



"Feed My Sheep," by Jan Oliver Schultz.

**July 28, 2024
10:00 AM
2700 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95816**

PIONEER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We're very glad you've come to this service today and we pray our experience of worship here will renew and inspire you. If you are not familiar with our practices of worship, the following information may be helpful to you:

- 1. We are an Open and Affirming congregation. We welcome into full membership, leadership, and participation in our church all persons and their families, of every race, language, age, gender, gender identification and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, economic status, and personal opinion.*
- 2. A cross "+" before a heading denotes standing if you are able:*
- 3. **Bold** print indicates that the congregation reads or sings aloud, in unison;*
- 4. An (*) indicates the selected hymn is a favorite hymn of the congregation.*
- 5. Please silence your cell phone ringers;*
- 6. If you have a prayer concern, you may fill out the prayer request form located in the back pews and the ushers will collect them later in the service.*
- 7. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to fill out the Connection Card located with your Welcome Packet and place it in the offering plate in lieu of an offering. We have a special gift for you.*
- 8. You are invited to join us for an informal time of coffee, food, and fellowship during our Fellowship Hour after the service.*
- 9. We have a Pioneer Guest wifi signal throughout the church. Our wifi password is **welcome2700**. One way to promote our church is to let your friends on your social media know you're in church right now;*

If you have any questions about life in the Pioneer Church or have needs of a personal nature, please speak to the pastor. We are happy to do what we can to help.

**“No matter who you are or where you are in life’s journey,
you are welcome here!”**

Prelude

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

The Light of Christ Enters

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Call

You Are Welcome Here

Gerard DeMan

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G D G A D G/D D G A

You are wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,

G A D G D C G A

no mat-ter where you are, on life'sjour - ney... You are

D G/D D G A G A

wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are, come and

D G D G/D A D

join with us, we're u - ni-ted in the church of Christ.

Welcoming One Another (*said in unison*)**Psalm 118:24**

Let us begin our worship service today by saying aloud our Opening Scripture:
“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

+ The Passing of the Peace**+ Call to Worship** (*read responsively*)

inspired by Psalm 145:10-18

One: The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We call upon the Holy One, who is near to us. We testify to your power to make your kindom known among creation.

All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

We speak of the glory of your miraculous acts, your abiding presence, and your abundant love.

All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

With justice and grace, with hope and mercy, with abundance and discernment, you sustain those in need, you uphold those who have been broken, and you satisfy those who seek a better way.

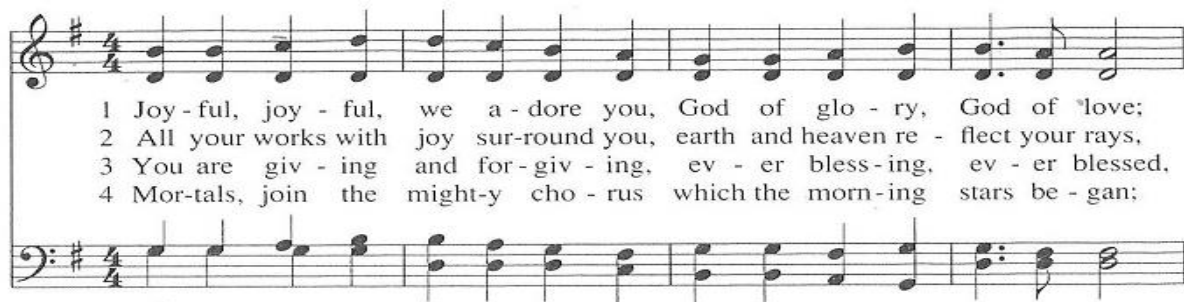
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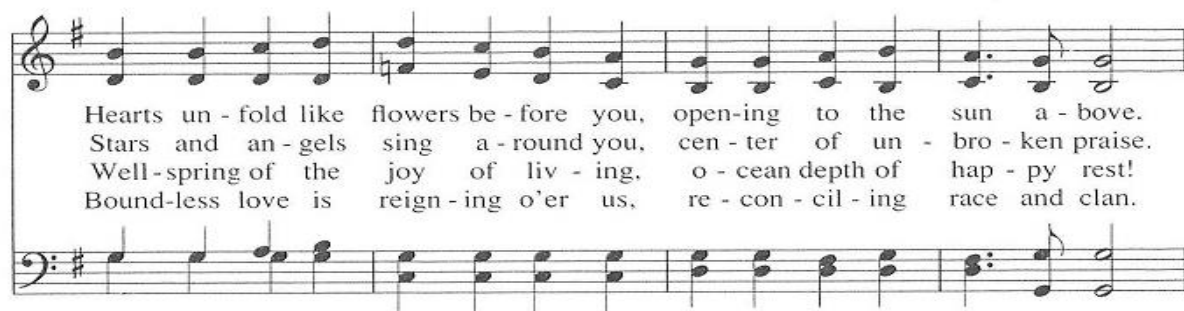
+ Opening Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

