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WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves,

we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need,

we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins

but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING

Jesus Loves Me

#595 (red book, rear section)

Jesus loves me! this I know,

for the Bible tells me so;

little ones to him belong,

they are weak, but he is strong

REFRAIN

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,

yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he who died

heaven's gates to open wide;

he will wash away my sin,

let his little child come in.

REFRAIN

Jesus loves me! he will stay

close beside me all the way;

when at last I come to die,

he will take me home on high.

REFRAIN

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit (+) be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (Spanish setting)

page 175 (red hymnal, front part)

**Lord have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, mercy on us;
O Christ, have mercy.
Christ, mercy on us;
O Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray together... **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:16-32

The first lesson for Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Genesis, the 18th chapter, beginning with the 16th verse.

When the [three] people got up to leave, they set off for Sodom,
and Abraham walked with them to say good-bye.

Then God said,

“Shall I keep back from Abraham what I’m about to do?
Abraham and Sarah are going to become a large and strong nation;
all the nations of the world
are going to find themselves blessed through them.

Yes, I've settled on them as the ones to train their children and future family to observe God's way of life, live kindly and generously and fairly, so that God can complete in Abraham and Sarah what God promised them."

God continued,

"The cries of the victims in Sodom and Gomorrah are deafening; the sin of those cities is immense. I'm going down to see for myself, see if what they're doing is as bad as it sounds.. Then I'll know."

The people set out for Sodom, but Abraham stood in God's path, blocking God's way.

Abraham confronted God,

"Are you serious?
Are you planning on getting rid of the good people right along with the bad?
What if there are fifty decent people left in the city;
will you lump the good with the bad and get rid of the lot?
Wouldn't you spare the city for the sake of those fifty innocents?
I can't believe you'd do that,
kill off the good and the bad alike
as if there were no difference between them.
Doesn't the Judge of all the Earth judge with justice?"

God said,

"If I find fifty decent people in the city of Sodom,
I'll spare the place just for them."

Abraham came back,

"Do I, a mere mortal made from a handful of dirt,
dare open my mouth again to my Master?
What if the fifty fall short by five –
would you destroy the city because of those missing five?"

God said, "I won't destroy it if there are forty-five."

Abraham spoke up again, "What if you only find forty?"

"Neither will I destroy it for forty."

He said, "Master, don't be irritated with me, but what if only thirty are found?"

"No, I won't do it if I find thirty."

He pushed on, "I know I'm trying your patience, Master, but how about for twenty?"

"I won't destroy it for twenty."

He wouldn't quit, "Don't get angry, Master – this is the last time.

What if you only come up with ten?"

"For the sake of the ten, I won't destroy the city."

When God finished talking with Abraham, God left. And Abraham went home.

[*The Message*]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

I give you thanks, O Blessed One, with my whole heart;
before all the people I sing your praise;

**I was humbled when I came to see that You dwell in me,
in the Sacred Chapel of all souls;
my gratitude knows no bounds!**

For you are the Holy One, the Life of our life.

**On the day that I called, You answered me;
the strength of my soul You increased.**

All the leaders of the earth shall one day praise You,

When your Spirit Awakens in every heart;
and they shall proclaim the new dawn of Light and love.
Great will be the radiation of your Glory!

For even as You are the Most High, You are Friend to the lowly;
the arrogant close their hearts to your love and guidance.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;
**You are a very Presence as I face my fears and doubts;
Your strength upholds me.**

You guide me as I pray to fulfill my purpose on earth;

You do not forsake those who call upon You.

Your steadfast Love and Truth endures forever.

[*Psalms for Praying*]

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15

The Second Reading for this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the 2nd chapter of Colossians, beginning with the 6th verse.

[Paul writes:]

My counsel for you is simple and straightforward:
just go ahead with what you've been given.

You received Christ Jesus, the Master;
now *live* him.

You're deeply rooted in him.

You're well constructed upon him.

You know your way around the faith.

Now do what you've been taught.

School's out;

quit studying the subject and start *living* it!

