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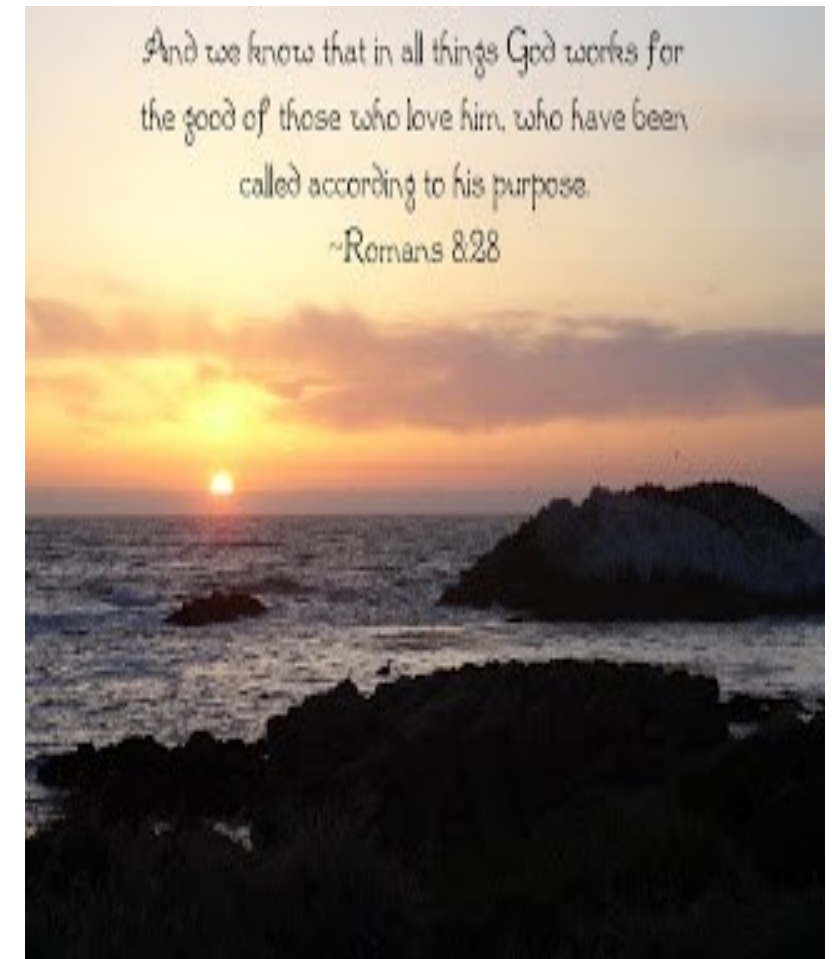
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2015



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September 20, 2015 **8:30 AM**
Music by *The Lord's Crew*

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

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*PRAISE SONGS *My God, My Savior Above All*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Susan Coho

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Though I Feel Alone*

SCRIPTURE (NIV) Romans 8:28-39

SONG OF PREPARATION *I Cast All My Cares*

MESSAGE "A TEAR IN THE EYE OF GOD"
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OFFERTORY SONG *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer
Sharing the Liturgy
Communion Song *Glory to the Lamb*

*BENEDICTION SONG *The Lord Bless Thee*

*RECESSIONAL *He is Jehovah!*

The Bulletin Board



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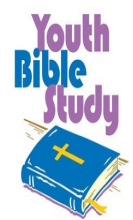
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All middle school and high school students are invited



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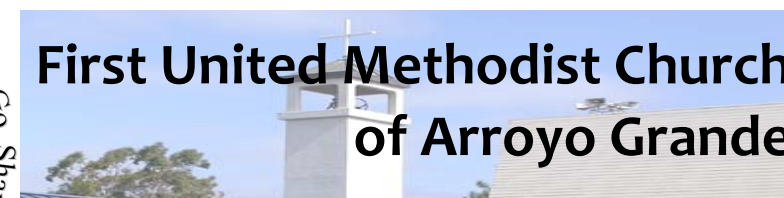
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Weak or strong, we are all blessed by God, called by Christ, and strengthened by the Spirit. May we sense these gifts of blessing, call, and strength as we gather together this day.
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WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

HANDBELL INTROIT *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is God, who blesses and calls!
Great is the Spirit of love!
Here is God, blessing and calling us.
Here are we, ready to receive.
Here are God's people, weak and strong, gathered as one.
May God bless us with strength and wisdom for the journey.

*OPENING HYMN *God of Love and God of Power* No. 578

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Gaudio Exultans* by Valerie W. Stephenson
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT Leonard Lutz
Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, remind us again that your grace is sufficient for our needs, that your power is made perfect in weakness.
Teach us to put our trust in you rather than in our own wealth and cleverness.
As we receive your word this day:
fill our hearts with joy, fill our bodies with strength for the journey, and fill our spirits with passion and purpose
We ask this in the name of the One who sends us into the world to bring healing and hope. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer Blessed Be the Name No. 63
Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer
Choral Response Blessed Be the Name No. 63

ANTHEM We Are More Than Conquerors by Mark Hayes
The Chancel Choir

*We are more than conquerors, through Christ who loved us so
For I'm convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything in creation will be able to separate us
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*Children, be strong in the Lord. Be strong in the strength of God's power
For the struggle is not against flesh and blood, but the rulers, and the powers,
and the darkness, and the evil of this world.*

*Therefore take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand.
And having done everything life up your head and then stand.
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SERMON "A TEAR IN THE EYE OF GOD"
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OFFERING
Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory More Than Wonderful by Lanny Wolfe
*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication No. 95

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*CLOSING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past No. 117

*RESPONSE SONG A Closing Prayer by Don Besig

**The time has come O Lord for us to leave this place
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate way,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.**

POSTLUDE And Can It Be Arr. Mark Hayes



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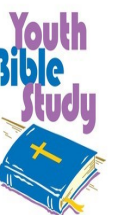
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