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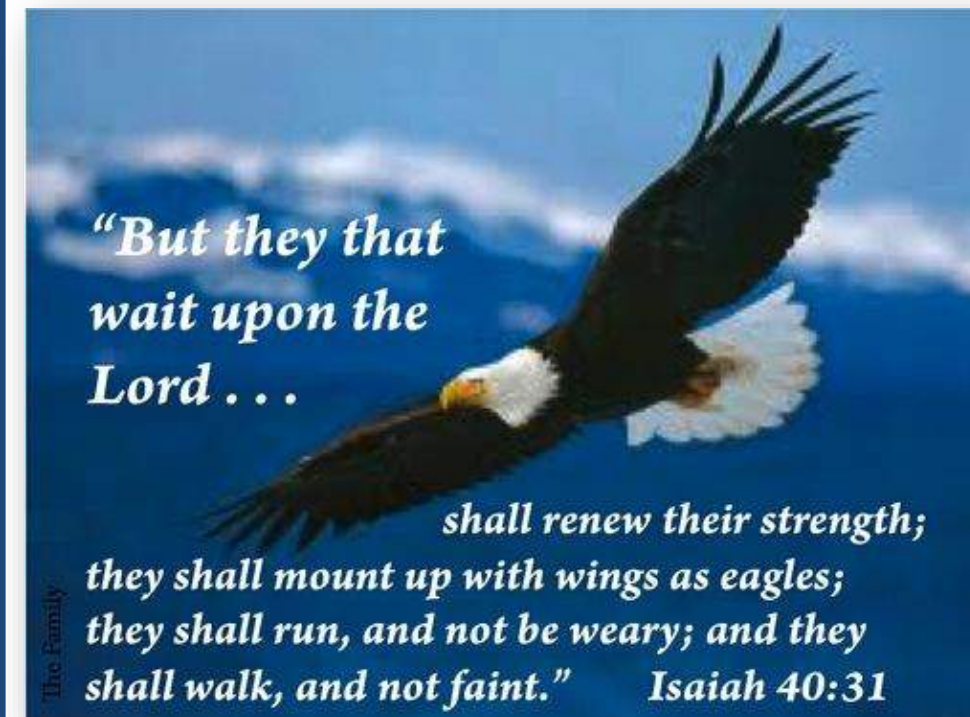
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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## AUGUST 21, 2016



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 21, 2016 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM  
Music by The Lord's Crew

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *Get Up Mule*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

\*PRAISE *Let All the Earth  
All the Heavens  
Hungry*

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Here I Am to Worship*

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 40:21-31*

SERMON *"EASY DOES IT"*  
Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING SONG *I Just Want to Praise You*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Words for Communion  
Communion Song *Come Just As You Are*  
Prayer after Communion

### Going Forth to Serve

\*FINAL BLESSING *Oh How I Love Jesus*

\*CLOSING SONG *I'll Fly Away*

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Altar Flowers



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CENTERING WORDS

*"Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord"*

Psalm 27:14

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Holy Spirit, Rain Down*

Russell Fragar

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Celtic Prayer)*

I watch this morning for the light that the darkness has not overcome.  
**I watch for the fire that was in the beginning and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.**

I watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky.

**I watch for your light, O God, in the eyes of every living creature and in the ever-living flame of my own soul.**

If the grace of seeing were mine this day, I would glimpse you in all that lives.

**Grant me the grace of seeing this day. Grant me the grace of seeing.**

\*OPENING HYMN      *When Morning Gilds the Skies*      No. 185

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC      *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*      arr. Ken Holland  
Rebeca Avila and Judy Zaretska, handbell duet

CHILDREN'S MOMENT      ???

*Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.*

SPECIAL MUSIC      *Here I Am, Send Me*      John Purifoy  
BG Perrigüey, soloist

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM THE PRAYER BOOK

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *In His Time* verse 1 FAITH WE SING 2203  
 Congregational Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *In His Time* verse 2 FAITH WE SING 2203

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:21-31

\*HYMN *The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young* No. 118

SERMON "EASY DOES IT"  
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OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory (Bell Solo) *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Miller and Miller  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 95

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
 all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*CLOSING HYM *Savior Again to Thy Dear Name* No. 563

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE *On Eagles' Wings (2x)* No. 143

*And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
 bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 make you to shine like the sun,  
 and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

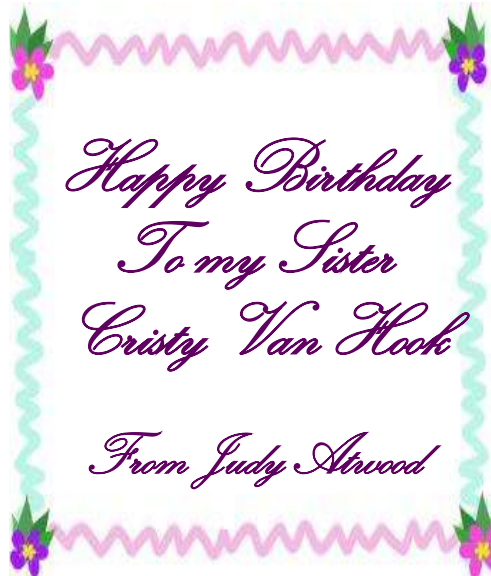
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