



Sunday, September 1, 2024

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" "
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. by Mark Hayes
Kirim Eom

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Peter Delevett

Leader: The Summer wanes and the Autumn draws close.

People: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

Leader: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

People: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

Leader: Let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

People: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship God together today!

HYMN #32 "I Sing The Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader

**God of justice and righteousness, your call beckons to us:
to live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness, to walk in your ways. And yet it is
so easy to turn aside: to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to
strike out in anger, to forget your ways. Forgive us, Lord! Implant your word in
our hearts, and cleanse us from all evil. By the power of your love, heal our
souls, that we might faithfully serve you. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE #519 "You Are My Strength When I am Weak" JERNIGAN

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Alex Nguyen

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 91:1-8 Peter Delevett

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "Let Mount Zion Rejoice" by Dr. J. B. Herbert

DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 6:7-15

SERMON Prayers of the Bible: "The Granddaddy of Them All"
Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
THE INVITATION Rev. Erica Rader

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

"The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise."

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together" LET US BREAK BREAD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #326 "For All The Saints" SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE "We Gather Together" arr. by John Carter

Keep in Your Prayers: Emily Barrett surgery. Choe Hickman. Carolyn Randall's daughter Tiffany. Rachel Larsen. Marjorie Bowles and Family. John Sbrega. Jeff Yergler lung complications. Tony Bayne. Collette Lynner's Husband Doug. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Kristy Cole. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry.

Thank you for joining us for Worship in the Social Hall! Our Sanctuary building is currently being refurbished and remodeled, so we are temporarily holding our worship services in the Social Hall. We will keep you updated on construction progress and plans as things move forward. Thank you for your flexibility!

Nursery Caretaker- Children's Ministries is in need of a regular nursery caretaker on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. This is a paid position with an opportunity for additional hours during special events. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact Erin Heath at erin.heath@pclg.org.

Kick off Sunday September 8 Join us for worship and celebration as we reconnect after summertime and seek a new season of growing deeper with God's grace. We will ordain and install new leaders and enjoy a catered BBQ lunch after worship. With gratitude, we will reflect on God's blessings and anticipate what is yet to come. We hope you will be part of the family celebration!

Sunday School Volunteers We are blessed with a growing Children's Ministries program and we are looking for more volunteers to fill our classrooms. If you are interested in being a loving adult in the lives of the children of our church, please contact Erin Heath, Children's Ministries Director, at erin.heath@pclg.org.

You're in for a Treat at the Women's Retreat

Meaningful. Inspiring. Refreshing. Fun. These are some of the words that are often used to describe the annual PCLG Women's Retreat. In fact, many regular attendees tell us it's a spiritual and social highlight of their year.

This year's get-away promises to be just as memorable. Our 2024 Retreat is scheduled for a little later than past ones -- **the weekend of Oct. 25-27, with a Saturday-only option**. And it's at a new location: the St. Francis Retreat Center, a lovely and peaceful place near San Juan Bautista.

Online and in-person registration will open next Sunday, Sept. 8. Look for our registration table at the Kick-Off Sunday celebration following the worship service. We'll have lots of information for you there, and you'll be able to pay your retreat fee by check, cash or -- for the first time at the table -- credit card.

Thanks to the generosity of PCLG'ers, we have been able to extend retreat scholarships to many women over the years, and for this we are very grateful. If you'd like to contribute to our scholarship fund, please contact Pastor Erica Rader (erica.rader@pclg.org, 408-356-6156) or retreat coordinator Beth Barry (bethbarry1@comcast.net, 408-402-2125).

Pastor's Bible Study Join Pastor Dave for a mid-week study each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Theology on Tap Tuesday, September 3 from 7-9 p.m. at Hapa's Brewing Company (114 S Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos). Please join Pastor Dave and others there for a theological discussion over a frosty beverage. 21+

Stephen Ministry is not just about major life and death issues. Life is all about change; and changes, good or bad can be stressful. Maybe your concern is about a friend, family member, or even current events. Your Stephen Minister will meet with you confidentially an hour each week to listen to whatever is weighing on you. A Stephen Minister is not a counselor. Your Stephen Minister is a supportive listener who will offer you encouragement, not give you advice. stephen.ministry@pclg.org PCLG dedicated Stephen Ministry phone line 669-240-0857.

Grove Groups Grove Groups are small groups that meet monthly, and are starting up again. If you are not yet in a Grove Group, but would like to be in one, please email Lauren Froman at lomfroman@yahoo.com.

Sign Language Group We are learning sign language through worship songs. We meet on the **2nd** and **4th Sunday** after worship service in Room 9 in Children's Wing. The dates are subject to change depending on church events. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (youngla0707@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawl and Sophia's Layette knitting, crochet. Fridays 3-5pm in the Fireside Room. Questions ? Call Colleen Hattman 408-398-0651.

WOW The weekly drop in Bible study for all the women of PCLG (called WOW) meets Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 in the Fireside Room and always welcomes new friends, so contact Julie Lasher at 408/656-8419 or JHLasher01@gmail.com for info on our in-person meetings and hybrid zoom option. Our first meeting is Sept 5 with a welcome potluck brunch.

The PW Morning Circle PW Morning Circle will not meet during the months of July and August. It will start again in September. For information contact Ruth Fong at 1(408) 395-9342 or ru.fong@comcast.net.

MINOW Men's Bible Study: We have a men's study in person and via Zoom each Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. This group, called MINOW, Men In Need Of Wisdom, is, much like our Presbyterian church, run by its members! We take turns leading the weekly study, and when the current study topic nears completion, together we choose the next. Currently we are studying the book "Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus" and learning how the Jewishness of Jesus can transform your faith. Please reach out (minow@pclg.org) to be added to the weekly invite.

Youth Update:

No Middle School Sunday school today. Sunday Night Fun & Fellowship (SNiFF) returns next Sunday at 5 p.m.

High School Youth Group will meet tomorrow night (yes, Monday) at 7:30 p.m. because of the holiday weekend.

Children's Ministries - There will be no Sunday School on Labor Day weekend, 9/1. The nursery is available for children 4 and under.

Children's Ministry (Infant - 5th grade): Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants - 2 1/2 years old. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry Wing, and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry Wing. Please refer to the church calendar for special Sundays when Sunday School may not be available. Visiting families should walk their child back to Sunday School after the children's message so that teachers can meet the parents and know who they are dismissing the child to at pickup. Please reach out with any questions to Erin Heath the Director of Children's Ministry erin.heath@pclg.org

Dates To Remember

September 1	Congregational Meeting after worship
September 8	Kickoff Sunday catered BBQ lunch to follow
October 12	Inquirer's/New Members Class
Oct. 25-27	PCLG Women's Retreat St. Francis Center

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We believe that everyone is created in the image of God and that we are all children of our loving God. We welcome you into the life of our church regardless of where you are on your faith journey. We welcome people of any race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. Simply put, we believe that God loves you and so do we.