

Order of Worship
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am – October 8, 2023

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Waters of New Life

Kevin Keil

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Kyle Hanks, organ

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists

We gather
As disciples united by faith in Christ.
We worship
Trusting in a God who saves us.
We live
As people molded by God's grace and love.
We are transformed
By the power of Christ's resurrection.
Come, let us praise the Living God.

OPENING HYMN

The First Song of Isaiah

TFWS 2030

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Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

1. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name. **Refrain**

2. Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. **Refrain**

3. Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain**

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

Philippians 3: 4b-14 (NRSV)

Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists

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

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

PREPARATION HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS 2153

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1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

MESSAGE

Pastor Cindy Huskey

MUSICAL RESPONSE

A New Life

by Erik Whitehill

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

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In that book which is my memory,
On the first page of the chapter that is the day when I first met You,
Appear the words, "Here begins a new life."

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (UMH Baptismal Covenant 1 pp 33-39)

Barbara Huskey
Claude "Randy" Huskey
Cameron Huskey
Jennifer Foster

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of resurrection and new life, every day you draw deeper into the mysteries of your love and grace. In gratitude and thanksgiving for your abiding presence, we offer our gifts and our lives back to you. Bless these gifts to do your work. May we ever and always be your representatives to a world that is in need. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sois la Semilla

UMH 583

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1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night;
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
You are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where'er you go.

Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

2. You are the flame that will lighten the dark, sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;
You are the shepherds to lead the whole world through valleys and pastures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new kingdom built on a rock where justice and truth always reign. **Refrain.**

3. You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
Yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might;
May your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God. Refrain.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Mark Weston

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Prayer Requests

San Luis Obispo UMC—Pastor Mark Sturgess.

Santa Clarita Korean Mission—Pastor Sang Hun Park

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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