

Order of Worship
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am – October 22, 2023

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Heavenly Father
Kyle Hanks, Organ

Ron Loree

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Anne Ward, liturgist (from Garden Church)

We live in different places, wear different clothes,
Yet we are one body in Christ our Lord.
We speak different languages and sing different songs,
Yet we are one body in Christ our Lord.
As we gather to worship this morning, may we be reminded,
That we are one body in Christ our Lord

OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

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1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one hoid food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

1 Corinthians 3: 6-8 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anne Ward, liturgist

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

PREPARATION HYMN

Walk With Me

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Refrain: Walk with me, I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

1. When Moses heard the call of God he said, "Lord, don't send me."
But God told Moses, "You're the one to set my people free." (refrain)

2. Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock;
But Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock. (refrain)

3. Young Mary Magdalene was sure her life could be much more,
And by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door. (refrain)

4. And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,
The witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you. (refrain)

MESSAGE

Collins Etchi Ako

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

arr. Bill Ingram

VFUMC Bell Choir; Clara Johnson, Director

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

With the people in far off lands, and those who are close to home, we are brothers and sisters in the family of God. As we bring our offerings this morning, we ask your blessing on them Lord, that they may serve as a beacon of hope to those both near and far, and a sign of your love for all the world. Amen

SENDING HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568

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1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;
The poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord;
With us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
With us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;
The newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Strong in the Faith I Stand
Kyle Hanks, Organ

Lani Smith

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Prayer Requests

Santa Barbara First UMC—Pastor Liz Aguilar
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The Marlett Family on the passing of Mia's father
All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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