

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:30 A.M.

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
and walk in love, as Christ loved us
and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

~ Ephesians 5:1-2



PRELUDE “Given for You” RICHARD BLAKE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES ACOLYTES

BELL INTROIT “Allegretto a la Gigue” DONALD ALLURED

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We have gathered here to worship the One who created us.

PEOPLE: **WE WORSHIP GOD WHO GIVES US LIFE.**

LEADER: We give thanks for the Holy Spirit who empowers our lives.

PEOPLE: **WE HONOR JESUS WHO IS OUR GUIDE AND FRIEND.**

LEADER: Let our lives be a gift of love to the One who created us,

PEOPLE: **AS WE FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE FAITHFUL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.**

* HYMN “Lift Every Voice and Sing” No. 519

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Anderson, Lay Leader

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Giver of Life,

We thank You for the gift of life.

As we worship together this day,
let our lives be a gift of love to You.

We honor those who gave us birth,
and we seek to create a loving legacy from the fruit of our own labors.
We follow Jesus, who shows us a more excellent way. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

A TIME FOR PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER “The Fragrance of Christ”

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CHORAL RESPONSE “The Fragrance of Christ”

BELL ANTHEM “Pie Jesu” ARR. DAVID L. SANDERS

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:11-13
Luke 6:17-26

* HYMN “Near to the Heart of God” No. 472

SERMON “LOVE IS A DECISION” Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION

OFFERTORY “Jesus is My Life” TODD KENDALL

*DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*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.*

* HYMN “God of the Ages” No. 698

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE “God Be With You” No. 672

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet again, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus feet.
till we meet again, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE “Sing A New Song” EDWARD BROUGHTON

* Congregation, please stand

*** Ushers will seat those yet unseated

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 9:15-19:45 –UM SWEETHEART PANCAKE BREAKFAST (\$10 PER PERSON)
8:30 AM –PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE, Sanctuary
10:30 AM –TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE, Sanctuary
– ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, CHILDREN EXIT WITH CAROLYN RUSSELL
AFTER THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH – PRESIDENT’S DAY OBSERVANCE - OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:00 PM –GERRY’S QUILTING CLASS
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT’S DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH - SENIOR EXERCISE, SEW & SEWS, CHAIR YOGA CANCELLED

- 11:00 AM –MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING BETTY STEPHENS
1 PM –BIBLE STUDY – MCMILLEN?
3 PM –JOY CIRCLE
5:00 PM –BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

- 9:00 AM –CHURCH WORK MORNING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

- 9:00 AM –SENIOR EXERCISE – CRISWELL HALL
11:00 AM –CHAIR YOGA - CRISWELL HALL
5:00 PM –BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:30 PM –CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

- 11:00 AM –NOMINATING COMMITTEE – PASTOR’S OFFICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 8:30 AM –PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE, Sanctuary
10:30 AM –TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE, Sanctuary
– ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, CHILDREN EXIT WITH CAROLYN RUSSELL
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- ◆ A warm welcome to you our Visitors. Thank you for worshipping at First UMC of Arroyo Grande. Whether you are visiting friends or relatives this morning or have made your way on your own, we are glad that you’re here. Please join us for our Hospitality Time after worship. Welcome!
- ◆ Please register your presence in the Friendship Book located at the end of the pews nearest the center aisle, and pass it along to others during the announcements.
- ◆ Assistive listening devices for the hard of hearing, and hymnals and bibles for the visually impaired are available in the narthex – the ushers will be happy to assist you.
- ◆ The flowers are placed on the altar this morning by Cristy Van Hook in honor of her sister, Judy Atwood.

First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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Sunday, February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Bishop: Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Reverend Garth Gilliam
Pastor: Reverend Mary B. Birgelaitis
The Ministers: The Congregation
Administrative Assistants (interim) – Carolyn Anderson, Mary Hawkins
Music Director - Julia Burns Organist (volunteer) - Brad Bettencourt
Pianist – Dennis Eiler Bell Choir Director – Leonard Lutz
Wedding Director: Cyndee Rohla Office Manager: To Be Filled

