

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Please join us after the service for Hospitality Time in Criswell Hall

This week's activities:

Mon. 6:00pm Gerry's Quilt Class, Criswell Hall
Mon. 4:30pm Communications
Tue. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall
Tue. 10:00am Sew 'n Sews, McMillen Room
Tue. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
Tue. 1:00pm Adult Bible Study, Criswell Hall
Tue. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Rm. #115
Wed. 10:00am Mary Martha Easter Circle McMillen Room
Thu. 9:00am Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall
Thu. 10:30am Staff Parish Pastor's Office
Thu. 11:00am Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
Thu. 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Hand Bell Room,
Thu. 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thu. 7:30pm Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, Criswell Hall
Sun. 8:30am Informal Worship Service with Praise Band
Sun. 10:30am Traditional Worship Service

Upcoming Events:

Sat. Sep 06 Youth Program Kickoff 1-8pm
Fri. Sept. 12 Loofa Farm Tour, Carpool Church at 10:10
Sat. Sept. 13 Women's Tea and Fashion show 11:30-1:30
Sat. Sept. 20 North District Young People's Academy 1:00-8:00pm details
Sat. Sept. 27 Harvest Festival Parade
Sun. Sept 28 Friends & Family Fellowship 1-4pm San Luis Obispo United Methodist Church
Sun. Sept 28 Free Movie Night 5PM
Mon. Sept. 29 People's Kitchen Food Prep 1:30, Kitchen
Tues. Sept. 30 People's Kitchen Food Distribution 11AM carpool from church
Sat. Oct. 18 Tour of the Price House, 10:30
Sun. Oct. 26 Alternative Christmas
Fri-Sun. Nov.7-9 Christmas Boutique
Sat. Nov. 15 Turtle & Tortoise Rescue, Carpool from church at 10:45
Thu. Dec. 11 Children's Center Christmas Program
Mon. Dec. 29 People's Kitchen Food Prep 1:30, Kitchen
Tues. Dec. 30 People's Kitchen Food Distribution 11AM carpool from church



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August, 31, 2025

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 am

PRELUDE

"Rain Down"

Jaime Cortez

*INTROIT

Make Me a Servant

TFWS #2176

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

Let mutual love continue.

When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

Let mutual love continue.

When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

Let mutual love continue.

As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing vs1,3,5,7

No. 57

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

In the face of all our realities: We are the people who heal each other, who grow strong together, who name the truth, who know what it means to live in community, moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new earth. In the power of the love of God our Creator, The company of Jesus Christ, And the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of children. May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer	I Need Thee Every Hour [refrain]	No. 397
Prayer/Lord’s Prayer		
Response	I Need Thee Every Hour [refrain]	No. 397

SPECIAL MUSIC My Sisters and Brothers Chloe Keith

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:1, 7-14

HYMN Christ for the World We Sing No. 568

SERMON Humility and Hospitality

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission		
Offertory	“Sweet By and By”	Joseph P. Webster
*Doxology/Prayer of Dedication		

*CLOSING HYMN *O Perfect Love* No. 645

*BENEDICTION

May we go from this place in the blessing of the Triune God, our Helper and our Friend, offering our sacrifice of praise and sharing what we have as we spread the love of God in mutuality and care to the ends of the earth and back again. Amen.

*RESPONSE *Make Me a Servant* TFWS #2176

POSTLUDE “Everlasting God” Brown/Riley

***Please stand as able.**

Assisting in today's service Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson, Liturgist: Patti Melsheimer, Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler, ,

Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees; and people were watching Jesus closely.

7 Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: **8** “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, **9** and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, ‘Let him have this place.’ Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place. **10** Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, ‘Come on up, my friend, to a better place.’ This will bring you honor in the presence of all the other guests. **11** For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great.”

12 Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors—for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did. **13** When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; **14** and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death.”

**HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Worship Team
September 7th will be hosted by United Women of Faith**

ATTENDANCE						
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
Aug 03	39	61	100	18	118	\$6,732
Aug 10	50	54	104	18	122	\$7,369
Aug 17	42	63	105	0	105	\$2,881
Aug 24	44	60	104	0	104	\$3,381
Weekly offering needed: \$6,231						
YTD Received: \$43,115					YTD Budgeted: 49,848	
Youth Fund \$1,100						