



**World Communion Sunday,
October 2, 2022**

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Take Courage!
At Thy Mercy, Lord
Old Hundred
Joshua Fit de Battle
Chancel Brass

J. S. Bach/arr. Clair W. Johnson

Amedeo de Filippi
arr. Al Dailey

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marcia Lawson

Leader: Lord, show us the way of peace and reconciliation.

People: Teach us the way of redeeming love.

Leader: Reveal the plan of salvation so long hidden and embolden us through our faith in Christ.

People: Sustain the unity of the Spirit among us and all the people who follow Christ in every nation.

Leader: Let us worship our God together with all our siblings!

HYMN #756 (Verses 1,3,4)

“O God of Every Nation”

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PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-discipline — that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Great Are You, Lord”

Leonard, Ingram & Jordan

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lauren Froman

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 18:1-8

Marcia Lawson

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

OFFERTORY

Higher Ground

Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir; Chancel Brass; Katie Gueorguieva, piano

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON

"What About Them?"

Rev. Erica Rader

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: "The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 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

"Goodness of God"

Fielding, et. al

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 #450	"Be Thou My Vision"	SLANE
BENEDICTION		Rev. Erica Rader
POSTLUDE	<i>Power Medley</i> Chancel Brass	arr. Dana F. Everson

*Prayer of Confession from PC(USA) World Communion liturgy,
written by the Rev. Katie Owen Aumann*

Keep in Your Prayers All who have been impacted by Hurricane Ian; Bob Rosen (husband of Carolyn Rosen) recovering from surgery; Uhuru Nanzigirwa & family; Audrey Christensen; Tom Saunders' cousin Carol, recovering from broken hip surgery; Tom Saunders' nephew Scott, with recurring cancer; Natalie Cerussi, recovering from a broken bone; Nancy Hernandez; Susan Cherne; Elaine Drake; Diane Egli; Betty Berkshire; Gigi McNulty; Tony Clift; JoAnn Renk; Jeanne McCann's daughter Cathy; Keishiana Cerussi; Joan and Willis Brown; Judy and Rev. Ed Momrow; Tom Wolf; the Ulrichs' niece Patrice, with cancer; Lindsey Fredericks; Susan & John Koeker, going through cancer.

Announcing our new Church Administrator! Welcome to Veronica Nourse, who will begin work in the PCLG office on October 17. Veronica is an experienced Church Administrator who is eager to get to know our church community and be part of our ministry team.

Women's Retreat: Sign Up After Church Today The 2022 PCLG Women's Retreat will be held the weekend of Oct. 14-16, with a Saturday-only option. This year's getaway will once again be at the beautiful Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. You'll enjoy sessions with our inspiring guest speaker, optional group activities, and plenty of time to socialize and get out into nature. Private rooms and baths are available. To sign up or get more information, stop at our registration table during coffee hour after the worship service today, or visit the church website at pclg.org. **Registration and payment deadline is Sunday, Oct. 2.**

Stories of Peace and Reconciliation with the Rev. Julie Kandema - Thursday
October 6 10:00 am in the Social Hall - An ordained pastor with the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda and 2022 International Peacemaker from Rwanda, Rev. Kandema will share how the country has evolved since the genocide against the Tutsis in 1994. "During my visit to U.S. churches, I am willing to share with the congregants the journey of my country and the church in rebuilding and reuniting Rwandans," she said. "I am participating in the International Peacemakers because I want to share my experience in peace and reconciliation, and I want to learn from the experience of my brothers and sisters from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). All are welcome to join this talk, hosted by the Presbyterian Women of PCLG.

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

From your Mission Committee You are invited to participate in our fall collection to benefit Front Door Communities and Sacred Heart Community Service. At the church work day (Oct. 22), we will be receiving NEW men's underwear (all sizes), adult socks and children's diapers (all sizes). Look for red bins at the check-in station - and thanks for your generosity!

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.

Baptism Class *Sunday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m. (after worship) in the Chapel (attached to the Social Hall)*. Join Pastor Dave for a time of learning and discussion about the meaning of baptism, an important step in your faith journey (no matter the age of the person being baptized). Baptisms are celebrated in worship on Sundays in the midst of the whole family of faith. This class is a time for preparation for that celebration. A light lunch will be offered. Childcare may be provided if needed. Please RSVP at the link found at www.pclg.org/signup

Sign Language Group The next meetings of the sign language group will be in the Social Hall after worship on Sundays, October 9 and October 23. We are learning to sign along with 'Doxology' and 'Jesus Loves Me. And we will learn 'Silent Night, Holy Night'. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (younglakwon@yahoo.com).

Bookends Book Sale: *October 23 & 30 after church in the courtyard* - 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.

Children's Ministry (Infant - 5th grade): Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children infant - 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 Lauren Froman, Director of Children's Ministry at pclglauren@gmail.com or Erin Heath, Children's Ministry Coordinator at erin.heath@pclg.org

Youth Happenings Our Youth Ministry offers three regular programs on Sundays for students.

Middle School Sunday School begins after the Time for Young Disciples and meets in the Youth Center until worship ends. This year, we're thinking about and talking through some tough questions. Students are dismissed to find their parents.

Sunday Night Fun & Fellowship (SNIFF) meets from 5 to 6:15 p.m. and is also for Middle School students. Games, quick Bible studies and conversation and more playtime after that!

Our High School Youth Group meets from 7:30 - 9:15 p.m. outside the Youth Center (while it's still warm). Singing, sharing, sarcasm, An upcoming retreat called L.O.G. for High School students and hosted by students will be Oct. 28-30.

For more upcoming event info, to help out with dinners for volunteers, or just to chat, reach out to Steve Fainer @ 408-472-0208 or fainer@gmail.com.

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 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.

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!

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

October 8	New Member Class
October 9	Baptism 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.
November 17	Interfaith Thanksgiving, United Methodist Church, LG