



Sunday August 16, 2026

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Andante Cantabile"
Katie Gueorguieva

by J. Haydn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP
(from Psalm 67)

Grace Crites

Leader May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that God's way may be known upon earth, God's saving power among
all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for the Lord judges the peoples with
equity and guides the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

**People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere
God's name.**

Leader: Come, let us worship our God together today!

HYMN #410

"God is Calling through the Whisper"

W Żłobie Leży

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON
(based on Romans 11, Isaiah 56)

Rev. Erica Rader

**Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming
your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have
fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have
failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a
house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us
together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our
neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know
your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world,
leading us to your promised kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE #581

"Glory Be To The Father"

GLORIA PATRI

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MINISTRY FELLOW REFLECTION

Grace Crites

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

Grace Crites

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY

"Deep River"
Michael Kuo soloist

arr. by Mark Hayes

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:35-42

SERMON

"Blessed To Be A Blessing" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elianah Obwaka, daughter of Lydia and Peter Akula

HYMN #488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

WATERLIFE

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 #694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

AURELIA

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in C Major"

by Johann Pachelbel

Keep in Your Prayers: Kristy Cole moving onto hospice care. Michael Taylor recovering from a back issue. Nilofer Merchant's sister Rukhsana with health concerns. Jean Lusk in hospital after procedure. Tami and Gerry Young health concerns. Bart Raynaud and family on his wife Terri's passing. Joyce Walters on the passing of her husband. Audrey Christianson, recovering from a fall. Tony Bayne, upgraded to active list for transplant. Inger Karson on her husband Richard's passing. Suzie Hansen recovering from a fall. Betty Ulrich on the passing of her husband Gerald. Jordan Eldridge. Emily Barrett. Mary Smith. Beth Barry. Joan Brown. Patty Kelly. Eleanor Gallmeister. Judy Momrow.

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Mission Committee Due to your generous contributions and the mission of our church, PCLG, through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, was able to send \$8000 toward Venezuela earthquake relief efforts. Thank you so much!

Paid Position Available Children's Ministries is looking for an additional Nursery Caregiver for Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am (additional hours available for special events). If you know someone who would be a good fit, please email Children's Ministry Director, Erin Heath, at erin.heath@pclg.org.

Kickoff Sunday Join us on Sunday, Sept 13, 2026, from 11:15am to 1:00pm to celebrate the start of our new church year. The staff at the Terraces have graciously offered to cater the event this year. We'll also have the Kona Ice Truck for dessert. Want to help set up or clean up? Find the link in this week's Weekly email or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAE23A3FA7-65062351-kickoff>

PCLG goes to BayFC - Sunday, August 23 3 p.m. We have group tickets available for a BayFC (San Jose's Women's Soccer team) game! This is their "back to school" celebration, so there will be plenty of fun things for the kids to do and see. They have put us in the section with a lot of shade and a bit less noise. Tickets are \$25 (plus taxes and fees). Scan the QR code to visit our PCLG Group Page to purchase tickets.



New Members and Inquirers Class Saturday October 3, 2026 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.

You can sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAE23A3FA7-65050995-october>

Youth Update Good morning! Middle School Sunday School meets today in the Youth Center following the Passing of the Peace. Our High School Youth group meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the youth center as well.

Today from 5 to 6 p.m., parents of rising 6th graders and their 6th grader are invited to our 6th grade orientation hour. Meet the youth staff, play some games and talk about Middle School. It's a great time to meet new friends for the journey ahead.

Children's Ministry (Infant -5th grade) Welcome Families! On a typical Sunday, 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.

Dates To Remember

August 29	Gerald Ulrich memorial service 11:00 a.m.
September 1	Theology on Tap 7 p.m.
September 11	Terri Raynaud Memorial Service 2 p.m.
September 13	Kickoff Sunday
September 19	Ted Walters memorial luncheon
October 3	Inquirers/New Members Class
November 6-8	Women's retreat

Recurring Group Meetings

Pastor's Bible Study – Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the Fireside room. **We will take a break during the summer and return on August 26.**

WOW (Women's Weekly Bible study) Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Fireside room. contact: JHLasher01@gmail.com. **WOW returns 9/3 for the welcome brunch.**

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) **We will take a break during the summer months and begin again in September.**

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 to be added to the weekly email invite.

Bookends (Monthly Book Club). Bookends for August is Big Alma by Bernice Scharlach. It's the true story of Alma Spreckles and her life in San Francisco. The Spreckles mansion on Nob Hill is now inhabited by Danielle Steele. Join us Aug 30 at 2:30 in Fireside room or zoom option.

Sign Language Group meets Please join us on August 23 after church for snacks and sign language practice, 12 pm Room 9, Children's wing. All are welcome. Please contact Charlotte Ferree (cferree@yahoo.com) or Collette Lynner (collette.lynnner@gmail.com) for more information.

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