

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *You Alone Are Holy* verse 1 TFWS #2077
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *You Alone Are Holy* verse 1 TFWS #2077

SPECIAL MUSIC *As Long As I Have Breath* Sion Alford, arr. by Jim Gray
I Call Him Lord Dottie Rambo, arr. by Leonard G. Lutz
 Cross Traffic

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-8
 Matthew 16:13-20

HYMN (please remain seated) *Rock of Ages* verses 1-2 No. 361

SERMON THE POWER OF THE KEYS Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING
 Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *Forever* Johnson, et al./arr. Carol Tornquist
 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 *The Church's One Foundation* verses 1-4 No. 545

*BENEDICTION
 Friends, we are the body of Christ,
 built on the foundation of God's grace.
**We go now to love and serve,
 as God calls us to use our gifts and graces.**
 Connected through service and in love,
 God uses our shared ministry of compassion.

*RESPONSE *Walk a Mile* Pepper Choplin
 Cross Traffic

POSTLUDE *Variation on Wye Valley* Payne and Alexander, J. Mountain

*Please stand as able.

Today's Scripture

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good, acceptable, and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body, we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Today's Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent

We are grateful to have Leonard Lutz and the Cross Traffic singers with us at our 10:30 AM worship service today.

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME is last Sunday of each month. *Today!* Thank you! Next is September 24th. Please mark calendars & plan your snacks.

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
07/30	33	65	98	29	127	\$2,152
08/06	39	66	105	61	166	\$9,966
08/13	33	68	101	32	133	\$6,851
08/20	33	71	104	n/a	n/a	\$3,017

Our Fiscal Year Started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038
STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
 YTD Received \$43,697 YTD Budgeted \$45,790 Hawaii Fire Relief \$1,270
 Stewardship campaign fell about \$19,000 short of what we need.

HOSPITALITY TIME
 Today's Hosts:
ALL CHURCH SUNDAY
 Hosts next Sunday September 3
STAFF-PARISH



TODAY, Sunday, August 27 * 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 & popcorn; soft drinks & candy are complimentary. Plan to come!



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	Aug 28	Mission Team/casseroles for P. Kitchen on Tuesday 6:30 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--Criswell Hall.
Tue	Aug 29	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11:00 AM Mission Team/ to P Kitchen, 11 AM Chair Yoga-CH
Wed	Aug 30	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday, 10:00 AM Mary-Martha-Esther Circle--McMillen Room.
Thu	Aug 31	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10 AM Craft Workshop--MMR.
Sun	Sep 03	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service--Sanctuary.
Sun	Sep 03	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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August 27, 2023

10:30 AM

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Our help is in God, the maker of heaven and earth.
God is our rock, a fortress of mercy and grace.*

PRELUDE

You Are Mine

Davis Haas/arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT

Many Gifts, One Spirit (refrain)

No. 114

***Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing from diversity we praise one Giver, one Lord,
one Spirit, one Word, known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!***

GUEST SINGERS

*As Long As I Have Breath
Cross Traffic*

Dennis Jernigan, arr. by J. Daniel Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in God,
who calls us to worship.
Our hope is in love,
that calls us to care.
Come, let us worship God together,
and offer our ministry in service to Christ

*OPENING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 117

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Rock of ages, be our fortress and our shelter
in troubled times.
Be our strength and our courage when we are afraid.
Be our grace and our forgiveness when we fall short.
Be our inspiration and our guide
when we strive to serve you and your world.
In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell



**Thursday August 31
Craft Workshop**

10 AM-12 PM McMillen Room
Today's Crafts: *Salt & Pepper
Snowmen & Clothespin Reindeer.*

Led by Mary Thronson-All Welcome!



Staff Appreciation Sunday--

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



Tuesday September 19

Visit to Rancho Burro Donkey Sanctuary

Rancho Burro is not open to the public and is
arranged in private visits. Located on Tiffany
Ranch Rd, AG. See Connie Clark with your
questions. More info & sign up in Narthex.
Cost (donation) is \$35/pp.



**Monday September 4
Labor Day Holiday**

Church office is closed.

**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.
Sign up in the Narthex,



**Saturday October 7, 10:00 AM
Tour of 140 year old Arroyo Grande
Cemetery led by Jim Gregory.**

No charge. Sign up in the Narthex.

Getting to know our neighbors
- and getting ready for Halloween!