

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:30 A.M.

**“Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
Your faithfulness to the skies.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
Your justice like the great deep.”**

~Psalm 36:5-6



PRELUDE “HE IS EXALTED” TWILA PARIS/ARR. MARK HAYES

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES ACOLYTES

INTROIT “Honor and Praise” TFWS #2018

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Come and learn the way of life.

PEOPLE: **WE HAVE COME TO FOLLOW JESUS.**

LEADER: Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.

PEOPLE: **WE HAVE COME TO FOLLOW JESUS.**

LEADER: Bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.

PEOPLE: **WE HAVE COME TO FOLLOW JESUS.**

LEADER: Come and learn the way of love.

**\* HYMN** “Grace Alone” TFWS #2162

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER *(Unison)*

**Inexhaustible source of love and life,  
be with us in our time of worship.  
Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us,  
for we cannot do so alone.  
Teach us the joy of treating others  
with all the same respect and goodness  
with which we hope to be treated.  
May our every word and deed make known  
that we are your children and vessels of your love.  
Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

A TIME FOR PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“You Alone are Holy”

TFWS #2077

PASTORAL PRAYER/**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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CHORAL RESPONSE

“You Alone are Holy”

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CHORAL ANTHEM

”God Will Make a Way”

Don Moen/arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 John 4:7-12

Luke 6:27-38

CHORAL ANTHEM

“You are Mine”

David Haas/arr. Mark Hayes

SERMON

“**LOVE HAS MANY FACES**”

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What a Wonderful World”

Weiss/Thiele

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*HYMN**

The Church’s One Foundation *(verses 1,2,4 & 5)*

No. 545

**\*BENEDICTION**

Live the Golden Rule each day.

**Do unto others as you would have them**

**do unto you.**

Go with God’s blessings.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go Now in Peace”

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.***

POSTLUDE

“PRAISE THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF TRUMPET”

NATALIE SLEETH

*\* Congregation, please stand*

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

9:30 & 11:30 – CELEBRATION OF MUSIC DIRECTOR'S 18 YEAR MINISTRY, Crisswell Hall

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 24<sup>TH</sup>**

4:30 PM – COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, Library

6:00 PM – GERRY'S QUILTING CLASS, Crisswell Hall

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 AM – SENIOR EXERCISE, Crisswell Hall

10:00 AM – SEW & SEWS, Crisswell Hall

11:00 AM – CHAIR YOGA, Crisswell Hall

1:00 PM – BIBLE STUDY, Crisswell Hall

5:00 PM – BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 AM – CHURCH WORK MORNING

10:00 AM – MARY-MARTHA-ESTHER, McMillen Room

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 AM – SENIOR EXERCISE – Crisswell Hall

11:00 AM – CHAIR YOGA - Crisswell Hall

5:00 PM – BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:30 PM – CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL - Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> – TRANSFIGURATION**

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 large print bulletins, 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 the Chancel Choir honoring Music Director, Julia Burns
  - ◆ We thank you for your continuing support of this ministry.
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# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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## Sunday, February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



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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 Secretary: To Be Filled

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