HYMN TO JOY



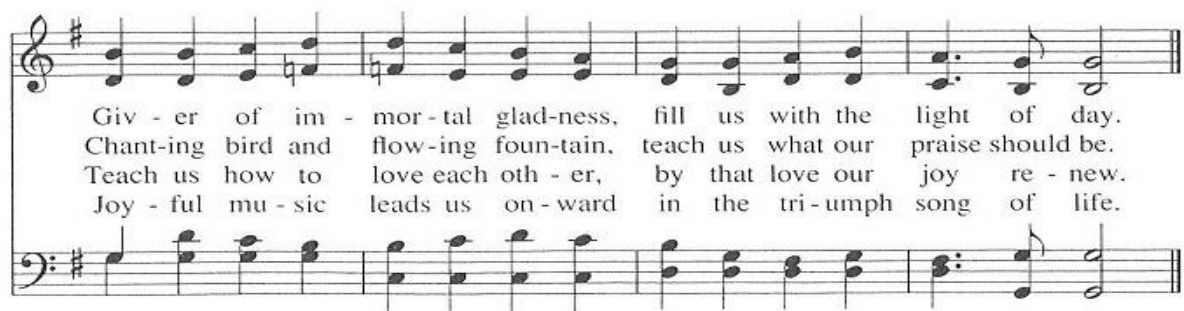
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

+ Opening Prayer (Pastor Led)

Let us pray. Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. God be with us. Amen.

Introit (Sung by all)

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. _____ There are

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. _____

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,
 Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.
 And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in
 praise; With - out a doubt we'll know that we have
 been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Introduction to the Epistle Lesson

The Apostle Paul teaches us how the power and fullness of God are manifest in us.

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, ¹⁵the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. ¹⁶I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

²⁰Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Introduction to the Gospel Lesson

Jesus feeds 5,000 persons with a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish.

Scripture Lesson

John 6:1-15

After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. ² A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. ³ Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. ⁴ (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) ⁵ Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" ⁶ He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money^[a] to feed them!" ⁸ Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. ⁹ "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" ¹⁰ "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. ¹² After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." ¹³ So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. ¹⁴ When the people saw him^[b] do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!"^[c] ¹⁵ When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

This is the Word of the Lord. Let us respond by singing together our Scripture refrain.

Scripture Refrain *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* (sung twice)

Unison

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Sermon: "Complete with the Fullness of Life and Power"

+ Hymn

Break Now the Bread of Life

As we sing this hymn, the ushers will collect your prayer cards to be prayed for during the Prayers of the People.

1 Break now the bread of life, Sav - ior, to me, as you once
2 Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me, to me, as you once

broke the loaves be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond-age cease,

I seek you, Lord; my spir-it yearns for you, O Liv - ing Word.
all shack-les fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*said in unison;" sins;" or any version you choose to say*)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Response

Great Amen

Carl MaultsBy

A - men. A - men. A - men.

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Introduction to the Offering

We will be receiving the Compassion Fund Offering today. Please put this designated offering in the wooden plate as it's passed to you.

