

***19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
& Blessing of the Animals  
October 8, 2023  
11:00 am***



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# GATHERING

**Prelude**

Linda Underwood

**Welcome**

Pastor John Kuehner

**P:** Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C: Amen**

**Call to Worship**

Unity Choir

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Apostolic Greeting**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Kyrie**



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **☩** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **☩** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **☩** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

# Hymn of Praise



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



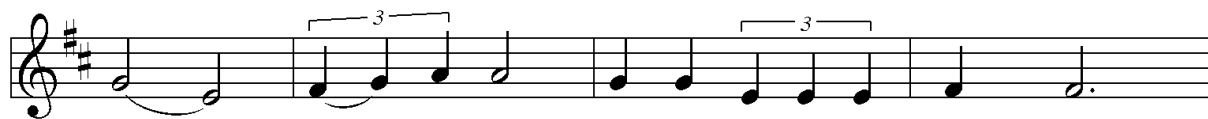
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

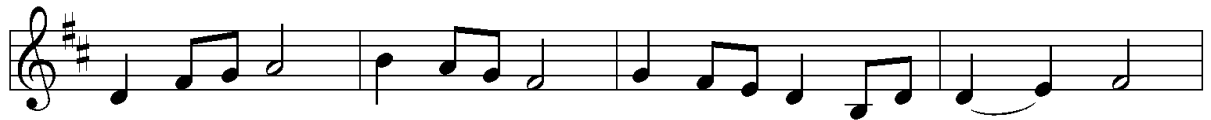


world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

## Hymn of Praise (continued)



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

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Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and help us to experience awe like little children, that we may reflect the image of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen**

# WORD

## **First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1 - 7**

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

## **Call and Response Reading: Psalm 80: 7 - 15**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**

**you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered by its shadow**

**and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea

and its branches to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken down its wall,**

**so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts,**

**look down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Verse

P: The Gospel according to Matthew    **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel – Matthew 21: 33 - 46

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord    **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor John Kuehner



1 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - le - grí - a,  
 2 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - la - ban - za  
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet-ing,  
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless-ing,



un cán - ti - co de a - mor al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a.  
 que ex - pre - se nues - tro a - mor, nues - tra fe y nues - tra es - pe - ran - za.  
 a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing;  
 a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing;



El hi - zo el cie - lo, el mar; el sol y las es - tre - llas  
 En to - da la crea - ción pre - go - na su gran - de - za,  
 you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen - dor;  
 cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



y vio en e - llos bon - dad, pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.  
 a - sí nues - tro can - tar va a - nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.  
 de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.  
 and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

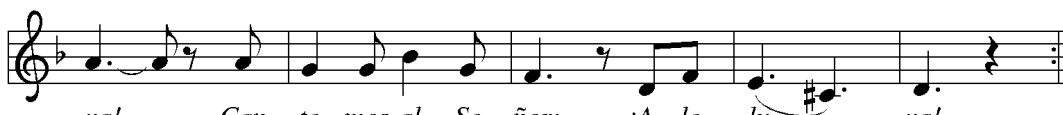
*Refrain / Estribillo*



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! Can - te - mos al Se -  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -



ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu -  
 bove: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -



ya! Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!  
 ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

*Last time*



Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!  
 Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to  
judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Response to each petition*

**A:** God in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## Offering Time and Reflection

*We believe that we are freed in Christ  
to serve and love our neighbor.*

*How do we respond to God's call to serve and love our  
neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so  
abundantly given to us. It is about how we use all that God  
has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our  
treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and  
outside of the church walls and our homes.*



# Offertory Response



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## MEAL

### Holy Communion

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** And also with you.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### Words of Institution

