

*Order of Worship*  
*THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*  
9:30 am – August 27, 2023

*Participating Live?*

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

**PRELUDE**

*Medley*

John Innes

Kyle Hanks, organ

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**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

If it had not been for the Lord who reached out to us

**We would have perished in our own selfishness.**

If it had not been for the Lord who healed our wounds

**We would have succumbed to pain and sorrow.**

Praise be to God who reaches out to us, healing and restoring our lives.

**All thanks be to God for the many ways in which our lives have been blessed. Amen.**

(Nancy C. Townley <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/1450/classic-worship-connection-august-27-2017>)

**OPENING HYMN**

*Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH 117

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1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, Thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in Thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

**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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Méditation" from Thaïs*

by Jules Massenet

Mary Ellen Reedie, Violin; Kyle Hanks, Piano  
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**SCRIPTURE**

*Exodus 1: 8-2:10 (NRSV)*  
 The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Bruce Miller, liturgist

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)**PREPARATION HYMN**

*A Mother Lined a Basket*

TFWS 2189

Sung to the tune: Merle's Tune

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1. A mother lined a basket to keep her baby dry, then rocked him on a river, lest he awake and cry. She let a princess name him her son that he might live. God's people had a leader. She had such hope to give.
2. A mother sewed a jacket lined in the softest wool, then dressed her little boy-child, her cup of blessing full. She brought him to the temple where he would serve and live. God's people had a prophet. She had such faith to give.
3. A mother laid her baby in manger lined with straw; then, in the shepherd's story, his call from God foresaw. She nurtured him and taught him the way that he must live. God's people had a savior. She had such love to give.
4. Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary, too, we know the hardest part of loving is learning to let go. So when we send our children out in the world to live, grant us such hope and faith, God, and love enough to give.

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Cindy Huskey

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Amazing Grace vs. 1,3*

UMH 378

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1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy. May we be inspired by your Spirit and open to the joy of your presence. Enable us to be hospitable to one another and generous toward your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

(Edwin, E. Beers, Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated)

**SENDING HYMN**

*Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*

UMH 400

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1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

2 Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*God Renew Us By Your Spirit!*  
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song #3702998

Dale Wood

### *Prayer Requests*

**North Oxnard/Garden Church**—Pastor Diane Rehfield

**Ventura First UMC**—Pastor Cindy Huskey

Ross Matarazzo—Recovering at home after hip replacement

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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