



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 15, 2019



**indicates a time to stand if you are able*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Dr. Christopher Davis, pianist

MUSIC TO ENGAGE

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Erin McKibben, soloist

THE COMMUNITY CONFESSES TOGETHER

* WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP

responsive

Sandy Thoits, Liturgist

Mysterious source of life and love, we come to worship and praise you. For the beauty of the earth, and all that lives on land, in sea and in the air.

We thank you.

For the wonders we can discover in any moment, when we pause and notice signs of your grace.

We praise you.

For the joys we can find in songs, photographs, and works of art.

We are grateful to you.

And for the life-sustaining love we experience in family and friendships.

We are forever appreciative.

Let us sing a song of praise to God, the one who grants us these blessings.

* WE SING TOGETHER

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (vss. 1-4)

Hymnal, #473

Glory to God, #14

WE CONFESS TOGETHER

unison

Sandy Thoits

Dear God, in our better moments we recognize the beauty in the world and give you thanks.

But in other moments, we lose touch with our gratitude and sense of grace. We can feel slighted or ignored. We can believe someone else is getting something we deserve. We can conclude life is unfair because of something we have to go through. Help us, Lord, to acknowledge these feelings and experiences in our own awareness, and to turn to you for forgiveness and direction. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who welcomes every humble heart.

(time for silent reflection)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE

responsive

Sandy Thoits

What a relief to know we don't have to hide from God. All our strengths and weaknesses can be woven together with the threads of grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (v. 5)

Hymnal, #473

Glory to God, #14

*** WE EXCHANGE CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Steve Jacobsen

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNS TOGETHER

READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

Exodus 2: 1-10

Sandy Thoits

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2: 13-23

Rev. Steve Jacobsen

A WORD FOR YOUNG MINDS

Rev. Steve Jacobsen

MESSAGE

"Lessons from Surviving Hard Times"

Rev. Steve Jacobsen

*** WE RESPOND IN SONG**

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Glory to God, #52

Hymnal, #334

THE COMMUNITY GIVES TOGETHER

WE PRAY TOGETHER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Steve Jacobsen

WE OFFER OUR MONETARY GIFTS

*** WE OFFER OUR PRAISE**

"Doxology"

Glory to God, #606

*** WE DEPART IN SONG**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Hymnal, #439

Glory to God, #318

*** WE ARE BLESSED**

*** WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER**

"God Be With You 'til We Meet Again"

MUSIC TO INSPIRE

Dr. Christopher Davis

SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING:

Greeter: *Willy & Barbara Hughes*

Liturgist: *Sandy Thoits*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| 9:30am Worship 11am CYMT mtg. 11am Adult Ed 2-4pm Llamada Final practice | 9:30am Tabitha Cir 3pm Cerebral Palsy 8pm AA Grateful | 7am Men's Fellowship 1pm Parkinsons 7pm Session | 6:30pm Llamada Final 7pm Choir rehearsal 8pm AA Success | 1pm Parkinsons 1:30 - 4:30pm Wading Thru Watercolors class | 1-3pm Quintet practice 6:30pm Llamada Final | 9am Russian School 9:30am Presbytery Mtg Summerland 1-3pm Watercolor group 6:30pm Llamada Final |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS, please stop by our Welcome Table this morning for information about St. Andrew's mission and programs. Please fill out the blue Welcome Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate as it comes by today. For prayer requests to the Prayer Chain, fill out a slip from the pew and place it in a box at the rear of the sanctuary, or email to Lydia Swanson, lydiaswanson@hotmail.com.

ADULT ED. The next two Sundays we will present the 2007 documentary *Constantine's Sword* which is based on James Carroll's book of the same name. The presentation by Rabbi Stephen Cohen last month enlightened many of us to the reality and dangers of anti-Semitism. This documentary will broaden our understanding of the problem. "James Carroll maps the profoundly troubling two-thousand-year course of the Church's battle against Judaism and faces the crisis of faith it has provoked in his own life as a Catholic. More than a chronicle of religion, this dark history is the central tragedy of Western civilization, its fault-lines reaching deep into our culture. The Church's failure to protest the Holocaust (the infamous "silence" of Pius XII) is only part of the story: the death camps, Carroll shows, are the culmination of a long, entrenched tradition of anti-Judaism. From Gospel accounts of the death of Jesus on the cross, to Constantine's transformation of the cross into a sword, to the rise of blood libels, scapegoating, and modern anti-Semitism, Carroll reconstructs the dramatic story of the Church's conflict not only with Jews but with itself. Yet in tracing the arc of this narrative, he implicitly affirms that it did not necessarily have to be so. There were roads not taken, heroes forgotten. New roads can be taken yet. Demanding that the Church finally face this past in full, Carroll calls for a fundamental rethinking of the deepest questions of Christian faith. Only then can Christians, Jews, and all who carry the burden of this history begin to forge a new future." Join us at 11:00AM in the Window Room of Morgan Hall.

JOB OPENING AT PRESBYTERY OF SANTA BARBARA. The Presbytery is actively seeking a person for the part-time Bookkeeper position in the Presbytery office. This position is a budgeted position and is currently open. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact our Presbytery Stated Clerk, Sandy Thoits, at stated-clerk@sbpres.org. Thank you for helping to spread the word about this opening. Blessings!

LUNCH WITH YOUR DEACON. Sunday, September 29, 11:00am. Come and get to know your Deacons and flockmates. Lunch will be provided.

PARKINSON'S EVENT: During the speaker meeting on Tuesday, October 8, from 2:15-3:15PM, there will be a talk on *Non-Motor Symptom in Parkinson: The Patient's Perspective*. Speakers are: Carol Walton (President & CEO of The Parkinson Alliance) and Jeffrey Wertheimer (PhD, ABPP-CN). Please join us.

PASTOR JACOBSEN'S OFFICE HOURS. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Wednesdays by appointment. pastor@standrewspcusa.org