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PRELUDE**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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GATHERING What a Friend We Have in Jesus #742 (red hymnal, rear section)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God is prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear –
 all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

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, have mercy on us;
 O Christ, have mercy.
 Christ, have 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... Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: I Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20

[The congregation responds with the bold words.]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

**Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"
and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me."**

But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

The Lord called again, "Samuel!"

Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

The Lord called Samuel again, a third time.

And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

[The congregation responds with the bold words.]

Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

My body was not hidden from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;

all of them were written in your book;

my days were fashioned before they came to be.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****REFRAIN**

Leader: Listen now for the gospel! **People: Alleluia!**

Leader: It is God's word that changes us! **People: Alleluia!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone,
until we give our lives to God, and God alone.**

REFRAIN

**Come, Holy Spirit root in us God's living word,
that we may show the faithfulness of Christ our Lord.**

REFRAIN

**Come, Holy Spirit, bind the broken, find the lost,
confirm in us the fire and love of Pentecost.**

REFRAIN**GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51**

The gospel lesson for this Second Sunday After Pentecost is from the 1st chapter of John, beginning with the 43rd verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

[The congregation responds with the bold words.]

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.

He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him,

"We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote,
Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him,

"Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?"

Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?
things than these."

You will see greater

And he said to him,

"Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened
and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN Here I Am, Lord #574 (red hymnal, rear section)

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

REFRAIN

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”

REFRAIN

“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”

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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God’s blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration, or are otherwise in need of our prayers, especially,

- Sean Cannoles – Nikki Rocha’s cousin – heart problems
- Katie Edson and family who lost their mother on November 28
- Joyce Bauer – recovering after recent hospitalization
- Elaine Grawe – relocating to be near her son
- Nancy Padilla – multiple dental procedures
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Robin Karas – Home from Bayside and recovering
- Christian – Heidi Carney’s son – dealing with multiple ailments
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Byron Nelson - friend of Jacoby's - Cancer
- Mike Johnson - lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – dealing with frontotemporal lobe dementia, starting a medication trial
- Heidi Carney – Puzzling spots in her lungs
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport
- Aaron Brochtrup - returning to office work while continuing to recover from his accident
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – learning to live with condition
- For Sally and Jennifer and the family of Marcia Shep who passed on Dec. 27
- James Hecker- undergoing hyperbaric oxygen therapy for serious infection
- Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For an end to the war in Ukraine
- For the earthquake victims in Japan
- For the people of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of senseless gun violence
- For Nancy Koppl, Saniya Ogren and Nikki Rocha who celebrate their birthdays this week

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray further for others on our hearts and mind who are in need of our intercession, especially,

[You may name persons in need of prayer either out loud or in the silence of your hearts.]

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints, especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

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

OFFERING SONG Create in Me a Clean Heart #186 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.
 In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek
 and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.
 Amen.**

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 right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Holy, Holy

p. 181 (red hymnal, front section)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God,
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

p.182 (red hymnal, front section)

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ.]

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Arise, Your Light Has Come #314 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born;
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to:

- **Nikki Rocha**, for being worship assistant.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer, Nikki Rocha and Kathie Sperow** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.

- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, Mike Lorenzo and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** is continuing tonight, January 14th at 7:00 on Zoom. Our topic of discussion will be.
- **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** has a new day and time, starting this week on Tuesday, January 16th, starting at 10:00 am on Zoom. Speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested in joining this group.
- **Confirmation** will meet next week, Monday, January 22nd at 6:00 pm. We will be covering *The Sermon on the Mount* in the gospel of Matthew.
- **Pastor Mary's class** on *The Parables of Jesus: Parables of Grace* will continue this Tuesday, January 16th 1:10 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house on 1302 17th St. in Los Osos.
- **The New Church Council** will meet this Tuesday, January 16th, starting at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Bible Study** is on Wednesday, January 17th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The subject will be *John on the Word Made Flesh*.
- The **Congregational Annual Meeting** takes place today after worship has ended. The primary business will be to elect the Church Council members for this year and to review and approve the 2024 budget.
- This Tuesday, January 16th, **Toste Construction** will start rebuilding our parking lot in the front of the church, with grading and paving.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.
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Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events: morrobaylutherans.org