



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Who Do You Think You Are?

Romans 6:1-14

Christ says, "Give me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money
and so much of your work: I want You."

— C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
look, new things have come into being!

— II Corinthians 5:17

Welcome, Guests!

Friends,

We are glad you are here with us and hope you sense God's presence in worship today. If there is any way we can be of help to you, don't hesitate to ask. Here are a few of the questions we often hear from our guests when they first visit:

- ~ **How long is the worship service here at Faith?** Our worship services typically run 60 to 70 minutes.
- ~ **How can I introduce myself?** We'd love to meet you after the service; don't hesitate to introduce yourself! You can also visit our webpage (www.faithpresby.org), and click on the "I'm New" tab and then the "Introduce Yourself" button. This is a great way to let the pastoral staff know who you are and how we might welcome and serve you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center on the way out. We have a gift waiting for you there! And if you need a Bible, we can offer you one there as well.
- ~ **I have kids. Are they welcome here?** Absolutely! We love the sounds of children in the sanctuary. During the children's message at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, kids up to 6th grade are invited to come up front to listen in. Having them stay with you to listen is also fine. After the children's message, children are invited down the hall to Room 4 (grades 3 to 6) and Room 5 (Pre-K to 2nd grade) with our children's staff. Nursery care is available throughout the 9:00 a.m. worship service in Room 7.
- ~ **Are there classes for adults?** Yes. Check the bulletin and listen for announcements in worship about upcoming classes. We currently have in-person and online classes.
- ~ **What if I have trouble hearing the service?** If you have difficulty hearing, please ask one of our ushers for a personal receiver for the hearing impaired. Also, a T-Loop hearing-assist system is available in the back four pews on the right side of the sanctuary. Set your hearing aid to the "T" setting.
- ~ **How can I find out more information about Faith?** Feel free to speak to any of us and if we can't answer your questions, we'll find somebody who can. Our website is a great source of information: www.faithpresby.org. Also, *This Week @ Faith* is a weekly email that goes out on Mondays with information about upcoming opportunities and activities. Email Laura Anderson in our office at landerson@faithpresby.org if you'd like to be included on the email distribution list.
- ~ **What if I'm interested in exploring membership or deeper involvement at Faith?** If you'd like to know more about becoming a member at Faith, or want to understand how you can begin or continue to grow in your Christian faith, we encourage you to contact one of our pastors. You can call the church office at (916) 428-3439 or email one of our staff members. (Email addresses are available on our webpage and further on in this bulletin.) We'd love to meet you and find out how we can be of help.

Again, we are glad you are here with us today!

Grace and peace—The People of Faith



Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Order of Worship

✠ *Those who are able, please stand.*
Please silence all electronics before the start of worship.

Prelude

Eunice Bancu

Greeting

Brett Shoemaker

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles

Sydney Ndichu (9:00)
Lawson Stanford (11:00)

✠ Song of Praise (All songs used by permission CCLI #676622)

What a Beautiful Name

Prayer of Confession

Vickie Weaver Owens

Response to Confession

I Embrace

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Welcome

Prayer of Remembrance

Anthem

Faith Chancel Choir

Where Charity and Love Prevail

(Ancient text trans. O. Westendorf; RESIGNATION, arr. D. Forrest)

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found.
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear, true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
Prevail, and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings & Pledges

Lucy DaCastello



Today in worship, we will be passing the offering plates as we receive our regular offering and our 2027 pledge cards. You may also give online at faithpresby.org under the "Give" tab. This QR code will take you directly there.

Offertory

Eunice Bancu

✠Doxology (*literally, Words to Glorify*)

**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. Amen.**

✠Prayer of Dedication

Children's Message (9:00)

Brett Shoemaker

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-14

Karen Chan (9:00); Alice Parente (11:00)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Illumination

At this point in the 9:00 service, children pre-K to 6th grade are invited either to be excused to our children's programs or to return and sit with their families.

Message

Brett Shoemaker

Who Do You Think You Are?

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

A Note to Parents: In our tradition children who have already been nurtured and instructed in the significance of the Lord's Supper are invited to participate fully in this sacrament. If you have questions about the participation of your children, please speak to one of our pastors.

