

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Make Us One* TFWS #2224  
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *Make Us One* TFWS #2224

CHORAL ANTHEM *One World, One Communion* Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE Exodus 17:1-17  
 Matthew 2:23-32

HYMN *(please remain seated)* *One Bread, One Body* No. 620

SERMON ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *My Lord, What A Morning* Cindy Berry  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15  
 Sharing the Bread and Cup  
 Communion Music *It Is Well With My Soul* Phillip P. Bliss/arr, Mark Hayes

\*CLOSING HYMN *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* TFWS #2234

BENEDICTION

Share the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Encourage others in Christ.**  
 May the peace of God be with you.  
**Amen!**

\*RESPONSE *All Hail the Power* verse 4 No. 154

***Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
 To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
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POSTLUDE *Let All the People Praise Thee* John E. Boalt

*\*Please stand as able.*

*Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organist: Brad Bettencourt*

Today's Scripture

Exodus 17:1-17

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will

come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Matthew 21:28-32

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not;" but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir," but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

*Today's Liturgist: Patti Melsheimer*

**ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME** is last Sunday of each month.

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
09/03	33	66	99	33	132	\$9,248
09/10	32	58	90	37	127	\$7,282
09/17	34	62	96	61	151	\$2,217
09/24	36	58	94	19	113	\$2,147
Our Fiscal Year Started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038						
STEWARDSHIP REPORT:						
YTD Received \$68,273 YTD Budgeted \$74,409						

**HOSPITALITY TIME**  
**Today's Hosts:**  
**MISSION TEAM**  
 Hosts next Sunday, Oct 1  
**FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY**



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Oct 02</b>	6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--McMillen Room.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Oct 03</b>	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.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Oct 04</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday--CH, 10:00 AM Fellowship Ministry--L .
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Oct 05</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10 AM Craft Workshop--MMR, 10:30 AM SPRC--PS, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal--S.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct 07</b>	10:00 AM Jim Gregory's AG Cemetery Tour.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct 08</b>	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service--Sanctuary.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct 08</b>	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service--Sanctuary.

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



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October 1, 2023

10:30 AM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
World Communion Sunday

*"Be of one mind, the mind of Christ.  
Be of one Spirit, the Spirit of God's love  
Be of one purpose as beloved people of God."*

PRELUDE *Speak O Lord* Getty/Townend  
INTROIT *All Hail the Power* verse 1 No. 154

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of glory awaits,  
**welcoming us to worship and praise.**  
The Christ of humility is here,  
**welcoming our needs and prayers.**  
The Spirit of love gathers us in,  
**binding us together as one.**

\*OPENING HYMN *In Unity We Lift Our Song* TFWS #2221

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**God of wondrous love,  
quench our thirst for grace.  
Strengthen us with by your Spirit  
and embolden us to live our faith.  
Humble us with the example of Christ  
and remind us to regard all people  
as Your beloved children. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

CANTICLE OF CHRIST'S OBEDIENCE No. 167

## EVENTS Mark Your Calendar

**Thursday October 5 Craft Workshop** 10 am-12 pm  
McMillen Room. Today's  
Projects: Quilting--for quilters  
and non-quilters: Led by Gerry  
McGuire. All Welcome!



**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 3, 4, & 5**  
**UWF Holiday Boutique**

**Saturday, November 11**

**Butterfly Walk** (and possible picnic)  
Fellowship Ministry--Sign up at Connections  
table.

**Sunday, November 12, Harvest Luncheon,**  
**Criswell Hall** More details to come!

**Saturday and Sunday,**  
**November 18 & 19**  
**Mark Hayes composer workshop**



**Tuesday, November 28, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Annual Charge Conference via ZOOM.**

**Saturday October 7, 10:00 AM**  
**Tour of 140 year old Arroyo Grande Cemetery**  
**Led by Historian Jim Gregory.**  
No charge. See article in October newsletter,  
and sign up at Connections.

**Sunday, October 29, 3 pm - 5 pm.**  
**Trunk or Treat!** Church Parking Lot  
Fun and games for all ages! Trunk or Treating for  
the kids! Costumes! Pumpkin Contests! Prizes!

**Sunday, October 29 4 pm-6pm Criswell Hall**  
**Movie Night**  
"Hotel Transylvania"--animated!  
Fellowship Ministry; free movie.