

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)* TFWS #2179
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)* TFWS #2179

SPECIAL MUSIC *Love Never Fails* Brent Heath

SCRIPTURE Romans 13:8-14
 Matthew 18:15-20

HYMN *(please remain seated)* *When Love is Found* No. 643

SERMON THE GOOD LIFE: Fulfilling Love Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Chester G. Allen
 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 *Go Forth for God* No. 670

*BENEDICTION

**Just as God has called us here,
 God now sends us forth.**
 Just as God has joined us here,
 God goes with us now.
**Go with the power of God
 to love and serve the world.**

*RESPONSE *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* (verses 1-2) No. 566

***Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part,
 our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.
 Joined in one spirit to our Head where he appoints we go,
 and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.***

POSTLUDE *Lift Up Your Songs of Praise* Camille Sainte-Saëns

*Please stand as able.

Today's Scripture

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet;" and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Today's Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME is last Sunday of each month. The next is September 24th. Please mark your calendars and plan your snacks.

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
08/13	33	68	101	42	143	\$6,851
08/20	33	71	104	19	123	\$3,017
08/27	33	69	102	33	135	\$3,682
09/03	33	66	99	10	109	\$9,248

Our Fiscal Year Started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038
STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
 YTD Received \$56,627 YTD Budgeted \$57,238 Hawaii Fire Relief \$1,295

HOSPITALITY TIME
 Today's Hosts:
FINANCE
 Hosts next Sunday
 September 17:
TRUSTEES



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Mon	Sep 11	6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--McMillen Room. 9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study--CH, 7:00 PM Board of Trustees--Criswell Hall
Tue	Sep 12	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday 9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10 AM Craft Workshop--MMR, 10:30 AM SPRC--PS, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal--S.
Wed	Sep 13	10:30 AM UWF Book Club--L, 4:00 PM CC Board Mtg--MMR
Thu	Sep 14	11:00 AM United Women in Faith Rally--Neufeld Home
Fri	Sep 15	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service--Sanctuary.
Sat	Sep 16	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service--Sanctuary.
Sun	Sep 17	

Abbreviation Legend

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

TODAY SUNDAY SEP 10 & SUNDAY SEP 17

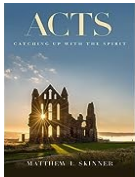
*** INQUIRER'S CLASS ***

Would you like to transfer your membership from a previous church home to this church in Arroyo Grande? Are you making a decision to join a church for the first time? Wherever you are on your faith journey you are welcome to come to this gathering and bring your questions.

2:00 PM today in the Pastor's Study for the first of two sessions.

Thank you for worshipping with us.

---Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



Tuesday Bible Study Sep 12

1:00 PM Criswell Hall
Starting new study: *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*
See Nancy St. Laurent for books

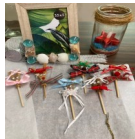
Thursday September 14 Craft Workshop

10 AM-12 PM McMillen Room.

Today's Crafts: *Cork Planters and Cork Art.*

Led by Mary Thronson.

All Welcome!



EVENTS

Saturday September 16
United Women in Faith Women's Rally 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
at the home of Judie Neufeld.
Program & Barbecue.
Sign up in the Narthex.



Tuesday September 19 10:30 AM to carpool, 11:00 AM at site.
Visit to Rancho Burro Donkey Sanctuary. Program Ministry--more info & sign up at Connections desk in Narthex. Cost is \$35/pp.



Sunday, September 24 Movie Night
4:00 PM Criswell Hall. *"Champions"* starring Woody Harrelson. Movie & popcorn are **free**, soft drinks & candy are complimentary. Program Ministry--Sign up at Connections desk in Narthex



Saturday October 7, 10:00 AM
Tour of 140 year old Arroyo Grande Cemetery
led by Jim Gregory.
No charge. Sign up at Connections in the Narthex.



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September 10, 2023

10:30 AM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. --1 Corinthians 13:13

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love is This? William Walker/arr. Melody Bober

INTROIT

Celebrate Love (refrain)

TFWS #2073

Celebrate love, love, love. Celebrate love, love, love.
Celebrate love so amazing. He's creating his wonderful love in you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song to God.

Sing of light and hope.

Dance with laughter and joy.

Dance with hearts full of love.

Rejoice with strings and drums.

Rejoice with justice and peace.

Sing a new song to God.

*OPENING HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

No. 549

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Ancient of Days, we enter your presence to remember and rejoice.

We come looking for your steadfast faithfulness and your loving care.

May we be a people who seek reconciliation and genuine forgiveness with one another.

In remembrance and gratitude for your mercy and your grace, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell