

SPECIAL MUSIC *O How I Love Jesus* Robert Thygerson
 Organ/Piano Duet

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:9-21
 Matthew 16:21-28

HYMN (*please remain seated*) *The Servant Song* TFWS #2222

SERMON THE GOOD LIFE: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
 Self-Sacrifice

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *Be Strong in the Lord* Tom Fettke
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15
 Sharing the Bread and Cup
 Communion Music *One Bread, One Body* John B. Foley
Take Our Bread Joe Wise

*CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* No. 581

*BENEDICTION

Live peaceably in the world.

Hold fast to goodness and justice.

Give love generously always and everywhere,

and may the grace of God guide us along the way.

*RESPONSE *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* verse 1 TFWS #2241

POSTLUDE *Recessional in C* Stephen Otis

**Please stand as able.*

Today's Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Today's Liturgist: Rose Ann Steiner

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME is last Sunday of each month.
 The next is September 24th. Please mark your calendars and plan your snacks.

WEEK	ATTENDANCE			STEWARDSHIP		
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
08/06	39	66	105	63	168	\$9,966
08/13	33	68	101	41	142	\$6,851
08/20	33	71	104	17	121	\$3,017
08/27	33	69	102	15	117	\$3,682

Our Fiscal Year Started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

YTD Received \$47,379 YTD Budgeted \$51,514

HOSPITALITY TIME
Today's Hosts:
STAFF-PARISH
 Hosts next Sunday
 September 10
FINANCE



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Mon	Sep 04	LABOR DAY Federal Holiday Church Office Closed
Tue	Sep 05	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11 AM Chair Yoga-CH
Wed	Sep 06	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday, 10:00 Program Ministry--L.
Thu	Sep 07	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10 AM Craft Workshop--MMR, 10:30 AM SPRC--PS, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal--S.
Sun	Sep 10	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service--Sanctuary.
Sun	Sep 10	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service--Sanctuary.

Abbreviation Legend
 CH--Criswell Hall
 S--Sanctuary
 K--Kitchen
 L--Library
 Room #123
 MMR--McMillen Room #113
 PS--Pastor's Study



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September 3, 2023

10:30 AM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 The Sacrament of Holy Communion

PRELUDE *Heavenly Sunlight* George Cook/arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT *He Has Made Me Glad* TFWS #2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter his courts with praise. I will say, "this is the day that the Lord has made." I will rejoice, for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I will rejoice, for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In mutual compassion and authentic love,
we gather as the family of God.
 We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives,
to build up this community of faith.
 We bring our songs of gratitude and joy,
to bless God with our worship and praise.

*OPENING HYMN *Amazing Grace* verses 1-4 No. 378

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come in search of you
 and your loving wisdom.
 Come to us and gather us in your love.
Mold us into a community of compassion
that is strengthened by the unity and power
of your Holy Spirit.
 In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Through it All* No. 507
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Through it All* No. 507

FUTURE

EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

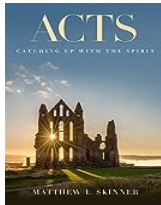
Thursday September 7
Craft Workshop
 10 AM-12 PM McMillen Room.
 Today's Crafts: All Kinds of
POTHOLDERS!!! Led by
 Gerry McGuire. All Welcome!



Tuesday September 19 10:30 AM
 to carpool, 11:00 AM at site.
Visit to Rancho Burro Donkey Sanctuary
 Rancho Burro is not open to the public and is arranged in private visits. See Connie or Gerry with questions. Program Ministry--more info & sign up at Connections in Narthex. Cost is \$35/pp.



Sunday, September 24 Movie Night
 4:00 PM Criswell Hall. "Champions" starring Woody Harrelson. Movie & popcorn are free, soft drinks & candy are complimentary.



Tuesday Bible Study
September 12
 1:00 PM Criswell Hall
 Starting new study: *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*
 See Nancy St. Laurent for books

Saturday September 16
United Women in Faith Women's Rally
 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 at the home of Judie Neufeld.
 Program & Barbecue.
 Sign up in the Narthex.



Saturday October 7, 10:00 AM
Tour of 140 year old Arroyo Grande Cemetery led by Jim Gregory.
 No charge. Sign up at Connections in the Narthex.
 Getting to know our neighbors