



Sunday May 3, 2026  
Teacher Appreciation Day

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "He Leadeth Me" arr. Callahan  
Jennifer Baham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Kristina Raspe  
(based on Psalm 31:1–5, 14–15)

Leader: Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

**People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

**People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

**People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

**People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: Come, let us worship our God today!

HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader  
**God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us, but sometimes that is hard. We see others doing wrong and we feel haughty, as if we were always in the right. We confess the places in our lives where we have fallen short. We confess our slippery slide into sin and ask for your forgiveness to pull us out again. Set us free from the past that we cannot change. Help us embrace the new life that you offer to us today. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Great Are You, Lord" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Kristina Raspe

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "Come to the Music" by Joseph Martin  
Music Director Michael Taylor, Chancel Choir, Organist Jennifer Baham

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:27-32

SERMON "Freedom to Love" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

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

THE INVITATION

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 MUSIC "Trust in God" Worship Band

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 #182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE "Praeludium and Fugue in G Minor" by J.S. Bach

**Thank you to our Sunday school teachers, confirmation mentors, and youth staff:**

Liz Alves, Doreen Barger, Annie Castellino, Sophia Castellino, Natalie Cerussi, Julie Clift, Grace Crites, Renee Crites, Chris Daly, Steve Daly, Jane Fainer, Steve Fainer, Lauren Froman, Brian Heath, Leigh Henderson, Tim Henderson, Abby Hoekstra, Andrew Kaiser, Kelly Kaiser, Megan Kinzler, Julie Lasher, Marcia Lawson, Cameron Logie, Karen Loomis, Edwin McGugan, Carlo Panighetti, Charyn Paaske, Larry Paaske, Valerie Plummer, Mary Raecker, Doris Reed, Ella Scott, Gary Serbent, Taryn Smith, Madeleine Stanwood, Jess Thompson, Margot Walton, Lisa Watermulder, Ben Wiebracht, Michelle Wiebracht, and Martha Wills.

Special thanks to Pam Bancroft, who served faithfully for many years before her passing.

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Angie Smith on the passing of her mother. Mary Allen after her husband Rex's passing. Kristy Cole. Noreen Saywer's family after her passing. Tom Smith's family after his passing. Emily Barrett starting a new round of chemo treatment. The family of Pat Jones after her passing. Terri Raynaud, on hospice care. Tony Bayne. Ted Bancroft's family after his passing. Mary Smith. Bill Slocum's family after his passing. Beth Barry. Joan Brown. Patty Kelly. Eleanor Gallmeister. Judy Momrow.

**Prayer time with Pastor Jack Longley** Please join us today at 11:15 in the chapel after worship for a special time of prayer for anyone who is needing some healing prayers. All are welcome.

**Giving Online** Please visit [www.pclg.org/online-giving](http://www.pclg.org/online-giving), or use this QR code, to access our online giving tools. You can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.



**All-Church Mexico—Sign up now!** - *June 20-27, 2026*. Join us for our Summer Mission Trip to Mexico! A group from PCLG will travel to the Tijuana area to build homes with Amor Ministries, supporting families and local churches in need. This is a great trip for anyone going into third grade and up through adulthood! Have questions? You can e-mail trip leadership at [mexico@pclg.org](mailto:mexico@pclg.org) or visit [pclg.org/mexico](http://pclg.org/mexico)

**Growing Footprints Summer Camp** for TK/K students age 4-6 from June 8-August 12 offered 9am-1pm, Monday through Friday. Come for one or all weeks, with different fun themes each week. Sign up with friends. Fee per week 4 Days \$300 / 5 Days \$340. A Full Day option is available 4 Days \$405 / 5 Days \$505 See our flyer or find more information at [www.growingfootprints.org](http://www.growingfootprints.org).

**Parent's Night Out** - **Saturday, May 9th from 4-7pm** Enjoy a night out while Erin and her team take care of your kids! We will provide snacks, pizza, and fun. Please RSVP by May 3rd. There is no charge, but if you would like to donate to our high school/college volunteers please feel free to do so.

