



Sunday, October 1 2023
World Communion Day

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Bist du bei mir" by J.S. Bach
"May the Mind of Christ My Savior " arr. Jack Schrader

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Youngla Kwon-Cleary

Leader: We gather from the west to the east,

People: from the south to the north,

Leader: to celebrate the God of peace

People: who accompanies us in our lives of faith.

Leader: This God of peace accompanies us

People: in each and every circumstance around us.

Leader: We praise God's name!

People: Amen!

Leader: Come, let us worship God together!

HYMN #63 "The Lord is God" AZMON

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader

O God of all the nations, we pray to you today. We give you thanks for your wondrous works of creation, for your redemption through Christ and the way that you sustain us by your Spirit. We confess today that we have been out of step with your will. With a narrow lens, we have seen only a slice of life and believed the lie that this is all there is. Help us to have hearts that are open to the suffering of this world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to walk in freedom, trusting you day by day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Teacher, Which is the Greatest" Fainer and Friends

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Rev. Erica Rader

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Youngla Kwon-Cleary

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "Here I am Lord" arr. by Craig Courtney - Flute

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 12:28-31

SERMON " Love the Lord Your God with All Your Heart " Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:
THE INVITATION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
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 HYMN #530 "One Bread, One Body" Worship Band

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 "The Blessing" The Worship Band

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE "Toccata"
Kirim Eom by Douglas E. Wagner

Keep in Your Prayers: Praise Russ Hosfeldt home from hospital. Kristy Cole. Joanie Brown. Chris Bollinger, eye surgery. Lee Sullivan passed away. Tom Saunders' cousin Kristine passed away, please pray for their family. Mardie Daily. Florence Mock. Nilofer Merchant recovering from a concussion. Gerry Young. K.J. and Sang Kim. Sharon LeClaire. Gigi McNulty. Gail Myers. Barbara Snyder's daughter Terry, health concerns. Cathy and Russ Hosfeldt. Jan Wilson's daughter Kim. Mike Breuleux's niece Amy. Jean Richey. Susan & John Koeker, going through cancer. Tony Bayne kidney transplant waiting list.

Questions for Reflection

- 1) What is something that you love "wholeheartedly"? What causes you to love with such commitment and depth?
- 2) Where does your faith reside most: in your head, your heart, your hands, or your gut? Why is that?

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

WoW Women's Bible Study: The weekly drop in Bible study for all the women of PCLG (called WOW) meets Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 at PCLG. 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.

Grove Groups Want to be in a Grove Group, but can't find one to join? Small groups ministry will be starting at least one and; maybe two new Grove Groups. Please text Diana at 406-431-7374 and talk with her about what you're looking for in a Grove Group.

Sign Language Group We are learning sign language through worship songs. We meet on the 2nd/4th Sunday after worship service. The dates are subject to change depending on church events. We are currently working on "**Here I Am, Lord**" and "**Jesus Loves Me**". Our meeting for October will be **10/22** after worship in Room 9 of the Children's Wing. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (younglakwon@yahoo.com).

The PW Morning Circle The Thursday morning PW Circle meets on the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Any questions? Please call Ruth Fong at 408-395-9342 or Pat Garland at 408-307-8436.

Theology on Tap Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 7-9 p.m. at Hapa's Brewing Company (114 S Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos). Please join Pastor Dave and others there for a theological discussion over a frosty beverage. 21+

Dessert + Game Night: Come join your PCLG family Saturday 10/21 from 6:00-8:00 pm for a fun night of delicious desserts, fun games, and fellowship. Games will be provided OR bring your favorite game to share! See you there!

2023 Women's Retreat: A Record-Breaker!

PCLG's Women's Retreat Team wishes to thank all those who signed up for this year's retreat. We're excited to report that we expect it to be a record-breaker, with significantly more women planning to attend this retreat than were at any of our eight previous ones.

Our getaway is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 13-15 at The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. Information sheets are still available in the church office and in the retreat section of our website, pclg.org. Registrants should watch for an informative pre-retreat email from PCLG during the coming week.

Retreat Scholarships: We are extremely grateful for the generosity of PCLG'ers who have enabled us to offer retreat scholarships to many women over the years. If you'd like to contribute to this year's scholarship fund, please contact Pastor Erica Rader (erica.rader@pclg.org, 408-356-6156) or Elder Beth Barry (bethbarry1@comcast.net, 408-402-2125).

Faith and Science: Can They Be Reconciled?

Can a Christian believe in evolution? Can a scientist believe in the Bible? Join us as we discuss these and other challenging questions during a special session **after the worship service next Sunday, Oct. 8.**

The session, titled Continuing the Conversation, will be led by the Rev. Greg Cootsona, an expert in the intersection of faith and science who will be speaking during that morning's service. Greg is co-director of Science for the Church, a project designed to turn science into a resource for spiritual growth among Christian congregations. He's also a lecturer in comparative religion and humanities at California State University, and an associate pastor at Bidwell Presbyterian Church, both in Chico. Greg has written several books, including this year's award-nominated *Science and Religions in America: A New Look*.

Continuing the Conversation is sponsored by PCLG's Adult Education Committee. It will be held in the Social Hall from 11:30 to 12:30; snacks will be provided.

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

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. in the Youth Center. Singing, sharing, sarcasm.

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.

Dates To Remember

Oct 3	Theology on Tap 7 pm Hapa's
Oct. 8-9	Faith and Science Weekend Young Adults Lunch with Greg Cootsona- Oct 7 at 12pm Greg Cootsona preaching in worship-- Oct 8 at 10am Supper and Conversation for Middle & High School students and their parents-- 6pm Oct 8
Oct 13-15	Women's Retreat, Los Altos
Oct. 21	Game and dessert night 6:00-8:00
Oct. 22	Kids Lead Worship

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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.