Almighty God, we confess that we are so often led astray by the idols of our world—those people, places, and things that attempt to

claim the role of God in our lives. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have chased approval and validation from people instead of measuring our worth by your unending love. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may worship you alone, and live in healthy relationships with each other and the work you give us to do.

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: Hear the good news: Christ forgives us and unmask the idols of our world, showing us how to live in right relationship with God and others.

All: By the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, know you are forgiven.

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

Be Ye Sure

Temple Choir

~HEARING GOD'S WORD~

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

Sue McCormack

One: Gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts and minds to receive the testimony of scripture. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

LESSON FROM PSALMS

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Sue McCormack

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Pastor Ashley

REFLECTION SONG

Step by Step

#743

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

TIME OF PRAYER

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**

Guide My Feet

#741 v. 1,2,5,6

- V.1. Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in
vain!
- V.2. Hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race;
hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in
vain.
- V.5. Search my heart while I run this race; search my heart while I run this
race; search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this
race in vain
- V.6. Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in
vain!

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL AMEN**

Temple Choir

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for **in-person Fellowship** immediately following the service.

There will be no **Zoom Coffee Hour** this Sunday because there is a Session meeting immediately following the service.

Our mid-week **Prayer Gathering** continues on **Thursdays at 10am** in the Parlor. Please bring your mask.

The Church Office is closed tomorrow, Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

Beginning January 18, the **Tuesday evening Bible study group will return to the Book of Acts**. Please join the journey, via ZOOM at 7:00pm. The link will be emailed to everyone each Monday by Suzi. We will look forward to an hour of good discussion and new insight, as we delve into each chapter together. As always, this Bible study is for everyone. Hope to see you on Tuesday!
Blessings, Kim Roider

The **Annual Congregational Meeting on the 30th of January** will conduct the following business:

- Receive the 2022 Budget and the 2021 Annual Report
- Vote on the proposed change to the Pastoral Terms of Call
- Election of Support & Endowment Congregational Representative
- Annual Corporate Meeting

Whether you are a pledged member or not, please consider paying our **Per Capita** assessment, which is \$26.72 per person on our membership roll. We appreciate your help with this.

Lectionary—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Psalm 19 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a ~
Luke 4:14-21

REQUESTED PRAYERS

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

- ◆ Prayers for our extended church family who has: Sylvia Cavanaugh's mother
- ◆ Prayers for Julie Meath, a former member of our congregation, who is receiving care for an infection following her hip replacement.
- ◆ Prayers for the family of Pastor Steven Carter, as they grieve his death.
- ◆ Continued prayer for Kathy White's children as they grieve Kathy's death.
- ◆ Margaret Zuckerman is continuing to heal from her broken hip and has moved back to her daughter's house in Los Gatos.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Prayers for Frances Mendez-McPherson for health issues.
- ◆ Prayers for the family of Sylvia Cavanaugh's sister-in-law, Barbara Williams, as they grieve her passing.
- ◆ Prayers for Merilyn Vaughn's work colleague, Pam. Her husband recently passed away. Prayers for Pam and her family as they grieve.
- ◆ We pray for healing for Gretchen Louden's friend, Hamish, who is recovering from a recent heart procedure.
- ◆ Continued prayers for the Vaughns' sons' Pastor's wife, Jane Pool, for healing and patience as she looks forward to regaining her ability to sing following a serious auto accident.
- ◆ Prayers for Cynthia Allison's sister, Susan Thompson, who is facing the return of untreatable cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for relief from hand pain for Cecelia Muller.
- ◆ Prayers for Suzi Treganza as she deals with ongoing sciatica.
- ◆ Prayers for Kim Roider's cousin whose Parkinson's Disease is progressing.
- ◆ Marilyn Lloyd asks for prayers for the Seacrist family following the death of her grandniece's mother-in-law, Anne.
- ◆ Mara Duffy requests prayers for David Washburn for health reasons.
- ◆ We ask for healing and restoration for all those who face medical challenges, especially COVID-19 and the after effects of the virus.

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Rev. Ashley M. Love

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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