

8:30 a.m. Order of Service

OPENING PRAISE	“Let’s Worship”
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	
PRAISE SONGS	“Majesty” “Breathe” “Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
ILLUMINATION	“The Blessing”
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 21:23-32
SERMON	Tax Collectors and Prostitutes
OFFERING	“He Is Lord”
COMMUNION SONG	“Revelation Song”
FINAL BLESSING	“Doxology”
CLOSING	“Ain’t No Grave”

*Please stand as able

Assisting in today's service – Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson,
Liturgist: Mary Thronkson **Praise Team Leader:** Mike Clark,
Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler, **Bass Guitar:** Bob Jorstad,
Vocalists: Connie Clark, Pam Garza, **Drum:** Xander Thompson

10:30 a.m. Order of Service

PRELUDE	“Your Grace Is Enough”	Matt Maher
INTROIT	“Awesome God”	TFWS #2040
CALL TO WORSHIP*	[Liturgist] The apostle Paul calls us to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” What is the mind of Jesus? [All] The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation. [Liturgist] Paul reminds us that “it is God who is at work in you.” How is God at work in us? [All] God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation. [Liturgist] Paul exhorts us to “work on your own salvation with fear and trembling.” How do we work on our own salvation? [All] We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation. [Liturgist] Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us. [All] We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.	

OPENING HYMN*	“Trust and Obey”	No. 467
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER	[All] Most wonderful God, Gratefully, we bring our lives to you, asking that our worship may arise from love and be shaped by love, and be directed towards that larger loving which is our soul’s desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!	
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CHOIR ANTHEM	“Sing Out Children of God”	By Martin & Barrett
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SCRIPTURE	Matthew 21:23-32
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT

We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus.
Cristina Cuddy, Youth Teacher
Mary Whitson, Proclaimer
Mary Thronson, Children’s Teacher

**[All] O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of children.
May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.**

A TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer	“Change My Heart, O God”	TFWS #2152
Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Response	“More Like You”	TFWS #2167

SERMON: Tax Collectors and Prostitutes

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission		
Offertory	“Our God”	Reeves, Tomlin, Redman, Myrin
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*		

CLOSING HYMN* “Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” No. 348

BENEDICTION*

[All] May we remember: God is at work in us, enabling us to will and to work for God’s pleasure. May God bless us with a spirit of joyful cooperation and Christian love as together we work with God and neighbor for the flourishing of all God’s creation. Amen.

RESPONSE “Majesty” No. 176

POSTLUDE “Jubilation ” James Denton

***Please stand as able**

Assisting in today's service – Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson
Liturgist: Rosslyn Clauson, **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt, **Sound Tech:**
Video: Alex Paredes, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler, **Song Leader:** Tricia Stewart

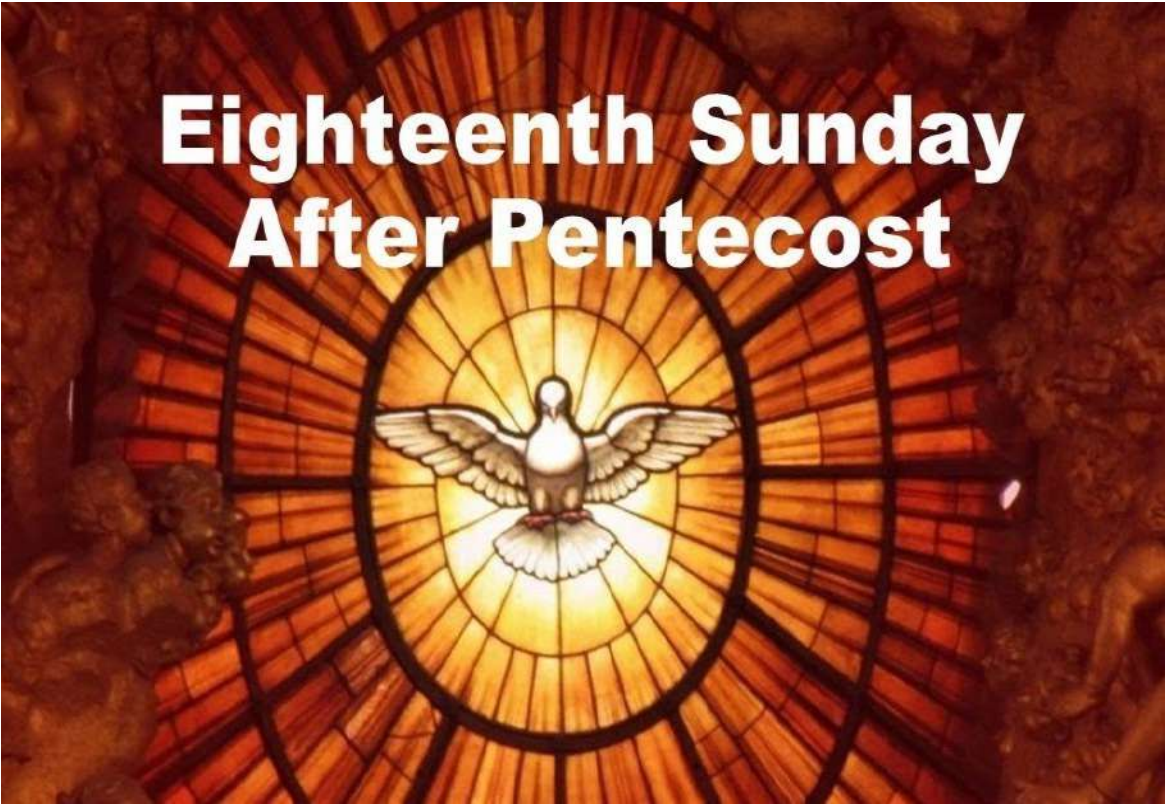


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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors
The People of The United Methodist Church



WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN MEAL PREP

MONDAY, SEP. 28

1:30 PM

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
TUESDAY, SEP. 29
NOON

LEAVE CHURCH AT 11:45



Friendly Neighborhood Big Band *Concert*

October 4th, 3 pm



VISIT OUR LIBRARY!

Open after each service!

Missing You On Your Birthday

You were very kind and thoughtful
With a warm and loving heart
And when other people needed help,
you always played your part.
You're thought of every single day
Whatever time of year
But somehow more than ever
Now your special day is here.
No present can be given
And that's really very hard.
But there's a world of love inside
This special little card.
Each memory is shining bright
And treasured dearly, too.
But memories can't take the place
Of someone dear, like you.

*Today's Flowers are in Memory of Judy Atwood
From Cristy Van Hook*

Matthew 21:23-32

The Question about Jesus' Authority

23 Jesus came back to the Temple; and as he taught, the chief priests and the elders came to him and asked, “What right do you have to do these things? Who gave you such right?”

24 Jesus answered them, “I will ask you just one question, and if you give me an answer, I will tell you what right I have to do these things. 25 Where did John's right to baptize come from: was it from God or from human beings?” They started to argue among themselves, “What shall we say? If we answer, ‘From God,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe John?’ 26 But if we say, ‘From human beings,’ we are afraid of what the people might do, because they are all convinced that John was a prophet.” 27 So they answered Jesus, “We don't know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you, then, by what right I do these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

28 “Now, what do you think? There was once a man who had two sons. He went to the older one and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 ‘I don't want to,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. 30 Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. ‘Yes, sir,’ he answered, but he did not go. 31 Which one of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The older one,” they answered.

So Jesus said to them, “I tell you: the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John the Baptist came to you showing you the right path to take, and you would not believe him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. Even when you saw this, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Fellow Ministry
October 4th will be hosted by Finance

ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	Weekly Needed \$7,740
Aug 30	44	63	107	41	148	\$2,620
Sep 06	47	51	98	28	126	\$6,092
Sep 13	44	78	122	42	164	\$10,318
Sep 20	50	77	127		127	\$5,611
YTD Received:81,800						YTD Needed 92,880
UMCOR Disaster Relief (Hawaii) \$1,410, (Nepal) \$1,200						

Weekly Events:

Mon.	1:30pm	People's Kitchen Feed Prep, Kitchen
	6:00pm	Gerry's Quilt Class, Criswell Hall
	4:30pm	Communications, Library
Tue	9:00am	Tai Chi, Criswell Hall
	10:00am	Sew ‘n Sews & Crafts, McMillen Rm #113
	11:00am	Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
	11:45am	People's Kitchen Food Distribution, 12pm leave church 11:45am
	5:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Rm #115
	7:30pm	Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Rehearsal, Criswell Hall
Wed.	9:00am	Church Work Morning
	10:00am	Mary, Martha, Esther Circle, McMillen Rm #113
	6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thu.	9:00am	Fast walking & Tai Chi, Criswell Hall
	11:00am	Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
	5:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri.	10:00am	Knitting & Crocheting Parks & Recreation, Criswell Hall
Sun.	8:30am	Informal Worship Service
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service
	3:00pm	Friendly Neighborhood Band Concert, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	Oct. 17	Youth Group, Adults 3pm, Youth 4pm, Dinner 5:30pm.
Sun.	Oct. 25	Alternative Christmas Boutique, after both services.
Sun.	Oct. 25	Movie Night, 4pm, ??
Mon.	Oct. 26	Little Pink Houses of Hope dinner.
Fri-Sun. Nov 6-8 Holiday Boutique 9am-2pm, Friday & Saturday. Sunday after both services.		
Sat.	Nov. 14	John Lindsey presentation on El Nino,10:30.
Sat.	Nov. 14	Youth Group, Adults 3pm, Youth 4pm, Dinner 5:30pm.
Sun.	Nov. 15	Boutique - Last Chance!
Sat.	Nov. 21	Free Golf Lessons for Youth Group at Monarch Dunes Golf Course, 2-4pm.
Sat.	Dec. 5	Holiday Extravaganza Talent Show, 5-7pm.
Sun.	Dec. 6	Friendly Neighborhood Band Concert, 3pm.
Tue.	Dec. 8	Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, 1pm. Advance on-line signup required.
Sat.	Dec. 12	Youth Group, Adults 3pm, Youth 4pm, Dinner 5:30pm.
Thu,	Dec. 17	Alternate date: Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, 1pm. Advance on-line signup required.