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving & Eucharistic Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People, & Anointing

✠Hymn of Faith

I Surrender All

✠Benediction

*If you would like to have somebody pray with you for any reason,
there will be a prayer team available in the front row immediately after worship this morning.
Prayer Team: Karen Chan & Claire Pisor (9:00) and Georgianne Becker & Alice Parente (11:00)*

The flowers this morning are given by Rose Pyle in honor of her brothers Fernando (deceased) and Joseph, both Vietnam veterans, and in remembrance of their birthdays on October 3.

FAITH'S MINISTRY FAIRE IS TODAY!

Join us this morning on the patio between worship services for a wonderful time of fellowship and food as you explore Faith's various ministry teams and chat with our elders. This is an opportunity to get a bigger picture of the breadth and depth of ministry that goes on here at Faith, as well as to get to know your church leaders—our elders—a little better. Who knows? You might be so taken by one of the many service opportunities available that you'll find a new way to commit your time and talents to the Lord's ministry here at Faith. See you on the patio at 10:15 this morning!



WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” —Micah 6:8

In the eighth century before Christ, the prophet Micah was deeply in touch with the plight of the people. He envisioned a world where everyone would be free to live into the fullness of the life God intended. Yet the society and the culture in Micah's day did not match his visions of God's reign – there was no justice, kindness or humble living.

The World Communion Offering is one way for Presbyterians to “love kindness” expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment. Racial and gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement are some of the important causes supported by this Offering.

The prophet Micah is clear: Our love for God moves us to faithful action through justice, kindness and humble living. Participating in the Churchwide Special Offerings is one way that Presbyterians show their love for God and help all God's children live into the fullness of Micah's prophecy. Please give generously to the World Communion Offering on **World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2026.**



Announcements and Events

Family Ministry

Rooted & Growing



Sundays 9:00 AM



Nursery
Newborn-3 yr



Godly Play
TK- 2nd



Worship & Wonder
3rd-6th

Where we learn to stay rooted in Christ
and always growing in faith

For questions about Faith's Sunday morning children's programs, contact Lindsay Stanford, Director of Family Ministry, at lstanford@faithpresby.org.

Team World Vision Update:

Thank you, Faith Church!

Remember how Team World Vision's original goal for the Urban Cow 5k and half marathon was to raise \$35,000? Well, thanks to the generosity of so many here at Faith and beyond, we were able to leave that goal behind in the dust as we ran forward together for the cause of clean water. To date, you have helped us raise about \$54,000 this year. That is clean water for life for 1,080 people! What an amazing outcome! We are so deeply grateful for your partnership, for your commitment, for you. We hope you'll join us in blessing these monies as they become fountains of life wherever clean water is most needed. Thank you, Faith Church!!



— LIGHTHOUSE —

GRADES 7-12

Lighthouse Tonight!

7:00—8:30 p.m.

We'll have Odbal first so that everyone can join in!

Request to join the Youth Group app:



Contact Pastor Brett Shoemaker for more info and to get on our email list:
bshoemaker@faithpresby.org



Adult Sunday School in October

Lessons in the Storm: Three Word-Studies That Will Change Everything

Dates: October 11, 18, 25

Time: 10:15—11:00 a.m.

Location: Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Rick Hull

The storms of life rise up and come in many forms. There's a hotly contested election on the horizon. There are wars all around. There is a world order run by men and women with decidedly human foibles and failings. And there are personal burdens – from health issues to community relationships to the challenges of just navigating our daily demands.

Our contemporary culture offers a menu of well-intended, but often deeply flawed, strategies for success and survival. But, our Lord meets us uniquely in the storms to speak words of dependable instruction, course correction, and reassuring guidance. Join us in the Grace Room as we immerse ourselves in the stories of three biblical storms, and the surprising scriptural guidance that can literally change everything.

Gluten-Free Communion Elements

For those of you who partake of Communion using gluten-free bread, we do have a gluten-free option for you. On each Communion bread plate, there is a small cup with gluten-free crackers. All who need gluten-free bread will take a cracker from this cup, as well as a plastic cup of juice from the tray. The small cup keeps the gluten-free crackers from coming into contact with the pre-cut Communion bread.

