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# 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## SEPTEMBER 18, 2016



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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Music by *The Lord's Crew*

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *Come Now Is the Time to Worship*

HANDBELL INTROIT *I Am Thine, O Lord* arr. Linda R. Lamb

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Grazioso* Arnold B. Sherman

\*PRAISE *Breathe Because He Lives*

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Who Is Like Thee*

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SERMON **"GOD'S LOVE BEYOND COMPARE"**  
Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING SONG *Sanctuary*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Words for Communion  
Communion Song *Create In Me a Clean Heart*  
Prayer after Communion

### Going Forth to Serve

\*FINAL BLESSING *God Is So Good*

\*CLOSING SONG *When the Saints Go Marching In*

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**Coffee Hour Today**

is hosted by  
**UMC CHILDREN'S CENTER**

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**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

**We thank you all for your service to our church!**



Altar Flowers

*In Honor of*  
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*From Donald Johnson*

Arroyo Grande  
**UMM**  
UNITED METHODIST MEN

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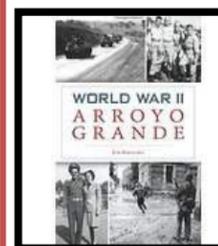
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PRELUDE

*God Himself is Present*

arr. David Cherwien

HANDBELL INTROIT

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

arr. Linda R. Lamb

\*OPENING HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

No. 89

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of confusion and chaos,

**God invites us to focus and find our center.**

May we focus our thoughts this day,

**and find purpose and hope anew.**

May we center on Christ together,

**and discover compassion and abundant love.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of clarity and call,**

**speak to us in this time of worship.**

**Center our thoughts on your call,**

**and our minds on your message.**

**Center our focus on the path and purpose**

**you lay before us.**

**Center our hearts on your Spirit among us,**

**that we may know your presence**

**and behold your glory.**

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.*

HANDBELL ANTHEM

*Grazioso*

Arnold B. Sherman

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM PRAYER BOOK

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Cares Chorus*  
 Congregational/Lord's Prayer Hymnal No. 895  
 Choral Response *Cares Chorus*

CHOIR ANTHEM *Great Is Our God* Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:1-16

\*HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 121

SERMON "GOD'S LOVE BEYOND COMPARE"  
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OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *Andante in F* Louis Vierne  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, 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 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* No. 66

\*BENEDICTION

Go forth with passion and purpose.  
 Go forth with love guiding every step.  
 Go forth with confidence and courage.  
 For we go now in the power and strength of God's Holy Spirit.

\*RESPONSE *Song of Hope* Argentine Folk Melody

POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus* Theodore Dubois



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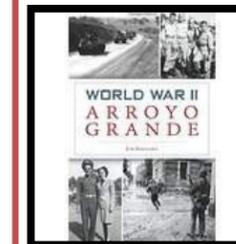
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