



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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**Welcome to our 8:30 AM worship service. Today is World Communion Sunday – 7 October 2012**

Nursery Care is available \* Elementary aged children are dismissed during worship \* Ask about our **hearing devices and LARGE PRINT bulletins.**

## Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor David

### Opening Praise

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

### † Scripture Reading

Isaiah 54: 4 - 8

In Unison

**<sup>4</sup>“Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; and do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; but you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. <sup>5</sup>“For your husband is your Maker, whose name is the LORD of hosts; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, who is called the God of all the earth. <sup>6</sup>“For the LORD has called you, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even like a wife of one’s youth when she is rejected,” says your God. <sup>7</sup>“For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. <sup>8</sup>“In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting loving kindness I will have compassion on you,” says the LORD your Redeemer.**

### † Opening Prayer

Pastor David

### Praise

*Wonder Merciful Savior*

*Strength of My Life*

*I Just Want to Praise You*

### Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

**\*\* Children are dismissed at this time to their Sunday School class.**

## We Worship in Giving

### Offertory

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

## Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David

### Scripture Reading

I Kings 19: 9 – 13; Mark 15: 25 – 34

Mike Herber

### Message

*Sacred Encounters: Abandoned*

Pastor David M. Burgeson

### Communion Scripture

I Corinthians 11:23-26

In Unison

### Communion Song

*Were You There?*

### Benediction Song

*The Lord Bless Thee*

Pastor David

### Recessional

*My Redeemer Lives!*

*\* \* Please feel free to stay to enjoy the closing music to enhance your worship today.*

**If you are visiting with us, we are so pleased to share this time of worship with you.**

*Your presence is a blessing to us, as we pray it is for you.*

We invite you to join in a time of fellowship in Criswell Hall to enjoy some coffee and goodies after the service – we would like to get to know you.



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## Welcome and News of the Church

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## Prelude

*But The Lord is Mindful of His Own* (F. Mendelssohn)

## Choral Introit

Chancel Choir

## † Opening Prayer

Judy Atwood

One: Let us pray-

ALL: We believe, O Lord, that you have not abandoned us to the dim light of our own reason to conduct us to happiness, but that you have revealed in Holy Scriptures whatever is necessary for us to believe and practice. How noble and excellent are the precepts, how sublime and enlightening the truth, how persuasive and strong the motives, how powerful the assistance of your holy religion. Our delight shall be in your statutes, and we will not forget your Word. Amen.

## † Opening Hymn No. 139 *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

## Baptism and Reception of New Members

## Prayer of Confession

Judy Atwood

One: Please join me in prayer:

Many: Holy God, you are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond with narrow delight, hoping the invitation is only for us not for “them.” We respond hesitantly, not trusting of believing that you really want and invite us. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we really feel ready.

Tender God, release us from the grip of our fears and guilt. Enable us to respond to your invitation to pray, to give, to serve. Make us open to receiving what you give and to risking something for you. And help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Amen.

## Choral Anthem

*Majesty*

Chancel Choir

## Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast* (B. Price)

## † Doxology

## Scripture Reading

I Kings 19: 9 – 13; Mark 15: 25 – 34

Judy Atwood

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

## Message

*Sacred Encounters: Abandoned*

Pastor David M. Burgeson

## Special Music

*Your Grace Still Amazes Me* –Duet: Julie Burns & Ann Smith

## The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

## The Giving of the Bread and Cup

## Prayer After Communion

We give thanks, O God, for the gift of your Word and this sacrament. May we be sustained and strengthened from our worship in community here today, from having heard your Word proclaimed and from feasting on the bread of life. So encouraged, may we continue to build a stronger and deeper faith, empowered to do whatever you call us to. Amen.

## † Closing Hymn No. 578 *God of Love and God of Power*

## † Benediction and Choral Response

## Postlude

*Postlude in G* (G. Peterson)

## Prayer and Thanksgiving for 7 October 2012

- Health and healing for those in our church family who are ill.
- Comfort for the families of those who have gone on to be with the Lord.
- The financial welfare and stewardship of our church and its members.
- The Ashton's daughter, Beverly needs continued prayer - Lift up her family for comfort.
- Hawkins nephew, Donald, has stage 4 cancer; friend, Joe, is recovering from cancer.
- Connie Clark's mom, Millie, is under hospice. Prayers for comfort and peace.
- Liz Gholson has had another CT scan. Prayers for good news on results.
- Marj Wolters grand-daughter Kelleen, will have major surgery on Friday.
- Jerrilynn Trujillo's brother-in-law, Sy, passed away of lung cancer. Prayers for the family.
- Laura Ewick's daughter Leslie is back in the hospital battling a brain tumor.
- Alice Addison's friend Teri is recovering from brain surgery.
- Barbara Reineke's mom recovering; friend Mickey is undergoing chemo.
- B.G. Perrigues mother-in-law, Marge, is under hospice.
- Tom Egan's sisters-in-law: one has throat cancer the other is in a care center.
- Judy Atwood's neighbor Willene passed away.
- PRAISE!! The Hollinger's have a new great-great grandson.

**Our Covenant Missionary:** Frido Kinkolenge (Liberia)

**Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field:** Julie & David Elmore (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), Lorene & David Persons (Congo), Muriel & Terry Henderson (Mexico).

**We Remember in Prayer:** Our pastor and his family; our church family and friends; the youth and children's ministries of this church; our church leaders; those in service to God around the world; those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of these and other natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister with them; for God's peace and justice for the world; our nation's current and future leaders; God's peace and salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; those serving in the military and their families.

**Continue to Prayer for:** the Paulsons, Kent Brown, the Smiths, the Hammonds, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, the Bucktons, Sheila Owine, Todd Everett, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, the Noltes, Ayleen Melsheimer, the Alsums, Les Bradley, Sharon Woodcock, David Hildebrand, the Williamsons, Mike Douglas, Jan Schnepf, Richard, LeAnna & Adam Gainer.

**Those In Care Facilities:** Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Inez Kenneaster, Wayne Frisby.

**Our Shut-In Members:** Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Yvonne Holt, Madge Young, Elvon Houldings, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman.

**Please Pray Daily For These Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church -**

Oct. 7: Wesley Community Center Inc., Dayton Ohio; Oct. 8: Methodist Church of Southern Africa: Garden Route Soup Kitchens Plettenburg Bay, South Africa; Oct. 9: World Student Christian Federation PIM support for female staff coordinator, Geneva, Switzerland; Oct. 10: Methodist Church in India, Pili Kothi Primary School, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, India; Oct. 11: International Women's Tribune Center: Network/resource center French, Spanish, English and Portuguese-speaking women, New York City; Oct. 12: United Methodist associates in mission service; Oct. 13: Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, S.C.

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# The Bulletin Board

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A Calendar of UMC of AG's Events is available on our website at [worshipweekly.com](http://worshipweekly.com)!

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour** – Many thanks to the **AG UM Children's Center** for their goodies this week. Next week's host will be the ladies of **Esther Circle**.

**Flowers on the Altar** – “In loving memory of my fabulous mother.” –Pam Bauske

## On Today's Schedule:

- **“Dig Deeper” Disciples Group** meets at 9:45AM in the McMillen Room. Join us for discussion and go a little deeper into today's message.
- **Staff-Parish Relations Team** meets at 12 PM in the MMR.
- **How To Study the Bible** will meet **TONIGHT** at **6 PM** in the **McMillen Room**.

## On This Week's Agenda – Get out your calendar:

- **Sew n Sews Quilting Group** – Tuesdays at 9 AM in the McMillen Room.
- **Senior Exercise** – Tues., Wed., Thurs. at 8:30 AM in Criswell Hall.
- **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the Handbell Room.
- **UMM Board Meeting** – 10/9 at 9:30 AM in the youth lounge.
- **UMW Steering Committee** – 10/9 at 10 AM in the Library.
- **All Church Work Day** – Wednesdays at 9 AM.
- **Weekly Fellowship Dinner** – Wednesdays at 5:15 PM in Criswell Hall.
- **Pastor's Weekly Bible Study** – Wednesdays at 6 PM in the McMillen Room.
- **Kid's Night Out** – Wednesdays at 6 PM in Criswell Hall.
- **Youth Group** – Wednesdays at 7 PM in the youth lounge.
- **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Esther Circle** – 10/11 at noon in the McMillen Room – bring a lunch.
- **AG UM CC Family Fun Day Planning Meeting** – 10/11 at 7 PM in the MMR.
- **Morning Bible Study** – Fridays at 8:30 AM in the Library.
- **Kids “Up-All Night” Night** –10/12 at 6 PM to 10/13 at 9 AM.

## TODAY is World Communion Sunday – your gifts to the World

**Communion Sunday** offering to equip racial and ethnic minority students in the US and international students to transform the church and communities.

**North District Charge Conference** – Our District Conference date is fast approaching – **Saturday October 13 at 10 AM-noon at Thousand Oaks UMC**. We are looking forward to gathering together for the first time as the North District of the California-Pacific Conference! All clergy, lay leaders, local church leadership and interested folks are invited to be a part of this worshipful time of getting to know each other better, affirming district leadership, and discerning where God is leading the North District in mission and ministry.

**NEXT WEEK is ‘SOCK’ Sunday** - NEW socks–ALL SIZES are needed for the People's Kitchen Team of UMC of AG to give to the needy of our community.

**Children's Ministries “Up All Night” Night** - **October 12 at 6 PM until 9 AM on October 13**. Join us for pizza, movies, games and fun... maybe some sleep. Permission slips required for this event. See Victoria Gandy for information and forms.

**ATTENTION Methodist Men** – the next UMM meeting will be on Saturday, **Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM**. Program will be a follow-up from our last program with a slide presentation on the Alaskan Earthquake and the Annual Business Meeting. Officers will be elected, and the “Man of the Year” will be voted on. Breakfast is \$9 payable at the door. You will be called to get a count for the caterer.

**AG UM Children's Center Family Fun Day, Saturday, Oct. 20** - Get advance tickets TODAY for \$8 for the tri-tip BBQ lunch - will be \$10 at the door. Sign up to help or just join the fun... call 481-2223 for details.

## UMW Holiday Boutique Needs YOU! Can You Help??

Do you like to make birdhouses? Or knit afghans? Or make Christmas decorations? Or bake pies and make jellies???? Contact Sally Wietkamp to see how you can help.

## Reserve your parking space TODAY and sign-up to bring a pot of soup. The Fall Festival Trunk or Treat – **October 31, 2012**

This safe evening for the kids to collect candy and play will be from 5:30– 8 PM (with FREE soup & salad until 7:30 PM). So slap on the costumes, and load the kiddoes (and doggies) for old movies, games, and fun in the Hall. Enjoy music from Cowboy Mike and his gang, with a maze by our Youth Group. See the table in Criswell Hall for info.

**Rummage Sale – November 9 & 10** Clean out that garage and go through the closet – to raise money for the School Kits program for the Foster Children of our community. See Nancy Baughman or Jan Treat for more information.

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## ***Sacred Encounters***

### **Week Five: Abandoned**

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