**Theology on Tap** There will not be a Theology on Tap in May since it falls on Cinco de Mayo. It will be difficult to find parking in the area at that time. TOT will resume on June 2

**Dive Deeper Into Biblical Patterns** Sundays at 9:00 am: (This is a 6 week series, begins May 17 and ends June 21.) Join us in the chapel for a new study where we go deeper into patterns and themes in the Bible. Participants will be invited to study the Scriptures and engage together with the rich themes that help us know Jesus better and how he fulfilled these with truth and grace for our lives. Taught by Sarah Lee.

**Mission Committee** Do you volunteer locally? Do you know of local volunteer opportunities Do you have ideas for mission? Do you want to know where your mission funds go? Then please join us at a mission roundtable to discuss these and other mission related topics. We will meet in the chapel after church on May 17th.

**New Members and Inquirers Class** Saturday June 6, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fireside Room - Childcare available with pre-registration. If you are considering making PCLG your church home or if you are curious to learn more, come to our new members and inquirers class led by Pastor Dave. We'll talk about what it means to focus on Jesus at our core, and we'll share about our theological heritage and how our church seeks to grow and serve together. It will be an interactive morning with plenty of time for questions and for getting to know each other.

For more info contact: [members@pclg.org](mailto:members@pclg.org). You can go our website to sign up [www.pclg.org/become-a-member](http://www.pclg.org/become-a-member).

**Servant Leadership with Nilofer Merchant** - Sunday, May 31, 2026, 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. A light lunch will be served. Servant leadership is one of our most sacred ideas. This talk invites anyone who leads to take a closer look at Servant Leadership. And to explore what it really means to serve in a way that builds shared responsibility, not silent dependence. Nilofer Merchant will share with us the role of leadership relevant to Christian and other faith communities through helping individuals embrace their unique ability to create a better world, rather than simply enforcing a set of rules or conforming to a traditional, external structure. To assure enough seating and food for attendees, we would appreciate your rsvp you can send your rsvp to [adulterd@pclg.org](mailto:adulterd@pclg.org)

**Youth Update** Another big day today! Our Middle School Sunday School class will be meeting in the Youth Center during worship. High School Confirmation class will gather from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the YC - this is our last class of the year! SNIFF meets tonight at 5 p.m. and YG meets at 7:30 p.m. What a great day ahead!

**Middle School Whitewater Rafting** - There are two spots left for our whitewater trip May 23 & 24. Talk to Steve ASAP if you are interested!

**Children's Ministry** (Infant -5th grade) Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants at the beginning of worship. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry "Wonderful Wing" and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry "Wilderness Wing." 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, at [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org).

## **Recurring Group Meetings**

**Pastor's Bible Study** – Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the Fireside room.

**WOW** (Women's Weekly Bible study) Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Fireside room.  
contact: JHLasher01@gmail.com.

**PW Morning Circle** (Women's Monthly Bible study) Third Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to noon at the Terraces in the Sunroom, located on the 2nd floor in the Assistant Living area. Contact Ruth Fong (408- 314-2682)

**MINOW Men's Bible Study** MINOW (Men In Need Of Wisdom) is a Men's Weekly Bible Study held on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. And we are also on Zoom, if you can't make it to PCLG in the early morning. There is always room for more men at the table so please reach out to [minow@pclg.org](mailto:minow@pclg.org) to be added to the weekly email invite.

**Bookends** (Monthly Book Club). Our May book is Jody Picoult's By Any Other Name. It's the story of 2 female play writers. One is in the present day and her ancestor who lived in Shakespeare's time. We'll meet Sunday May 31st at 2:30 in the fireside room or you may join us on zoom. Contact Suzie Hansen at [paigeturner007@hotmail.com](mailto:paigeturner007@hotmail.com).

**Sign Language Group meets** Join us as we learn sign language through worship songs! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays after worship service in Room 9, located in the Children's Wing. If you are interested contact Charlotte or Collette by email: [cferree@yahoo.com](mailto:cferree@yahoo.com) or [collette.lynnner@gmail.com](mailto:collette.lynnner@gmail.com)

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