

Preludes

* Call to Worship

Galatians 5 excerpted and adapted

One: For freedom Christ has set us free.

All: We stand firm, therefore, not submitting again to a yoke of rule-keeping and shaming.

One: For we were called to freedom, brothers and sisters.

All: Only we must not use our freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another.

One: For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

All: If, however, we bite and devour one another, we will consume one another, obliterate one another.

One: We’re to live by the Spirit, I say, and not to gratify the desires of the self.

All: For what self desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is anathema to selfishness.

One: These two are incompatible with one another.

All: So we cultivate the fruit of the Spirit: love,

One: joy,

All: peace,

One: patience,

All: kindness,

One: generosity,

All: faithfulness,

One: gentleness,

All: self-control.

One: There is no law against such things.

All: There is instead abundant life in such things.

One: And in this hope of such life, we greet one another that it might be so: “The peace of the Lord be with you.”

All: And also with you.

* Hymn NCH #21 *God Reigns O’er All the Earth*

Prayer of Invocation

In unison

Enter our hearts and our lives, O Holy Spirit; come in blessed mercy and set us free. Throw open, O Lord, the locked doors of my minds; cleanse the chambers of our thoughts for your dwelling, your presence and stay; light there the fires of your own holy brightness in new understandings of truth; kindle in us a holy impatience that we might be quickened for your work all in service of the gospel. O Holy Spirit, very God, whose presence is liberty, grant us

each and all the perfect freedom to be your servants—today, tomorrow, evermore. Amen.
(Adapted from a prayer by Eric Milner-White)

Readings

Luke 9:51-62

Prayer of Preparation

One: May the words of my mouth

All: And the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Sermon

* Hymn NCH #504 *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

Pastoral Prayer

Joys and Concerns

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us pray.

Spoken Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

* Doxology

Tune NCH #780

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God for all that love has done! Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.*

*Blessing the Offering

* Closing Circle

* Announcements

* Hymn NCH #76

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

*** Benediction**

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First gathered in 1750, the Monterey United Church of Christ, Congregational, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, welcomes all who seek to know God and invites everyone to join in our common life and mission through participation in this congregation. As Jesus Christ did before us, we affirm that each individual is a child of God and recognize that we are called to be like one reconciled body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender identity and gender expression, sexual identity, and physical or mental ability, to journey together toward the promised realm of God. On the threshold of Christ's open door, we rely upon the healing, unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide as we all move forward with the work of this church in the world.



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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

Nine-thirty O'clock in the Morning