

# Order of Worship

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 am – September 4, 2022

### *Participating Live?*

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

#### PRELUDE

*Cantabile Sacra Thirty*  
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Lance Crane, organ

Paul Page

#### GREETING

#### HYMN

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

UMH 126

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1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.
2. The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.
3. Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,  
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.
4. Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Esther Benedict, liturgist

Look around. What wonders we behold!  
**We see others, gathered here to worship and praise God.**  
Each person here is a unique, beloved creation of God.  
**Each person here is given special gifts and talents by God.**  
Come, let us worship God who has blessed us so mightily.  
**Let us praise God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and spirits. Amen.**

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#### HYMN

*You Have Searched Me, Lord, and Known Me*

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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1. You have searched me, Lord, and known me! All my life is in your care.  
When I lie awake in evening, You are always with me there when I rise to greet the morning  
in an attitude of praise, what I learn from you is humbling: You already know my ways.
2. Lord, you know the song I'm singing and my words before I pray.  
You're behind me and before me as I travel through each day. You once knit me all together;  
You created me by grace. In your eyes, you see and love me as you treasure all my days.

3. Lord, I try to learn your wisdom, but I cannot understand. Yet your love is all around me; I am part of all you've planned. Let me sing your praise each morning, Let me serve you all day through, and in evening, make me peaceful, knowing this: I'm loved by you!

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Piano Improvisation*

Lance Crane

**SCRIPTURE**

*Psalm 139: 1-18 (NRSV)*

Esther Benedict, liturgist

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Matt McPhee

**HYMN**

*Womb of Life*

TFWS 2046

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1. Womb of life, and source of being, home of every restless heart,  
In your arms the world awakened; you have loved us from the start.  
We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.
2. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,  
You have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life, and Death of Death,  
Risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.
3. Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.  
When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.  
Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,  
Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.
4. Mother, Brother, Holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
We would praise your name forever, One-in-three, and Three-in-one.  
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,  
Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**With hearts of praise, O Lord, we dedicate to you these gifts as tokens of our lives and work. Use them, as you use us, to the fulfilling of your purposes for creation, that we might give glory to you not only in our hearing, but in the doing of your Word. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Eat This Bread*

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Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

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## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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

Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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 the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be  
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue in Bb Major, BWV 560*

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Lance Crane, organ

J.S. Bach

## *Prayer Requests*

**Community UMC of Inyokern—Church Leaders**

**North Oxnard UMC/Garden Church—Matt McPhee**

All those suffering from illness or grieving the loss of loved ones

Allan McPhee—health issues