

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

THEME OF TODAY'S WORSHIP:

SELF EXAMINATION

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOMING WORDS

CENTERING WORDS *Live with Christ. Look for Christ. Listen for Christ, and expect Christ's arrival to come in unexpected ways.*

PRELUDE *Part of the Family* by Jim Manley

So-Called Band

Come in, come in and sit down
You are a part of the fam'ly.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the fam'ly.

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise the God of Truth!
Hallelujah! We seek God's truth.
Let us praise the God of Peace!
Hallelujah! We seek God's peace.
Let us praise the God of Love!
Hallelujah! In Christ we know God's love and so we offer our praise!

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, you have called us to be your disciples and entrusted to us your kingdom. Knowing ourselves and our limitations, we are amazed that you have put such great trust in us and in our ability to be faithful to you. We know we cannot do this without your help! Give us grace to make us more faithful in the conviction that we are your representatives in the world. Help us to live in a way that others might look at us and see your kingdom taking form through our lives, as Christ-bearers. Amen

*OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
GTG 611

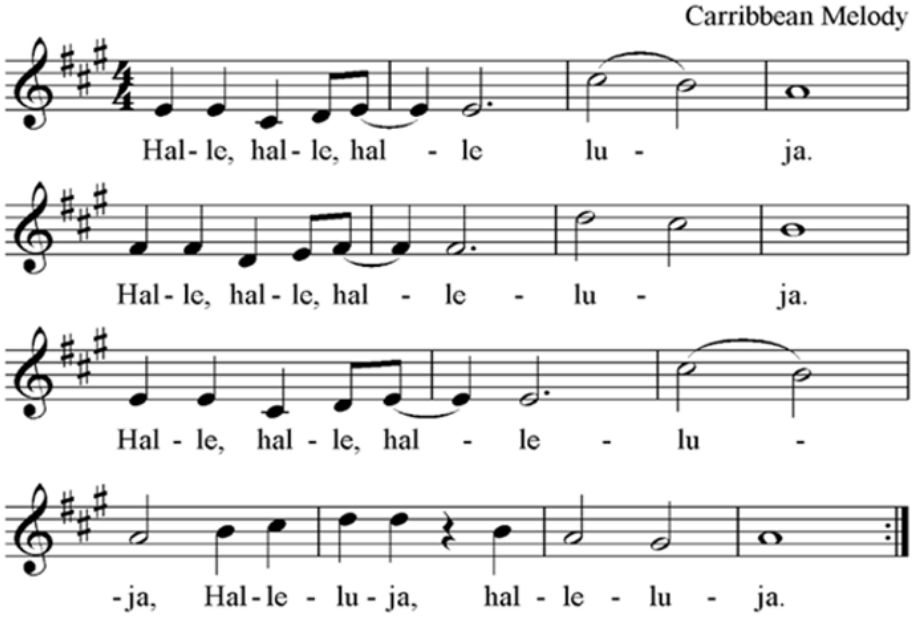
PRAYER OF YEARNING

Loving God, we want to be wise like Jesus and the disciples who built your church. But your ways are mysterious, and they confuse us sometimes. Guide us out of confusion. Help us to see clearly and brightly, led by the light of Christ. Strengthen us to live the wisdom you offer, that our gifts and talents may grow and expand your kingdom of love each day. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus has raised us for new life. Jesus shines for us as a light in the darkness to show us the way.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Halle, Halle*



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Turn to your neighbor and exchange the peace of Christ with one another.

FAMILY TIME

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Zephaniah 1: 12-18

CHRISTIAN WRITINGS 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Keep on the Sunny Side* written in 1899 by Ada Blenkhorn with music by J. Howard Entwisle - So-Called Band

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 25: 14-30

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *What Have We Done with What We've Been Given?* Pastor Gary

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SILENCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we trust in God; and, in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the Church, for the glory of God. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *Glory, Glory* So-Called Band

OFFERING RESPONSE *Take My Gifts, verse 3*
Introduction will play on the organ.

Take whatever I can offer –
gifts that I have yet to find,
Skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
Things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
Take my gifts and let me love you
God who first of all loved me.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

ALL: Faithful God, receive our gifts as tokens of our love and loyalty. Use them to sustain the mission of the Church in ways we cannot yet imagine, in a future that you are creating through Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE THE WORLD

SHARING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*SENDING HYMN

There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy GTG 435

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG

An introduction will be played by the organ

**Let There Be Peace on Earth* (green insert in pew)

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Gary Percesepe
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John Randlett
Music Director: Kate Moody
Hymn Player: Liz Graham
Ushers: Thanks to our ushers and worship team!
Liturgist: Barbara Olivier
Sunday School Teacher: Evelyn Betts & Patty Haskell
Audio/Visual: Ron Davis & Matt Graham
Childcare: Abby Fuqua

Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today: Giving Made Simple online contribution class after worship.

Monday, Nov. 16: 2pm Hula with Kumi Milaki Young

Tues., Nov. 17: 10am Family Connections, EEC

11:30am Budget committee mtg., SH

Weds., Nov. 18: 8:15am Morning Prayer, Zoom

10am Coffee with Gary, Murphys

5:30pm Musical Sanctuary with Kate

Thursday, Nov. 19: 12pm Faith & Friends small group

Saturday, Nov. 21: 10am Bell Choir rehearsal

Sunday, Nov. 22: 9am Vocal Choir rehearsal

11:45am New Member Lunch and Learn

PRAYER LIST:

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. ~ Philippians 4:6-7 (The Message)

Mary Kelly

Aimee Kulcharyk (Barb Olivier)

Dustin Crow (Pat LaMont)

Judy Regalia

Diane Day and Family (June Perry)

Mark McCormick's sister, Teta

Linda Winters

Teddie Jackson

Doug Fraser (Doug & Patti Lau)

Miley Sophia (Breen)

Will and parents (Penny Sarvis)

Enoch Samraj

Faye Morrison

Jodie Gibson

Tabitha Kremesec

Lauren, Gordon, Emre, Willow (Jesse Hampton)

Shirley Soderer

Terry Dowell

Robin Chesnut

Tari Takara

Ben Richardson (LaMonts)

Dodi Horvath

Rev. John Randlett

Rev. Marty Williams

MUSICAL

Sanctuary

Forgiveness

Music and Guided Meditation

with Kate Moody

Wednesday, November 18

5:30 pm

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509 N Algiers Street

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Hula

with

Kumu Mikilani Young

Experience Hawaiian culture and dance the Hula.

November 16, 2 - 4pm
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Murphys, CA

Join Kumu Mikilani Young from Canticle Farm EARTH ABIDES for a monthly Hula dance class. This class is open to the community and all genders are welcome. Kumu offers this class on a donation basis.

Learn more about *Earth Abides* in Sheep Ranch by visiting canticlefarmoakland.org/earthabides/ or scan the QR code below.

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