

Order of Worship
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am – November 14, 2021

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Improvisation
Lance Crane, organ

WELCOME

Pastors

HYMN

For the Fruits of This Creation

UMH 97

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For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Bob & Kathy Fierro

God of abundance: Through Your Son Jesus Christ, You remind us that our lives do not consist in the abundance of possessions, but in our identity as Your servants and stewards. Awaken us to the freedom and joy of our vocation, that we might taste Your abundant life. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

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HYMN

Lord, Be Glorified

TFWS 2150

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In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
In our church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our church, Lord, be glorified today.
In our world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our world, Lord, be glorified today.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Diaconal Minister, Barbara Tomblin

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.

ANTHEM

Psalms 139

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, choir director; Lance Crane, accompanist

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SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19: 9-10; Luke 12: 13-34 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Bob & Kathy Fierro

MESSAGE

Living Simply Within God's Grace

Pastors

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Teach us, O God, to discover how much is enough to be truly fulfilled, neither rich nor poor, and to enjoy only that. Teach us, O God, to discover how much would be enough for all – not only to survive but to thrive – and to create pathways for them to have access to that. May our lives mirror your abundant grace, so that like Jesus, we might participate in the renewal of your world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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HYMN

When We Are Living (Pues Si Vivimos)
(verses 1-2, Español 2, verses 3-4)

UMH 356

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1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus. And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.
2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.
SP2. En esta vida, frutos hemos dedar. Las obras buenas son para ofrendar.
Ya sea que demos o que recibamos, somos del Señor, somos del Señor.
3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace.
Whether we suffer or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.
4. Across this wide world we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind.
But when we help them or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation
Lance Crane, organ

Prayer Requests:

Thousand Oaks UMC— Pastor Anna Mulford

Chatsworth West UMC — Pastor Eric Iki



Ventura First United Methodist Church

Friendsgiving

11 / 21 / 2021
11:00 AM

All are invited to a Friendsgiving potluck after the **9:30 am service**. Please bring a dish to share. There will be activities to begin the Advent Season.

Opportunities for Reflection:
(please respond by November 21st)

God's Wonders: [Grace & Gratitude Card #1](#)

Deep Gladness: [Grace & Gratitude Card #2](#)

Living Simply: [Grace & Gratitude Card #3](#)

After worship today: Stick around for a hybrid all-church meeting to discuss options for worship, classes, small groups, and fellowship.

Do you enjoy decorating for Christmas?

We could use your help next week after worship! Sunday, Nov.21st in the Sanctuary