And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.
Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk.
They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything.
They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings
and the empty superstitions of spirit beings.
But that's not the way of Christ.
Everything of God gets expressed in Christ, so you can see and hear Christ clearly.
You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ,
and the emptiness of the universe without him.
When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too.
Christ's power extends over everything.
Entering into this fullness is not something you figure out or achieve.
It's not a matter of being circumcised or keeping a long list of laws.
No, you're already *in* – insiders – not through some secretive initiation rite
but rather through what Christ has already gone through for you,
destroying the power of sin.
If it's an initiation ritual you're after,
you've already been through it by submitting to baptism.
Going under the water was a burial of your old life;
coming up out of it was a resurrection,
God raising you from the dead as God did Christ.
When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God.
God brought you alive – right along with Christ!
Think of it!
All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean,
that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross.
He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross
and marched them naked through the streets.

[*The Message*]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **page 179 (red hymnal, front section)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 11:1-13

The gospel lesson for this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the 11th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 1st verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished,
one of his disciples said to him,
“Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them,

“When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them,

“Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him,
‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,
for a friend of mine has arrived,
and I have nothing to set before him.’

And he answers from within,

‘Do not bother me;
the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed;
I cannot get up and give you anything.’

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything
because he is his friend,
at least because of his persistence he will get up
and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you,
Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives,
and everyone who searches finds,
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Is there anyone among you, if your child asks for a fish,
will give a snake instead of a fish?

Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit
to those who ask!”

[New Revised Standard Version]

This is the gospel indeed!

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Persistence in Prayer

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN

As the Deer Longs

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.**

REFRAIN

**You alone are my Strength, my Shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.**

**You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other.
so much more than anything**

REFRAIN

**I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.**

REFRAIN

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 And he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources such as the Feather River of the State Water Project, and the local Morro and Chorro Basins, and the building of the Water Reclamation Facility, and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer, especially the people of Ukraine and those who are suffering from extreme heat. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. We especially pray for the following:

- Paul Kenealy, returning to work after a serious kidney issue
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, and husband of Mike- now in rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- completed final round of chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law- recovering from a stroke
- Edith Tway- moving from the hospital again to rehab
- George Tway- supporting Edith
- Becky Padilla- whose doctors are turning to different healing techniques
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- recovering from a complicated bladder replacement surgery
- Tim Stein, Pastor Mary's brother- living under hospice care
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- adjusting to the new baclofen pump
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Janelle Muff, for continuing good health
- Elaine Grawe- recovering well from brain surgery- going to LA next week to have stitches removed and see her grandchildren
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Garrett Stapp, husband and father of 2 young children and son in law of the Brochtrup's neighbors John and Judy Jeter - awaiting a heart transplant
- For Vern and Edith West, that they stay safe and healthy
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering boldly in Santa Maria, and for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants, and that we might continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Liz Fitzgerald and Sandy McMillan who celebrate their birthdays this week

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We also offer these prayers, spoken and unspoken, from those assembled here [*offer your prayers, either aloud or silent*]...

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father which 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!**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
May we work toward a world where nobody is hungry,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #774. (red hymnal, rear section)

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

REFRAIN

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

REFRAIN

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer**, for assisting in worship.
- **Nancy Koppl**, for teaching Sunday School.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for streaming worship, assembling worship bulletins and editing our newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.

Events this week:

- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, discussing how God is showing up in our lives.
- **Men's Group** next meets on Tuesday, August 2nd, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house.
- **Bible Study** on Wednesday, July 27th, will be at Sara Loven's house, meet at church at 9:40 to carpool
- **Sunday, July 31st, 10:00 am**, worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall.
- Our congregation will be participating in the **Los Osos Community Dinner** on Thursday, July 28th. Please speak with Nancy Padilla if you are able to provide food this time.
- Please remember to bring your **donations for the yard sale** soon - we have some room to store them! Help is also needed to sort and price.
- **Note that we are still strongly asking for the use of masks in worship**, for the health of all, especially for the sake of those whose health is compromised or weak.