

Order of Worship
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am – September 10, 2023

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in D
Kyle Hanks, organ
Music: Henry Purcell. Public Domain.

Henry Purcell

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Pastor Cindy, liturgist

Lord, as we come home to this place today, we pray:
May all who seek to know you; who seek grace, love, and compassion; find a welcome here.
As we ponder together who we are and whose we are,
may we send gossip, pride, and disdain away from here.
As we consider ourselves a family – your family -
may children, youth, adults, and senior citizens all know they are loved and valued here.
As we open the doors of the sanctuary,
may we open the doors of our hearts to the leading of your Spirit this day.

OPENING HYMN

Part of the Family
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song #244102

Chorus: Come in come in and sit down you are a part of the family we are lost and we are found
And we are a part of the family

1. You know the reason why you came yet no reason can explain
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain for we are a part of the family
God is with us in this place like a Mother's warm embrace
We're all forgiven by God's grace for we are a part of the family **(Chorus)**

2. Children and elders middlers and teens singles and doubles and in-betweens
strong eighty-fivers and streetwise sixteens we are a part of the family
Greeters and shoppers longtime and new nobody here has a claim on a pew
And whether we're many or only a few we are a part of the family **(Chorus)**

3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine we are the branches Christ is the vine
This is God's temple it's not yours or mine but we are a part of the family
There's rest for the weary and health for us all there's a yoke that is easy and a burden that's small
So come in and worship and answer the call for we are a part of the family **(Chorus)**

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12: 1-14 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Cindy, liturgist

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

PREPARATION HYMN

The Servant Song
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 72673

TFWS 2222

1. Brother let me be your servant let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too
2. We are pilgrims on a journey we are brothers on the road
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you speak the peace you long to hear
4. I will weep when you are weeping when you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through
5. When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony
6. Brother sister let me serve you let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too

MESSAGE

Pastor Diane Rehfield

MUSICAL OF RESPONSE

"Remember Who You Are"

by Mark Burrows

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson, conductor; Kyle Hanks, piano

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of compassion, as members of a loving family tenderly care for one another, we offer now these gifts, that they might create a place in this community where all are cared for. May our love for one another be shown as these gifts go out to those in need throughout the world. Amen

SENDING HYMN

Together We Serve
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 3379644

TFWS 2175

1. Together we serve united by love inviting God's world to the glorious feast
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy extending Your love to the last and the least
2. We seek to become a beacon of hope a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet
We learn year by year to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet
3. We welcome the scarred the wealthy the poor the busy the lonely and all who need care
We offer a home to those who will come our hands quick to help our hearts ready to dare
4. Together by grace we witness and work remembering Jesus in whom we grow strong
Together we serve in Spirit and truth remembering love is the strength of our song

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Menuet Gothique
Kyle Hanks, organ
Music: Léon Boëllmann. Public Domain.

Léon Boëllmann

“Remember Who You Are”

We give you thanks, O God of peace, for our companions on the way.
May blessings flow and love increase within and through their lives, we pray.
And as we live remind us all that we belong to you.

Remember who you are: God’s own creation saved by grace.
Remember who you are: a pilgrim seeking Jesus’ face.
A child at home in God’s embrace; remember who you are.

And when we say farewell, dear Lord, hold all of us in your strong hand.
May we achieve your high reward when at the final day we stand.
Until we meet again, we pray, remind us whose we are.

Prayer Requests

Simi Valley UMC—Pastor Stacey Brooks

Malibu UMC—Pastor Erin Stenberg

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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