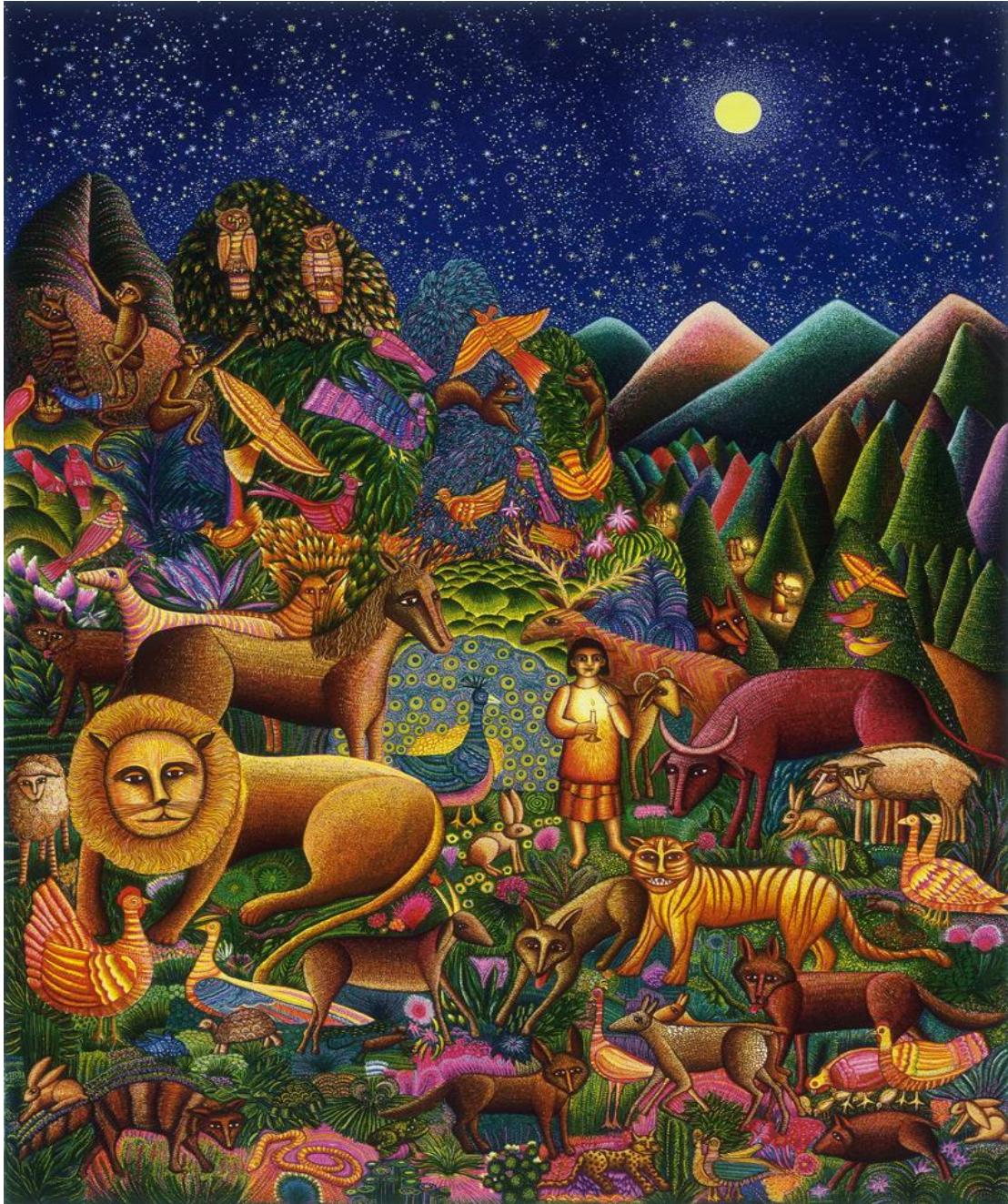




PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People

Peaceable Kingdom by John August Swanson, 1994



July 14th, 2024 Worship 10 am
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Time Here? Thank you for coming!
Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for
fellowship & coffee in Bowen Hall after service today.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, a hearing loop and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

Tip for the Service-

*Asterisk means please stand if able.
The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way and the kids table in the back of our Sanctuary.

Sunday School is on break until August. There is a *Gathering of the Children* during the service.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

W.A. Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact, please fill out the connect card from your pew and put it in the offering plate.)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #475 (vs 1,3) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music 1813

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,

call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fether,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy God, we belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves, peace is impossible as we invest billions in weapons of war. We dismiss new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck-trapped in our comfortable ways.

