

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Freely, Freely* verse 1 No. 389
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Freely, Freely* verse 2 No. 389

SPECIAL MUSIC *Standin' in the Need of Prayer* Joel Raney

SCRIPTURE Genesis 45:1-15
 Matthew 15:10-20

HYMN *(please remain seated)* *In Unity We Lift Our Song* verses 1-2 FWS #2221

SERMON WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *The Family of God* William Gaither
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*CLOSING HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 431

*BENEDICTION

Let us leave this place with open arms,
 ready to embrace all those in our world.

**In the mission fields of our lives,
 let us welcome those of all races, creeds, and colors
 into the joy of the Lord, Christ Jesus.**

Go forth in the name of the One who accepts us
 and shows us the way of acceptance. Amen.

*RESPONSE *Bind Us Together* TFWS #2226

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with words that cannot be broken.
 Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.***

There is only one God, there is only one King; There is only one body, that is why we sing.

POSTLUDE *Recessional in C* Stephen Otis

*Please stand as able.

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to

poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Matthew 15:10-20

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Today's Liturgist: Priscilla Alquist

ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
07/23	35	52	87	24	111	\$5,076
07/30	33	65	98	28	126	\$2,152
08/06	39	66	105	52	157	\$9,966
08/13	33	68	101	n/a	n/a	\$6,851
<p align="center">Our Fiscal Year Started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038</p> <p align="center">STEWARDSHIP REPORT:</p> <p align="center">YTD Received \$40,590 YTD Budgeted \$42,266 Hawaii Fire Relief \$305</p> <p align="center">Stewardship campaign fell about \$19,000 short of what we need. Any increased Estimates of Giving would be appreciated.</p>						

***HOSPITALITY
 TIME***
Today's Hosts:

***ENDOWMENT/
 ELT***

Next Sunday
 August 27

***ALL CHURCH
 SUNDAY***



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES



Mon	Aug 21	6:30 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--Criswell Hall.
Tue	Aug 22	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11:00 Chair Yoga--Criswell Hall.
Wed	Aug 23	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday,
Thu	Aug 24	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Craft Workshop--MMR, 10:30 AM SPRC--Pastor's Study.
Sun	Aug 27	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service--S, 4 PM Movie Night
Sun	Aug 27	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service--S, 4 PM Movie Night-CH

Abbreviation
Legend
CH--Criswell Hall
S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen
L--Library
Room #123
MMR--McMillen
Room #113
PS--Pastor's
Study

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday August 24
Craft Workshop
10 AM-12 PM
McMillen Room
Today's Craft: *Lots of lovely shells from the beaches!*
Reprise of Decorating with Shells. Led by Gerry McGuire. All Welcome!



Saturday September 16
United Women in Faith Women's Rally
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
at the home of Judie Neufeld.
Program and Barbecue. Save the date!



Staff Appreciation Sunday--
originally scheduled for Sep 17--
is being postponed to a later date.
We will inform you of the date
when re-scheduled.



New Event: Saturday, October 7, 10:00 AM
Getting to know our neighbors
- and getting ready for Halloween.
Tour of 140-year old Arroyo Grande Cemetery led by Jim Gregory.
No charge. Sign-up at Connections Table.



Sunday August 27
Program Ministry Free Movie
4:00 PM Criswell Hall
"Woman in Gold" stars Helen Mirren and is a true story of a family's battle to recover possessions seized in WW II. Free movie and popcorn; soft drinks and candy complimentary. Plan to come!



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August 20, 2023

10:30 AM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"A bend in the road is not the end of the road . . .
unless you fail to make the turn."
---Helen Keller

PRELUDE *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* Habershon & Gabriel/arr. B. Edstrom
INTROIT *Bind Us Together* TFWS #2226
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

When hatred and division separate us,
God's love binds us together.
When past quarrels estrange us from one another,
God's love binds us together.
When we feel excluded and left out,
God's love binds us together.
When we seek to keep your love for ourselves,
God's love binds us together.

*OPENING HYMN *Standing on the Promises* No. 374

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God of all, you call us here
from different walks of life.
From our diverse backgrounds,
you knit us into a unified family of faith.
We pray that even as you accept us fully,
we can learn to accept others.
As we open our hearts to you,
show us how to open our hearts to others.
In your presence today, O God,
may we worship and work together
with love and inclusion for all. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell