Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos

Sunday, September 4, 2022

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Adagio* A. Marcello
Katie Gueorguieva, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Ruth Wheaton

Leader: From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path,
People: Gather us, O God.
Leader: From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts,
People: Gather us, O God.
Leader: From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts,
People: Gather us, O God.
Leader: We choose you and Christ's way.
People: Help us attend to your presence with us in worship.
Leader: Come, let us worship God.

HYMN #33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show LLANFAIR

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON The Rev. Erica Rader

Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE #519 You Are My Strength When I Am Weak ALL IN ALL

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES The Rev. Erica Rader

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:1-8 Ruth Wheaton

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING The Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Mark Hayes
Michael Kuo, soloist; Katie Gueorguieva, piano

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:9-13

SERMON "The Seed in the Fruit" Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

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 HYMN #507 Come to the Table of Grace TABLE OF GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER
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 #547 Go, My Children, With My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Electing Elders & Deacons

POSTLUDE *Prelude No. 1* George Gershwin
Katie Gueorguieva, organ

Call to Worship & Prayer of Confession written by The Rev. Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook

Congregational Meeting *TODAY, after worship* We will have a brief congregational meeting in the Sanctuary to elect a new class of Elders & Deacons.

Keep in Your Prayers Mark Smith after the loss of his father, Tom; Michael Taylor's mother, in frail health**;** Mark Baker after the loss of his father, Bob; the Sinclair family after the loss of Christa; Susan & David McDougal and family after the loss of their son, Jamie; Susan Cherne; Elaine Drake; Diane Egli; Betty Berkshire; Gigi McNulty; Tony Clift; JoAnn Renk; Jeanne McCann's daughter Cathy; Keishiana Cerussi, in group home in Stockton; Joan and Willis Brown; Judy and Rev. Ed Momrow; Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry; Tom Wolf; the Ulrichs' niece Patrice, with cancer; Lindsey Fredericks; Susan and John Koeker, going through cancer.

Kick off Sunday, *September 11*- 10:00 a.m. worship and lunch to follow!
Come and be inspired for the season ahead and enjoy a celebration lunch after worship. We'll have a catered lunch from Adelita's Taqueria and other treats and we will enjoy fun games in the field and playground. Come enjoy the opportunity to catch up with old friends and to meet some new friends. We're looking forward to the dunk tank where we can welcome Pastor Dave back home with a splash! There are no fees for the event, but we are seeking people to help with set up before church and clean up. It's a great way to connect with others! To help with this event please sign up at the link at www.pclg.org/events.

Theology on Tap *Monday, September 12. 7-9 p.m.* Please join Pastor Dave and others for the next round of Theology on Tap in the Redwood Grove. Please RSVP *(see link online or in Weekly e-mail)*--Registration helps us better estimate how much beer to provide, as well as an assortment in line with individual preferences. *Ages 21+*

Presbyterian Women Fall Bible Study Kick-off September 15, 10 a.m. in the social hall. The women's Bible study groups (Presbyterian Women or PW) will join together to kick off chapter 1 of the Horizon's study for this year, Celebrating Sabbath. Come to meet women from the 3 different women's PW Bible study groups, be inspired by Pastor Erica who will lead us in this special kick off event, and enjoy coffee and refreshments. Questions? Contact Julie Lasher 408/656-8419 or JHLasher01@gmail.com.

Celebration for "Helping Hands for South Sudan" *September 18 after worship in the Social Hall* - Join us after church for a special program to celebrate the work of Gabriel Nyok and hear about the future plans for Helping Hands and for Gabriel and Roda's family. Light lunch will be served. Questions, contact Martha Wills (mtswills@gmail.com).

Sign Language Group The next meetings of the sign language group will be in the Social Hall after worship on Sundays, September 18 (after the Helping Hands presentation) & 25. We are learning to sign along with 'Doxology' and 'Jesus Loves Me.' Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (younglakwon@yahoo.com).

Scout Popcorn Sale The Scouts will be selling popcorn during coffee hour on September 4 and 18--stop by to support them and enjoy some delicious popcorn!

Grove Groups We are launching our new Fall Grove Group series to begin in October. Grove Groups are small groups that meet monthly to explore Scripture and topics chosen to spark conversation. If you would like to join a group, let us know by emailing grovegroups@pclg.org

WOW is back! The weekly drop in Bible study for all the women of PCLG (called WOW) meets Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 and is resuming on Sept 8 with an offsite potluck, and is back on PCLG campus starting Sept 15. WOW 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.

Sign-Up to Be an Usher! Are you wondering how you could get involved with PCLG? One of the easiest ways to get involved is to sign up to be an usher for Sunday worship. All you need to do is use the Sign-Up Genius link on the church website (under the heading Events) to sign-up for a time, come to church by 9:40 am, and check-in with the Head Usher who will let you know what to do. It's a great way to meet people and participate in the worship service!

Bookends Book Club *Sunday Sept 25th at 2pm* We're reading *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan. We were inspired by the pilgrims who visited the Holy Land. They mentioned *The Lemon Tree* was suggested reading for the trip. Sandy Tolan's book tells of a house with a lemon tree and the two families who lived there in different times. One family is Israeli, the other Palestinian. Please join us in the Fireside room or join via zoom (see the link in the weekly email).

Stephen Ministry training class begins Sept 17 Our training class for our one-on-one caring ministry starts Saturday September 17 with a kick off retreat with Pastor Erica and Pastor Dave. Our class will meet for 50 hours from September through March on Monday nights and you will find that it enriches every relationship in your life as you learn more about giving and receiving care and grace. Pastor Erica and Pastor Dave will be our main teachers. Come be part of a grace-filled, life giving ministry that makes a difference in people's lives at PCLG. Contact stephen.ministry@pclg.org for more information.

New Members and Inquirers Class *Saturday October 8, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Hall* - 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.

At the end of our class, some of the Elders of the church will join us and we'll talk about what it means to "officially" join PCLG. The following day, October 9th, we will be welcoming all our newest members during Sunday worship.

RSVP at the link found at www.pclg.org/membership or contact members@pclg.org.

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

"Women at the Well" PCLG Women's Retreat *October 14-16 at Jesuit Center of Los Altos* - Our retreat will be Friday night October 14 through Sunday morning October 16. Saturday-only registration option is available for those who can't attend the whole retreat. More information and registration available next week on Kick off Sunday. Questions, contact Pastor Erica.

Fall Worship Music Updates The Chancel Choir will resume for rehearsal on September 8th at 7:30 in preparation for kick-off Sunday on September 11. Rita Hoegel will continue to gather and lead our Worship Band and always welcomes new people. If you are interested in singing or bringing your musical gifts to PCLG, please contact Michael Taylor (michaelftaylor@comcast.net) or Rita Hoegel (norita.hoegel@gmail.com).

Bookends Book Sale: The Sequel *Oct 23 & 30* It's back! Remember how we'd anxiously await the next edition of Harry Potter? Ok, well, maybe it's not quite that degree of enthusiasm...October 23 & 30 after church on the patio, our book sale will return. October is the month that observes awareness of domestic violence. This year, the proceeds from our sale will go to support organizations that help victims of domestic violence. *Oct 22nd* [church work day] please bring your books with you and leave them in the Social Hall.

Flower Ministry Each Sunday, a beautiful bouquet will be displayed in the narthex and later re-assembled for delivery by the flower ministry team to brighten someone's day. If you would like to dedicate the bouquet in honor of someone or something, please go to https://www.pclg.org/online-giving to submit your floral tribute dedication/donation. You may also pay by check. Please include your dedication and the date and notate "flowers" on the memo line. The cost is $65 and we will include your dedication in the bulletin on the date you have selected.

Dates To Remember

September 4	Congregational Meeting after worship to elect Elders & Deacons
September 7	Pastor's Bible Study, Wednesday's at 2 p.m.
September 11	Kick-Off Sunday!
September 12	Theology on Tap, 7-9 p.m. in the Redwood Grove
September 17	Stephen Ministry retreat
September 18	Helping Hands for South Sudan Presentation
September 24	Amor Ministry 42nd Anniversary Celebration, 2-4pm
October 8	New Member Class
October 14-16	Women's Retreat, Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos
October 22	Church Work Day
November 13	Church Wide Thanksgiving Gathering, potluck, 6 p.m.