

September 1, 2024

8:30 AM

# Today's Scripture

## MATTHEW 6:5-14

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way:  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtor

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.  
For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

### Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with

defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Today's Liturgist: Joe Brown

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OPENING PRAISE *Come Now Is the Time to Worship*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS *Come Thou Fount  
Open the Eyes of My Heart  
Down to the River to Pray*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION *Oh Lord You're Beautiful*

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 6:5-14  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

SERMON *HEAVEN ON EARTH* Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING *Offering*

COMMUNION *Oceans*

FINAL BLESSING *Father I Adore You*

CLOSING *My Sisters and Brothers*

*Praise Band Leader: Mike Clark, Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler, Bass: Bob Jorstad  
Singers: Connie Clark, Pam Garza and Chloee Keith*

| ATTENDANCE  |      |       |           |       |       | GIVING   |
|---|------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|----------|
| WEEK  | 8:30 | 10:30 | IN-PERSON | VIDEO | TOTAL |          |
| 08/04   | 35   | 49    | 84        | 51    | 135   | \$ 9,495 |
| 08/11   | 37   | 57    | 94        | 17    | 111   | \$ 3,685 |
| 08/18   | 38   | 53    | 91        | 21    | 112   | \$ 2,340 |
| 08/25   | 38   | 43    | 81        | 4     | 85    | \$12,935 |
| <p><b>Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321</b><br/> <b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT:</b><br/> <b>YTD Received: \$49,732 YTD Needed: \$49,848</b></p> |      |       |           |       |       |          |

**HOSPITALITY TIME**

**Hosted by**

**WORSHIP TEAM**

**Next Sunday  
September 8**

**UNITED WOMEN  
IN FAITH**



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



|            |              |   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| <b>Mon</b> | <b>Sep 2</b> | LABOR DAY FEDERAL HOLIDAY Church Office Closed  |
| <b>Tue</b> | <b>Sep 3</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, 5:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 7:00 PM Board of Trustees-McMillen Room. |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>Sep 4</b> | 9:00 Church Work Morning-CH, 10:00 AM Fellowship Team-L, 6:30 PM Worship Team-Pastor's Study.   |
| <b>Thu</b> | <b>Sep 5</b> | 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Craft Workshop-MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-S.  |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>Sep 8</b> | 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary.<br>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary.  |

### Abbreviation Legend

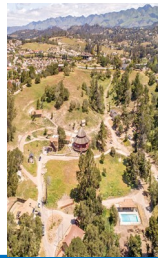
- CH--Criswell Hall
- S--Sanctuary
- K--Kitchen
- L--Library
- Room #123
- MMR--McMillen Room #113
- PS--Pastor's Study
- HR--Handbell Room #115



**Thursdays, 6:30 PM Church Chancel Choir Rehearsals** From Julia Burns, Choir Director: "Summer is over and choir is starting. Please come join us! Our first rehearsal is Sept 5th at 6:30 in the sanctuary. First Sunday in the chancel will be Sept 15th."



**Wednesday, Sep 11 9:30 AM Camp Arroyo Grande Discovery Hike and Tour.** Meet at the church at 9:15 AM to carpool. The camp was originally founded & operated by the Methodist Church. It is also the location of our 140th Anniversary Celebration.



**Saturday, Sep 28 10 AM AG Harvest Festival Parade** To be a part of the church's participation in the parade, go to the Connections Desk in the Narthex for details and sign up to join the fun!



**Sunday, Oct 20th 4:00 PM 140th Anniversary Celebration in the Tabernacle at Camp Arroyo Grande**

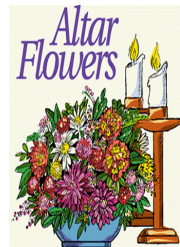
Save the date and invite your friends and family to this fun and historic event!



*Today's Altar Flowers*

*In honor of my dear mother who was born in Bancroft, Nebraska in 1919*

*From Pam Garza*



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