*To ensure that those who truly need gluten-free elements are able to participate fully in Communion, **please take from the gluten-free cup only if you are unable to have gluten.** Thank you!*

If you have any questions, please contact Margie Montzingo (margiemontzingo@gmail.com).



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A Life Empowered by the Holy Spirit— The One Called Alongside to Help

Dates: Wednesday Evenings,
September 23 to November 11

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m., on Zoom

Facilitator: Alice Parente

As you walk through life, do you have a sense of Someone walking with you and living inside you? Someone wanting to help you at all times, giving you the ongoing message, “*Here if you need me*”? In the Gospel of John, Jesus promised us just that: a “Paraclete,” or “one called alongside to help.” Jesus described this Someone as our divine Helper, Advocate, and Counselor who would stay with believers forever.

If this has not exactly been your lived experience, you are not alone. And you are invited to join an eight-week exploration with others wanting to delve into what Jesus’ promise means for each and all of us today. We will explore:

- The Holy Spirit in the Bible: in the Old Testament, the life of Jesus, the book of Acts
- What exactly Jesus promised his disciples
- The roles of “the Helper”: advocate, comforter, counselor, strengthener
- How the Helper works: teaches, prays for us, lives inside us.

You are invited to come and see how the Holy Spirit speaks to us today. And what “*Here when you need me*” might mean for you.

If interested in joining, please contact Alice Parente at vsas77@earthlink.net or (916) 212-0803. Here is the Zoom link for the class:
<https://csus.zoom.us/j/87340011564#success>

Life Groups @ Faith

Life Groups are small groups (4-12) of people who meet weekly for Bible

study, prayer and community. These groups have been instrumental in fostering spiritual growth and building friendships for many here at Faith. Not a part of a Life Group? We’d love to tell you more. Contact Janelle Hendricks to learn more (joyfuljanelle@gmail.com; 916-215-7053).

LifeGroups

Last Opportunity to Buy Tickets for

Oktoberfest

Ticket Sales End Today After Worship

If it's autumn (and, heat notwithstanding, it is!), then it's time for Faith's annual harvest dinner. This year we are celebrating Oktoberfest, and we really hope you will join us for this fun-filled evening. The event takes place **this Saturday, October 10, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Link Hall**. There will be delicious Oktoberfest fare in the "Root-Biergarten" and time to enjoy the fellowship of others in the Faith community. And, of course, there will be plenty of items to bid on in our silent auction, ranging from gift certificates to In 'n Out, the Sac State Aquatic Center, Scribner Bend Vineyard and Scott's Seafood, to baskets of full goodies from vendors and from Faith members alike. It's a great night filled with laughter, fun, and quietly determined bidding. And don't forget that all net proceeds benefit the Pat Tatro Scholarship/Campership Fund. These funds help make camp and retreat experiences more affordable for individuals and families.



Today is the deadline to purchase tickets. You may purchase yours after each worship service this morning; online ticket sales close at 1:00 p.m. (Use the QR code at right.) Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 13-18, and free for ages 12 and under. Hope to see you at this great event!



Election Forum with Chuck Bell This Wednesday

We are pleased to let you know that former Faith member and elections attorney Chuck Bell has once again graciously agreed to offer an election forum where he will present a nonpartisan overview of the 14 propositions on the November ballot. **The forum will take place this Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**; this is not an in-person gathering. The forum will be recorded. Here is the link for the Zoom gathering: <https://bit.ly/FaithVoters>. Passcode: 72.



Chuck's presentations are always informative and clarifying, so we hope you'll be able to join us on Zoom on October 7th. Be sure to have your Voter's Guide handy to take notes.

As a Reminder...

- ✓ Don't have a name tag? Sign up for one in the Welcome Center. Within a week or two, you'll find your new name tag ready for you on the name-tag wall. (Tags are arranged alphabetically by last name.)
- ✓ Printed copies of today's sermon will be available this coming week in the Link Hall foyer. Past messages are available on the church website.
- ✓ A reminder to parents: Thank you for picking up your children from Sunday School or the nursery within five minutes of the end of the service.
- ✓ Unless you are taking it home with you, please recycle your bulletin in the narthex on your way out.



Stewardship Commitment Sunday at Faith

Today is Stewardship Commitment Sunday here at Faith Church, the day when we joyfully present to the Lord our pledge cards indicating our financial commitment as well as the commitment of our time and talents to the ministry of Faith in 2027. If you are new to worshipping with us, we invite you to join us in praising God for his generosity, but please do not feel any expectation or pressure to participate.

For those who do count themselves a part of the Faith community, you should have received your pledge packet last week. If not, there are extra financial pledge cards in the pew racks; there are extra time and talent pledge cards in the Welcome Center.

All of our stewardship materials, including pledge cards, are also available on the church website. Visit faithpresby.org/give to access them.

You may also submit your pledge online if you prefer. Use the QR code at right to get started, or follow the direct link in tomorrow's "This Week at Faith" email.



Today during the Offering, our ushers will be passing the offering plates up and down the pews. Feel free to drop into the plate your regular tithe/pledge/gift along with your 2027 pledge cards. As a reminder, your pledges are confidential and seen only by our pledge secretary, Jennifer Anders. Later this year, she will reach out to you to confirm your pledge amount for 2027.

Thank you for your faithful support! We are filled with anticipation for all that God will accomplish for the sake of the Gospel in us and through us as the Body of Christ here at Faith.

Sign Up for "This Week at Faith"

Did you know that Faith sends out two or three group emails every week? Monday's email, "This Week at Faith," offers information about upcoming events in the life of Faith. Wednesday's "House to House" shares pastoral reflections on a variety of topics and often the daily psalm. On Friday, there is a brief message from the coming Sunday's preacher, letting you know the sermon theme and Bible passage, and highlighting important events taking place that Sunday.

If there is urgent information to be relayed to the community, such as the death of one of our members, this too is sent out via the group email list.

If you would like to receive these helpful notices, please let our office manager, Laura, know. You can reach her at landerson@faithpresby.org.



Heart to Heart Is Here to Serve!

Heart to Heart is a group of people here at Faith who are committed to serving those in our congregation who need assistance when a need arises. *Heart to Heart* provides things like rides to doctor appointments, meals during a difficult season, cards of encouragement, and more. If you have a need and you don't know how it will be met, contact *Heart to Heart* coordinator Kathy Ellis at (916) 215-4997 or trvlkath@comcast.net. If you would like to serve on the *Heart to Heart* team, you can also contact Kathy. We would love to hear from you either way!



Run to Feed the Hungry

Just when you thought it was safe to put your running shoes away ... it's time to Run to Feed the Hungry!

You are invited to **join us Thanksgiving Day for an early-morning run/walk that raises funds for the Sacramento Food Bank and its many local partners.** It is a longstanding tradition here at Faith to send a team to walk and run with the thousands of others who put their own feasting on hold a bit in order to help our neighbors who live with food insecurity. What a great way to start the Thanksgiving weekend! To join in the endeavor, use this QR code to register under the team name Faith and Friends (or use the direct link in tomorrow's "This Week at Faith" email). We'll send some info about where to meet up on the morning of the race for a team photo. Deadline to register as part of the team is Friday, November 20. Contact Pastor Brett with any questions.



KIDS CLUB

This Week!
October 7

**1ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAYS**

REGISTER HERE



- **TK-6TH**
- **5:00-6:30 PM**
- **MEET IN LINK HALL**

- **DINNER**
- **BIBLE LESSON**
- **GAMES**
- **CRAFTS**

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New to Faith?

We'd like the chance to meet you!

If you are new to Faith Church, we would like to invite you to an informal reception so we can get to know you, and in turn you can get to know us. Our next

**A Look
@
Faith**

Look @ Faith reception is **Sunday, October 25, at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

The reception lasts about 30 minutes. You'll have the opportunity to get to know others who have been coming to Faith, meet some of our leadership, and learn a few things about what makes this congregation unique. You may have questions about this church or about the Christian faith, and that's great—feel free to ask! This is just an informal opportunity to get to know one another. Come join us! *For more info, email Laura at landerson@faithpresby.org.*



Please join us for Faith's Presby Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, October 17

3:00—6:00 p.m.

