

***We welcome you to worship with us  
August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

***Rev. Heilala Ahio, Pastor***

***Our preacher today is Vaitafa Heimoana***

### **The Light of Christ Enters the Church**

**Welcome and Passing the Peace**

**Worship Leader, Ed Nesmith**

**Return to seats as we sing *This Is the Day***

**CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 71:1-6***

**Hymns of Praise *Praise the Name of Jesus  
My Life Is in You***

**TFWS 2066**

**TFWS 2032**

**Young People's Moment**

**We Share our Prayers and Praises  
God Is at Work in Our Lives**

**Offertory/Doxology**

**Hymn of Preparation *Stand Up and Bless the Lord (vss1,4,5)*** **UMH 662**

**SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 12:49-56, p1268 in the pew Bible**

**Response:** Worship Leader: *The Word of God for the people of God*

**All: *Thanks be to God***

**Sermon *Love that Unbends***

**Vaitafa Heimoana**

**Hymn of Purpose *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*** **UMH 427**

**Opportunities to Serve  
Benediction**

**The Light of Christ Goes into the World**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HOLY CROSS SINGERS** will not be singing for the time being.

**FAMILY PROMISE** WILL BE AT HOLY CROSS **September 7-14- look for sign-up sheet soon!** November 16-23 To volunteer or for more information call Rita Steele (858) 414-3020, Tracy Tennes 209 327-7072

**EMERGENCY FOOD BANK FARMER'S MARKET** IS THE 4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY MONTHLY Holy Cross Parking Lot, Bring your own bags, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, **September 26th**

### **JOIN US AND BE A PART OF MERCY PEDALERS**

A. Mercy Pedalers needs volunteers. We need substitute volunteers who can go when a regular team member cannot go. We prefer to go out in 3 person teams. Presently, we need one person to join as a regular every week member of our Friday team. If not weekly, perhaps you can commit to every other week.

B. We sometimes need volunteers to make sandwiches. We will give you the supplies and the sandwiches can be made either in our church kitchen or at your home. Let us know if you would be willing to be on our sandwich maker list for occasional duty.

C. We need volunteers who have an SUV or hatchback, willing to drive if our regular team driver (Tracy, Rita, Joe) cannot.

D. The day before each ride, we would welcome anyone that can come to church in the afternoon to help put together the 45-60 bag lunches. Call the team driver.

E. High school students: You can help and get your community service hours. You do have to be at least 18, or go with a parent, to make the drive with us. Continued on back page

### **MERCY PEDALERS DONATIONS!**

**We need donations of:**

Bottled water treats or cookies – store bought or homemade Instant oatmeal fresh or canned fruit Cup-a-soups Granola or snack bars dog food or treats **wet wipes**

Leftover party food Hygiene items: travel size soaps, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

Men's and women's summer t-shirts and pants, **socks**, caps, blankets, sleeping bags...

We, and most especially the people we serve, appreciate all donations!! Our donation bin is in the social hall under the name-tag board. If you need more information contact Rita Steele (858) 414-3020, Sham Sealy (209) 479-4981, or Tracy Tennes 209 327-7072

*Altar flowers are provided by Tracy Tennies in memory of her mom,  
Mary Ann Tennies, and in honor of her sister, Diane Medeiros*

**Upcoming Service changes...**

September 7<sup>th</sup> NO COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY! We will have a regular  
10:30 am and 2 pm Tongan Ministry Service

September 14<sup>th</sup> COMMUNION SUNDAY! Combined service

✨ You're Invited! ✨

Join us for the Family Promise of San Joaquin County Inaugural Gala on Saturday, October 18,  
2025 from 6–9 PM at Capecchio Ovest, generously hosted by the Cortopassi Family.

This elegant evening will bring together community leaders, supporters, and friends to celebrate  
hope, raise awareness, and support families with children facing homelessness in San Joaquin  
County. Tickets: \$125 per person

Tables of 10 and sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Your presence helps provide shelter, hope, and long-term stability for families in need right here  
in our community. 💙 Get your tickets today: [www.familypromisesjc.org/gala](http://www.familypromisesjc.org/gala)

Let's come together for an unforgettable night of impact and inspiration! ✨



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