



Sunday, September 8, 2024

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"As the Deer"
"All Glory Laude and Honor"
Jennifer Baham

arr. Victor Labenske
arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Thompson

Leader: We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

People: We are called together in Jesus' name today!

Leader: We come from different backgrounds and life situations

People: We are united in Christ, the Lord of all!

Leader: Come, let us worship almighty God together

People: We come to worship in Spirit and in Truth.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God today.

HYMN #196

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

Gracious and ever-loving God, we turn to you today. Your love is at work in our lives in both seen and unseen ways. We confess today that we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves the way that you love us. We seek to turn away from wrong words, actions and attitudes, which break our relationship with you and others. Set us free from our sin, from our past, from anything that holds us captive. By your mercy, show us how to start over again today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"House Of The 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 John 4:7-12

Jeff Thompson

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "O Love of God How Strong and True" By Howard Helvey

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Galatians 5:22-25

SERMON Fruit of the Spirit: Love Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN "One Thing Remains" Worship Band

ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

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 #366 "Love Divine all Love's Excelling" HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" arr. Lloyd Larson

Keep in Your Prayers: Joy: for Emily Barrett's successful pancreatic cancer surgery, recovering at home. Choe Hickman. Carolyn Randall's daughter Tiffany. Rachel Larsen. John Sbrega. Jeff Yergler. Tony Bayne. Collette Lynner's Husband Doug. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Kristy Cole. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Amanda Bierly's brother Zander with a heart issue. Pat Regan (son-in-law of Norma and George) recovering from heart attack. Deepika Tewari, traveling to India to support her father.

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!

Starting the Journey with Jesus: Class for New(er) Believers Come, join our Parish Associate Rev. Jack Longley for four Sunday evenings to discuss what the Christian faith is all about...a four week gathering at Pastor Jack's home. These will be held, 5:00 P.M. on October 13-20-27 and November 3 with each session lasting one hour. This will be open to the first eight responders. jacklongley@rocketmail.com

How To Be a Christian in the Election: Join Pastor Paul Watermulder for a 3 part series on the important topic of faith and politics. The class will meet on September 22, 29, and October 3rd, at 9am in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.

Kick off Sunday Today Join us for a catered BBQ lunch by the Redwood Grove immediately following worship today. There will be a variety of food (including vegetarian options), a dessert bar, and a dunk tank with Pastor Dave in it! All are welcome.

Come Sing With Us The choir has returned to worship and we would love to invite you to *Come Sing With Us*. If you've ever thought about singing with the choir, now is the perfect time to join us in musical fellowship. There's no audition and rehearsals are Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:00pm. Making music is the perfect opportunity to joyfully refresh your creative spirit. It's also a lot of fun. For information contact Michael Taylor at michael.taylor@pclg.org.

Would you like to read the scripture in church? Each week, we have a different person read the scripture during the worship service. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Mary Jane Humphrey, maryjhumphrey@comcast.net.

Archaeology and the Bible: Dr. Patrick Hunt is a Professor at Stanford University and will be presenting a 3-part class on discoveries from ancient archeology and how it informs our faith and understanding. Dr. Hunt is an expert in his field, a best-selling author and a real-life Indiana Jones figure! Join us after worship on October 20th, November 3rd and December 8th for this exciting series. Light lunch will be provided. Dr. Hunt's books will be available for purchase.

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.

PCLG Women's Retreat: Sign-Ups Start Today!

Registration for our 2024 Women's Retreat is opening today, at the Kick-Off Lunch after the worship service. Information will be available at our registration table, and you'll be able to pay your retreat fee by check, cash or -- for the first time at the table -- credit card. The table will continue to be open during coffee hour on each of the next three Sundays. Starting today, you'll also be able to sign up, see all the info and pay on the church's website, pclg.org. Registration and payment deadline is Sunday, Sept. 29.

This year's 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, peaceful place near San Juan Bautista. Our teacher will be the Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, a Presbyterian minister, professor emerita at San Francisco Theological Seminary, award-winning author and inspiring speaker. As always, our get-away will be filled with music, prayer, learning, sharing and relaxing.

If you'd like to contribute to our retreat 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).

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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. We are NOT meeting on the 8th of September as it is kick-off Sunday. We are meeting on **Sept. 22nd**. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (youngla0707@gmail.com).

Bookends Book club will meet on Sunday September 29th at 2:30. You may join us in the Fireside room or zoom in. Our book is the unusual story Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn. It's the tale of a fictitious island off the South Carolina coast. The island of Nollop is governed by a small group of folks. They manage to brainwash the community into believing some wild ideas. Will sanity prevail?

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

The PW Morning Circle We will begin the fall by meeting with the WOW ladies for 2 meetings Sept. 12 and Sept 26 at 10 am in the Fireside Room 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:

Today is a regular Sunday. So that means: Middle School Sunday School meets in the Youth Center (YC) during worship - come meet all our teachers today. High School students stay in worship.

SNiFF (our Middle School Youth Group) meets in and around the YC from 5 to 6:15 p.m. tonight. YG (our High School Youth Group) meets in and around the YC from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. tonight.

Silliness and seriousness to ensue.

For more info, contact Steve Fainer @ 408-472-0208 or fainer@gmail.com

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

October 12	Inquirer's/New Members Class
October 20	Rend Collective Christian Concert 7 pm
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.