Link Hall & Courtyard

Family-friendly costumes encouraged! There will be food and treats, pumpkin carving for the kids, face painting, games and activities. Everyone is welcome! Join us for some fall fun! Sponsored by Faith's Family Ministry Team.

Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (10/4)		Serving Next Sunday (10/11)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Sydney Ndichu	Lawson Stanford	Juliet Thompson	Ben Chand
Coffee Hosts	Ministry Faire / First Sunday Sabbath	<i>No Coffee Hour</i>	Karena & Mike Van Duyn	Ken Finch Tanis Toland
Communion Servers	Tanya Anderson Karen Chan Elaine Collins Walter Newport	Jarvis Arellano Deb Kanner Alice Parente Kitty Tatro	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Bob & Tanya Anderson	TBD	Dennis & Margie Montzingo	Audrey Newport
Lock-up	N.A.	Efua Bannerman	N.A.	Bob Bagby
Media Center Techs	Andrew Chen Paul Kinney	Joe Parente	Dave Anders Jon Coupal	Rick Hom
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 10/5—10/8</i>	Cynde Keasling	<i>Serving 10/12—10/15</i>	Michele Yarbrough
Prayer Team	Karen Chan Claire Pisor	Georgianne Becker Alice Parente	Randy Smith	Renee Larsen
Teller Escorts	Bob DeYoung	Jarvis Arellano	Jennifer Anders	Paul Heaton
Tellers	N.A.	Bill Edgar Paul Heaton	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy
Ushers	Roy Chastain	Melodi Andersen	Bob DeYoung	Sylvia Warner
Welcome Ctr.	TBD	Janeil Hogue	Marianne Jenkins	Janeil Hogue
Worship Asst.	Karen Chan	Alice Parente	Rebecca Westmore	Rob Stutzman

Faith Worship Band: Eunice Bancu, Michaela Bannerman, Shane Bannerman, Esther Chapman, Andrew Chen, Victor Contreras, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Paul Philleo, Zach Roberts, Makayla Van Duyn, Vickie Weaver Owens and Jill Whitney.

Faith Brass Ensemble: José Hermocillo, Tom McDuffie, Fred Noteware, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Steve Rock, Laura Schneider and Carolyn Tillman (Director).

Faith Chancel Choir: Cynthia Abbott, Wendy Benjamin, Gregory Collins, Joe De Illy, Sally Evey, Jessica Flash, Paul Heaton, Janeil Hogue, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Barbara LaPlaca, Kay Lum, Phil Lum, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Ken Pisor, April Reichert, Edna Rush, Ron Sprinkle and Charlotte Van Wagner.

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This Week at Faith: October 4–10

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Ministry Faire—10:15 a.m. (Patio)
- Our Savior's Anglican Church Worship —12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Youth Group—7 p.m. (Link Hall, Youth Rm)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- BSF Leaders Meeting—9 a.m. (Link Hall, Rms 2, 4, 5)
- Faith Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men's Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Discipleship Group—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- BSF—9 a.m. (Campus)
- Family Ministry Meeting—11 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Finance Team Meeting—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Kids Club—5 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Life Group—5:30 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Worship Band Rehearsal—6 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Voter Forum on State Propositions—7 p.m. (On Zoom — see bulletin for link)
- Life Group—7 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Men's AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Rm 2)

THURSDAY

- Men's Life Group—7:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Staff Prayer—9 a.m. (Online)
- Women's Life Group—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Women's Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Men's Life Group—3 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- FAA Meeting—6:30 p.m. (Rm 4)
- Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- Set-up for Oktoberfest (Link Hall reserved all day)

SATURDAY

- Tai Chi—8:30 a.m. (Courtyard)
- Set-up for Oktoberfest (Link Hall reserved all day)
- Faith Brass Ensemble—9:30 a.m.
- Oktoberfest—4 p.m. (Link Hall)

Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

October 10	Harvest Dinner & Auction
October 17	Presby Pumpkin Patch
November 21	Rise Against Hunger
November 29	First Sunday in Advent
February 10	Ash Wednesday; Lent begins
March 28	Easter
April 2-4	Women's Retreat
April 23-25	Men & Boys' Retreat

*The Faith Church office is open
Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
and Friday by appointment.*

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“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

October 4, 2026

Romans 6:1-14 (NIV)

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Message Notes

Who Do You Think You Are?

