

**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

11 AM

INSPIRING TRANSFORMATIVE FAITH

RELEVANT WORSHIP • COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY • EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

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Speaking of Faith and Conversation Cards

Our focus this program year is *Speaking of Faith*. Through next summer, we'll explore words of faith that have been passed down to us. We'll think about the words of faith we want to pass down to our children and grandchildren. Each week, worship will be centered around a single word that is distinct to our faith. We'll explore words like faith, gospel, creed, manna, salvation, heaven, and hell. To help us speak our faith this year, we have created a deck of conversation cards for each household. Pick up your starter pack in the Narthex after worship!

Family Ministries Coordinator: Leah Lucas

Help us welcome our new Family Ministries Coordinator next Sunday, October 6! Leah Lucas will join the staff this week, and we are excited to have her warmth, enthusiasm, and many talents to help support our children, youth, and families!

Register Now for a Supper Club

All new groups are being formed this fall, so it's a great time to join a lunch or supper club and get to know new people! Groups meet about once a month, either in someone's home or at a restaurant. Before the end of Sept., you may register as an individual, couple, or family using the QR Code to the right.



You Are Not Anonymous Here!

God knows you by name and we want to, too. We encourage you to wear your nametag, found on the kiosk in the narthex, or fill out a temporary nametag at the welcome table behind the sanctuary. If you need a new nametag, please contact us at office@northridgepc.org.

Kids Belong in Worship Too

We believe children are an integral part of our community and they belong in worship. Each Sunday, worship bags with materials to help children stay engaged in the sanctuary are available for children in the narthex behind the sanctuary. For children younger than 1st grade, the nursery is available until worship ends. Children may also serve as Lay Readers and our children's choir sings in worship from time to time.

Worship Livestream

Our worship service extends beyond the walls of the sanctuary in the form of video recording and livestreaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast. You can revisit the livestream of this service on our YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/NorthridgePresbyterian. You can also view or listen to archived sermons via YouTube or Spotify.

Join Us

At Northridge, we believe the church is a gift everyone deserves to enjoy; a community of people committed to doing life together—enduring heartaches, celebrating joys, seeking out laughter, and pursuing a more just world as we follow the path Jesus set out for us. If you think Northridge may be the community for you, please reach out to Rev. Betsy Swetenburg at betsys@northridgepc.org. The next opportunity to join is October 27!



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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

✠ *an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

Chiming the Hour

Introit

Prelude on LONDONDERRY AIR

Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

Beloved of God, we gather together in this sacred space.

We come to this sacred, holy space to be reminded:

to be reminded of God's grace and mercy,

to be reminded of God's love and care,

to be reminded of God's call on our lives,

to be reminded of God's hope for humanity.

God calls us to actively engage in service and provides what we need.

Let us worship God!

✠ Gathering Hymn #308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

Prayer of Confession

Holy and Gracious God,

you have been with us from the very beginning.

You formed us from the dust, you gave us breath, and you showed us how to live.

**And yet, we have often claimed our independence
over our interdependence with you and all of creation.**

You call us to listen to your Word,

but we hold to our own standards of knowledge and wisdom.

You empower us to act with love and compassion,

to serve our neighbors in need, but we often do it only when convenient.

(silence for personal confession)

Forgive us, we pray.

As you have done before, show us the way and call us to move with conviction.

Give us ready hearts, minds, hands, and feet to act with courage

in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

✠ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

James 1:19-27

N.T. p.#229

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Speaking of Faith: Serve

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith

adapted from *The Belhar Confession*

We believe that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice; that the church must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; and that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Jesus is Lord. Amen.

✠ Affirmation Response

Glory to God, #727, V.#2, 3

**We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Give

Offerings of cash or checks may be left in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.
To make an offering via text, send a message to (844) 958-4345 with the amount of the gift.
If you pledge, your offering will be applied to your pledge.

Offertory

Author of Life Divine

Cecilia McDowall

✦ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; one holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Mike Buchanan (Elder), Bessie Fox (Elder), and Jane Treadway (Deacon)

Constitutional Questions, Prayer for Ordination, and Laying On of Hands

SENDING

✦ Sending Hymn #767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

✦ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in G Major, BWV 550

J. S. Bach

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks, Parish Associate for Community

Rev. Betsy Swetenburg, Pastor

Jane Treadway, Lay Reader

Dr. Bryan Scott Page, Director of Music

Jacob Hord, Organist

One & Done Choir

O God in Whom All Life Begins 308

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

SERVICE MUSIC

✠ Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

✠ Affirmation Response



We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er on the road.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.
We are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

✠ Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; one
ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

Together We Serve 767

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F




in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

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