Forgive our reluctance, Lord. Forgive our ignorance and our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you. Open us to your truth. Humble us to your ways. Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Jesus Christ has set us free! Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace.
Respond with bold, courageous love! Alleluia!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL FOR OFFERING



Jessica Arriola

OFFERTORY "Nearer My God To Thee" arr. by Ginger Fairbanks

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN #286 (vs1)

***Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 85:8-13

Jessica Arriola

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

QUINTET-

"Be Still, My Soul"

Jean Sibelius

Jessie Arriola, Cindy Danner, Kristina Teixeira, Diane Osten, Anthony Lim

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Ephesians 1:3-14

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

What is God Up To?

Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #610

"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Carl G. Glaser

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

3. Christ speaks, and listening to his
voice new life the dead receive;

the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.

4. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth
abroad the honors of thy name.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

God of heaven and earth, in these days of scorching summer sun and cool evenings; days of terrorizing wars and vacations at the beach; days of discouraging news and fun church picnics; we live lives of contradictions.

We feel the disparities. We feel you tugging at our hearts to heed Christ's call to care, to serve and to delight in the blessings God has bestowed on us to share with those in need.

On this Sabbath day, we pause to pray for those who are suffering, those who are close and known to us as well as those who live in far lands. In your mercy, God, hear our prayers for:

- **People seeking to survive enduring violence in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan**
- People seeking a home to call their own, a place of safety and refuge
- **People seeking escape from record heat waves, storms, and natural disasters**
- People seeking a cure for disease or the easing of physical pain
- **People seeking relief from endless waves of grief**
- People seeking spiritual peace to cool the anger burning within them
- **People seeking healing from mental or physical illness**

God, we know we are not powerless. We recognize the power we hold to make this world more just, more equitable, more caring. Equip us with the wisdom to know what is best, and the courage to do what is right. Now as the body of Christ, hear us as we pray the prayer our Savior 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 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.**

*HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" Phobe P. Knapp

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Chorus]

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Chorus]

*BENEDICTION

God calls, Christ loves, the Spirit guides.

**As God has gathered us for worship, now God sends us out - redeemed,
renewed to live and love faithfully.**

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator be with us all now
and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Benedictus"

Francois Couperin

PREACHER: *Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway* LITURGIST: *Jessica Arriola*

MUSIC: *Carol Menke, Althea Wright, along with Jessie Arriola, Cindy Danner,
Kristina Teixeira, Diane Osten, Anthony Lim*

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM: *Andre Dews, Phil Goede, DJ Maxwell-Kellam,
Josh Lim, Eddie Seamans, Norm Smith, and Nico Wycoff*

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PRAYER REQUESTS- Please include in your prayers-

Those mourning the death of their loved ones-

The family and friends of Jeanette Bauer as they mourn her passing.

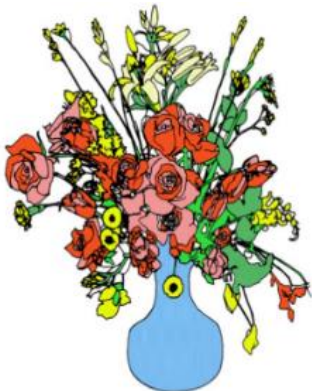
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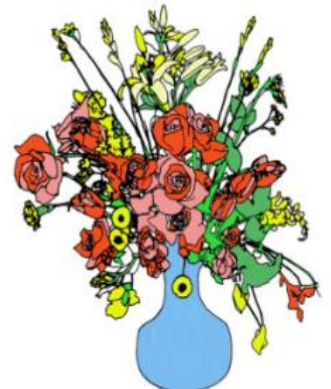
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Bob Simmons
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Dale Trowbridge
Jill White
Roger White
Helen Wikle
Betty Witchey-Ryer

Those serving in our military

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Commander Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve. Private Caleb Thorstad, US Marine's Camp Pendleton



“Flowers given by Jessica Arriola, and are dedicated to her Daughter Amber and grandchildren, Beth and Ed arriving from England and her 64th Birthday.





*Are you a person who is safety minded?
We are looking for individuals to
volunteer for our Safety Team—
they would guide our congregation in
emergency response such as fires or
earthquakes etc.*

If you are interested- please contact Pastor Cindy.

Have you ever wanted to go on a mission trip to Kenya? We'll be going to help the ByGrace Children's home. We are having a planning meeting on Aug 4th after service for our June 2025 trip. All are welcome.

Sunday School starts up on Sunday Aug. 18th

MHS Breakfast- Needs Wednesday volunteers-6:30am-9am to make breakfast for students of MHS-please talk to Chris Rhodes or Raven for more information.

New Church Directories and Rose Clippings are available in Campbell Ct.

****Get out of the HEAT- come relax in our air-conditioned library on: Tue/Wed 9-3pm & Thur 9-12pm***

Family Fun Night- Wed. July 17th 5:30pm.

RSVP Office@churchoftheroses.org or 707-542-4272

****Cents-Ability baskets are out today-your donation supports the Presbytery Hunger Fund & MHS Breakfast - Thank you!***