Questions to Consider...

The following questions and scriptures are provided for Life Groups and individuals who want to reflect further on today's message.

1. This has been a difficult couple of weeks for so many people. Take a moment to share where you have needed God's grace.
2. Before you read our Scripture from this week, read the previous passage — Romans 5:18-21. What about these words of Paul are important for understanding today's passage?
3. Does Romans 5:20 give us "permission" or "justification" for a sinful life? Why not?
4. What justifications have we used for our own sin?
5. Read Romans 6:1-14. Is there anything you notice for the first time in these verses?
6. What does it mean to you to be *buried with Christ in his baptism*? If you have been baptized, what does your own baptism mean to you?
7. On this World Communion Sunday, how does the Lord's Supper confirm our new identity established in our baptism?
8. In what ways do you strive for the *best version of yourself*? In light of this passage, how would you answer this student's question: *What does it mean to give your life to God*?



Table to Table: Something for kids and adults to consider together

What do you think it means to give your life to God?

Talk about this together as a family.

Meeting With God This Week

To help you LISTEN to God...

For your continued times of meeting with God daily, we offer the following passages from God's Word for your reflection. If you need a Bible, let us know and we'll give you one. We encourage you to keep a journal at hand to write down what you hear as you listen to God's Word. If you are new to all this, these steps may help you get started:

Invite - Find a time and space where you can have at least fifteen minutes of privacy and silence. Begin by taking a moment to simply ask God to meet you. Expect God to answer your prayer and show up.

Scripture - Read slowly through the passage for the day (we offer suggestions below). Read it again, if you like. Pay attention to phrases or ideas that particularly strike you.

Listen and Reflect - Use a journal to write down what you hear God saying in these verses. What is God telling you about himself? What is God telling you about your life? What is God telling you he wants you to do or to do differently? What questions are raised? What promises are revealed? Write what you hear.

Respond - Use the 3 R's. **#1 - Rejoice!** What have I heard from God which causes me to praise God and give thanks? Pray accordingly. **#2—Repent.** What have I heard from God that brings to light sin in my life or change that needs to take place? **#3—Request.** What have I heard from God that informs the way I pray for myself and others? (The guide in the column to the right, "To Help You Speak with God," may be useful as you pray for others this week.)

Suggested Scriptures for the Week, as we offer God a portion of each day in His Word.

Monday:	Zechariah 12 / Psalm 124
Tuesday:	Zechariah 13 / Psalm 125
Wednesday:	Zechariah 14 / Psalm 126
Thursday:	Obadiah / Psalm 127
Friday:	Acts 1 / Psalm 128
Saturday:	Acts 2 / Psalm 129
Sunday:	Acts 3 / Psalm 130

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Lucrecia Castellon ~ Josh Chadwick ~ Art & Cheryl Chan ~ Karen Chan ~ Raj & Madelyn Chand; Grace, Ben, Josh

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Carol Keller, Bob Johnson, Clara Murrels, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Sandy Smoley, Nick LaPlaca, Marvette Swayzer, Glenda Arellano, Em Baker, John Warren, Susan Murray, Wally Smith, Frank DeYoung, Joe Teixeira.

Prayers of Comfort: For Margie & George Procida and daughter Santi upon the recent loss of their son and brother, Theo.

♦Church Leadership:

Jeff Chapman	Pastor/Head of Staff
Paul Philleo	Elder, Mission
Madelyn Chand	Deacon, Parish 12

♦Other Opportunities for Prayer

Prayer Chain: Contact Alice Parente at vsas77@earthlink.net to share a prayer concern or to become part of the prayer chain.

Pre-Service Prayer: We meet in the Fireside Room every Sunday morning at 8:30 for prayer before worship. All are welcome.

Prayer After Worship: If you would like someone to pray with you, our prayer team will be available at the front of the church immediately following worship this morning.

Tuesday Morning Zoom Prayer Gathering:

All are welcome to join us for prayer on Zoom Tuesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Using a psalm or other scripture as

our guide, we pray together—some silently, some aloud. Most of us keep our cameras off. It's wonderful to start our day in this way together. The Zoom ID is **871 3470 6671**.

