



Sunday, October 6, 2024  
World Communion Day

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE                      “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”                      arr. Jane Holstein  
   “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”                      arr. Lloyd Larson  
   Kirim Eom

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP                      David Pneh

Leader: Today we gather around God's table from near and far

**People: We are the People of God!**

Leader: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

**People: We are brothers and sisters! We are siblings in Christ!**

Leader: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

**People: We are One in God's Spirit!**

Leader: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

**People: For we are the people of Redemption!**

Leader: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

**People: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!**

Leader: Come, let us worship our God today!

HYMN #733                      “We all Are One in Mission”                      WALDVOGELEIN

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON                      Rev. Erica Rader  
*from The Book of Common Worship*

**Holy God, giver of peace, author of truth, we confess that we are divided and at odds with one another, that a bad spirit has risen among us and set us against your Holy Spirit of peace and love. Take from us the mistrust, party spirit, contention, and all evil that now divides us. Work in us a desire for reconciliation, so that, putting aside personal grievances, we may go about your business with a single mind, devoted to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE                      “King of My Heart                      Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE                      Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE                      Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 23:1-9

David Pneh

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

Worship Band

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

SERMON

Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness

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 ANTHEM

"Taste and See"

by David Lantz III

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 #753

"Make Me a Channel"

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. Jack Schrader

**Keep in Your Prayer:** Kristy Cole recovering from hospitalization at Stanford. Chris Bollinger. Emily Barrett. Joan and Willis Brown. Choe Hickman. Jennifer Baham's mother. The Bierly/Shaw families. Carolyn Randall's daughter Tiffany. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler. Rachel Larsen. John Sbrega. Jeff Yergler. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Deepika Tewari, traveling to India to support her father. Rosemary Will. Susan Cherne and family.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Hurricane Helene Recovery** The PDA has a response team on the ground and uses directed funding to support our Presbyterian churches and their communities in the healing and rebuilding efforts due to devastating storm damage. Donations can be sent to the church and your funds will be used to help recovery efforts. *Please make checks payable to PCLG with "PDA" in the memo line.*

**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

**New Members and Inquirers Class** Saturday October 12 9:00 a.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 our mission and ministry, answer questions and get to know each other better. You can go to PCLG.org to sign up or get more info.

**The mission committee** would like to invite you to volunteer at Martha's Kitchen on October 16 from 3:15-5:15 for the indoor dining service for our neighbors in need. Any questions? E-mail peggy.heath@gmail.com. Ready to sign up? Use the URL below: [https://marthaskitchen.galaxydigital.com/user/login/?return=/need/detail/?need\\_id=951924](https://marthaskitchen.galaxydigital.com/user/login/?return=/need/detail/?need_id=951924). *Day-of instructions:* Wear closed-toed shoes and a hat. If you can, please park on the street due to limited spaces in our shared parking lot. Enter through the office doors past the muraled cold box on the side of Martha's Kitchen. You will be greeted by staff and walked through the check-in process.

**Archaeology and the Bible:** Dr. Patrick Hunt is from Stanford 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.

**Rend Collective Christian Music Concert** October 20, 7 p.m. - Tickets are available online. please look for the link in the weekly email.

**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.

**Attention All Women Going to the Women's Retreat:**

Thanks so much for signing up! We're praying that you and the 50-plus other women planning to attend will have an enjoyable and inspiring get-away. Please be on the lookout for a pre-retreat email that we'll send to all registrants next week. It will come from Church Administrator Veronica Nourse (veronica.nourse@pclg.org), and will contain some information you'll need before the event. Also, remember to read our "What You Should Know Before You Go" sheet. It's in your retreat info packets, as well as in the office and on pclg.org.

If you indicated an interest in carpooling, you'll be contacted soon. If you'd like to contribute to our scholarship fund, contact Pastor Erica Rader at erica.rader@pclg.org. If you have any questions, contact Veronica.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Stephen Ministry** Your Stephen Minister is a supportive listener to offer encouragement, not advice. In a recent sermon, the three points were: Look, Listen [don't fix], Leave room for God. This is the foundation of Stephen Ministry; to listen and not fix, and leave room for God. Their motto is: the Stephen Minister is the care giver; God is the cure giver. Not sure that Stephen ministry is for you? Give it a try for 3 weeks—meet for an hour each week with a Stephen Minister who will listen to whatever is weighing on you. PCLG Stephen Ministry [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 meeting on Oct.13 and NOT meeting on Oct. 27th. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (youngla0707@gmail.com).

**The PW Morning Circle** The Thursday morning Bible study will began meeting at the Terraces on Thursday, October 17 at 10:15 am in the 2nd floor Conference Room. Any questions? contact Ruth Fong at 1(408) 395-9342 or ru.fong@comcast.net.

**Ghoulash: A Magical Brew of Musical Stew** *October 12, 2:30pm, Saratoga Federated Church.* Join us for a free Halloween concert simmered in spooky, flavored with fun, and dished up with delight! Brought to you by SFC musicians and friends, including the PCLG Handbells! Selections include a fangtastic blend of classical macabre to petrifying pop! Bring your boo and come partake in this brewtiful song stew...if you dare! Bone appétit!

**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:**

Youth Update - This week is another "irregular" Sunday! It's the 1st Sunday of the month and we have Middle School Sunday school the 2nd-4th Sundays of the month. SO, Middle Schoolers can stay in worship and sit with Steve and friends. It's World Communion Sunday so that'll be fun. And next week there's Sunday School!

**SNiFF** for Middle School is happening from 5 to 6:15 p.m. today.

**YG** for High School is happening at 7:30to 9:15 p.m. today. Special Request for YG: Students are invited to bring a cutting board and paring knife. We're diving deep into the spiritual significance of an onion. Laughter and tears to be sure!

For more info or details, look for Steve Fainer or reach out to him at fainer@gmail.com or 408-472-0208

**Bookends** invites you to join us in the Fireside room on Sunday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm for a discussion about Allen Brennart's book, Molokai. It is the journey of 3 generations of one family who are struck by leprosy. The book begins in 1891 and continues through 1970. Brennart is one of the writers for the TV series LA Law. This is our last meeting for 2024; we lapse during the holiday season. Our book for January is The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan set in the UK during WWII.

**College care packages:** the Deacons are planning on sending care packages to our college students as a way to remind them that their church family is thinking of them and sending some support their way. To accomplish this, we need your students' proper address. Please send to alexishoekstra@comcast.net by October 13 to have them included. Thank you from the Deacons.

**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

**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.



**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.*