Generosity encourages us to consider what we have to share beyond our own use. May we exhibit the generosity of the young person found in the gospel narrative that shared their lunch when Philip surveyed the crowd of thousands. The miracle starts with that act of sharing and faith. You may give in person, on our website, or mail in your donation. Thank you.

Offertory Music Recitative and Aria from *The Creation* Franz Joseph Haydn
 Randy Triezenberg, bass

And God said "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together in one place."
 Rolling in foaming billows, tumultuous swells the raging sea.

+ The Doxology (*sung in unison*)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise God all creatures here below.
 Praise God above ye heavenly host,
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (*said in unison*)

Sustaining God, receive our offerings and magnify them beyond our imagination for the benefit of your kindom, this ministry, and your creation. Cultivate a heart of generosity within us and enable us to witness the abundance that can be found in the fragments that remain as testimony to your power at work in us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTAD



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard,
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p.*, second time *f.*)

C C7 F



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

+ Commissioning Song (*sung in unison*)

SERVANT SONG

(Please face one another as you sing.)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "We are pil - grims on a jour - ney. We are trav - 'lers on the road. We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load." The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff begins with a measure rest marked with a '5'.

+ Benediction

Inspired by Ephesians 3:6-21

May you, according to the riches of God's glory, the presence of Christ, and by power of the Spirit, be strengthened in your inner being, be rooted and grounded in love, and be filled with the fullness of God. To the Holy One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Postlude*Allegro from Water Music Suite No. 2*

G.F. Handel



Volunteers for today are: **Reader:** Kathleen O'Rourke **Usher:** Linda Mendiola
Acolyte: Garylee Stephenson **Tellers:** TBA **Fellowship:** Worship Committee (**Ice Cream Social**) **Flowers:** Sue Bryant-Still: In memory of my father and in celebration of my sons, whose birthdays are in august.

Volunteers for next Sunday August 4th are: Reader: Levi Fuentes **Usher:** Philip & Karen Jackman **Acolyte:** Garylee Stephenson **Tellers:** TBA **Fellowship:** Potluck **Flowers:** TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ Bible Study

Join us every Wednesday at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM for a new kind of Bible Study. We will examine a current event and then create a Bible study around it. The study is available in person and online. If you are interested in this, please get in touch with Pastor Bo at pastorbo@pioneerucc.org and let him know of your interest. Thanks!

+ Volunteers Needed

We really need Volunteer Readers, Ushers, and provide food and refreshments during Coffee Hour. Training is offered for any volunteer effort. If you're interested, please contact Philip or Scott.

+ Food Pantry Donations

We collect non-perishable food pantry donations and travel-sized toiletries on Sunday, August 18. We will collect and dedicate them during the service and then take the donated food to the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership's Food Closet and the toiletries to Wind Youth Services during the week.

+ Anniversary Picnic

Our church will be joined by the First United Methodist Church for our collective 175th Anniversary of both of our churches founding. We're meeting on Sunday, September 29 after church. The location has not yet been confirmed. Stay tuned for more details!

+ Prayer Ministry

We have a vibrant prayer ministry in our church. Heidi Munoz collects prayer requests, emails them out to our prayer champions, and we pray over all prayer requests each and every Sunday. If you have a prayer request, please send an email to Heidi at prayingpioneers@gmail.com.

Pioneer Congregational Church

WHERE TO PARK



- ✿ Metered Street Parking around Church
- ✿ Teichert/Sutter Underground Garage

Free parking on Sundays for Pioneer Church members and visitors! Enter on Capitol Ave btw 27th and 28th Streets, drive down the ramp and park anywhere. The gate remains open until 1 PM. Exit and re-enter through the hospital.












CHURCH CALENDAR – 2024

July 28	Morning Service	10:00am
July 31	Bible Study	10:00am-6:30pm
August 4	Communion Service	10:00am

****Any changes/updates to future events please make notation on this Bulletin and place it in Kelton's box in the main office.*

Many other activities take place in the building regularly.

Please check the calendar in the church office regarding space and time availability before scheduling any event.

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