**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,

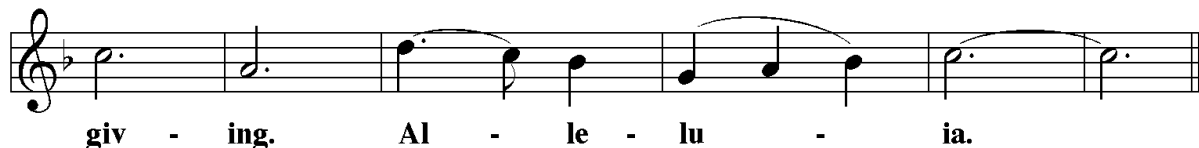
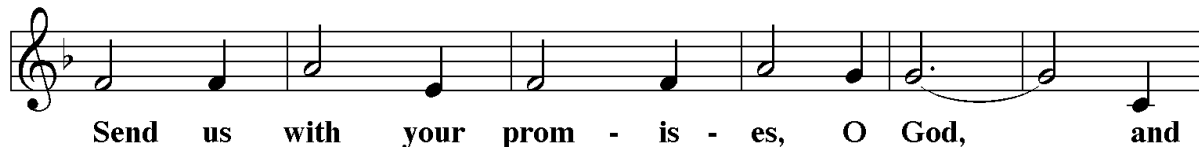
as we forgive those  
 who trespass  
 against us;  
 and lead us not  
 into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power,  
 and the glory,  
 forever and ever.

## SENDING

**Amen.**

## Post Communion Thanks and Prayer

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## **Announcements & Stewardship Update**

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PayPal Giving Fund is the best option (user-friendly, secure, no fees), or donations can be mailed to the church office at 609 Southwood Drive South San Francisco, CA 94080

## **Blessing**

P: The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and  
forever

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**      *Blessed Assurance*

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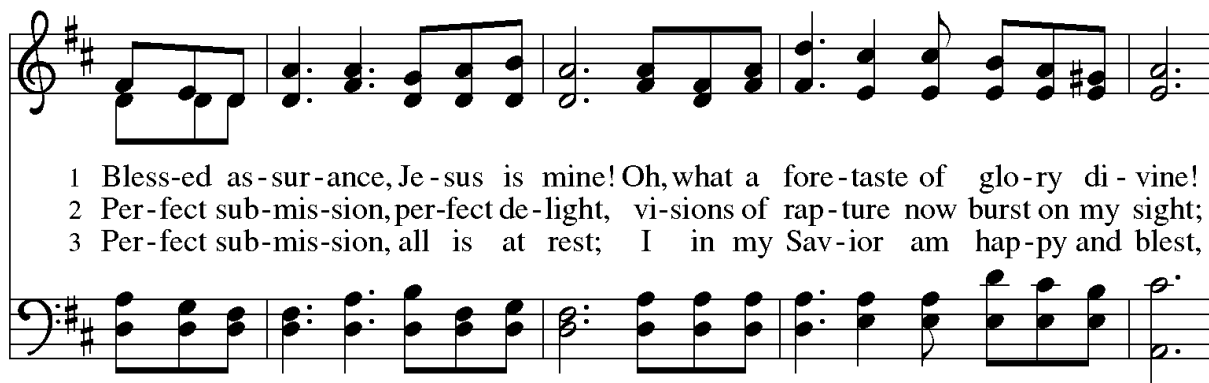
## **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

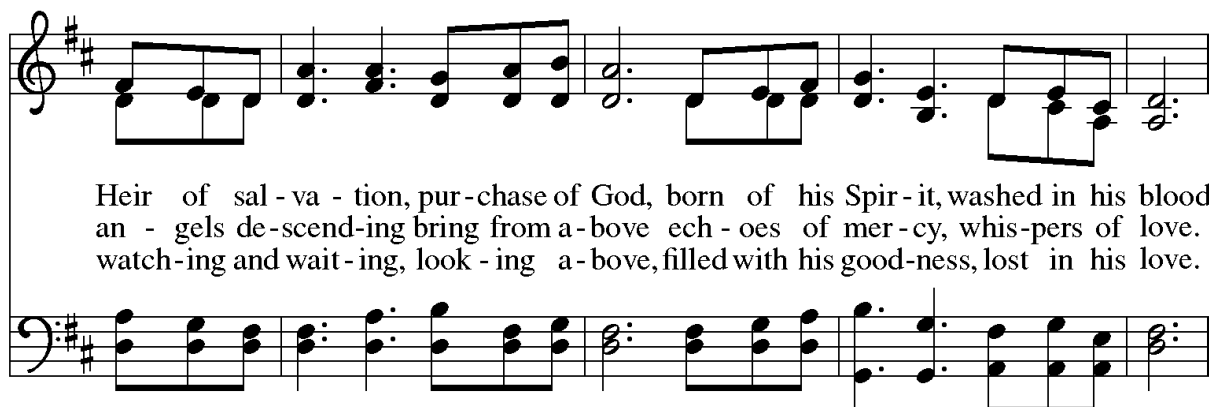
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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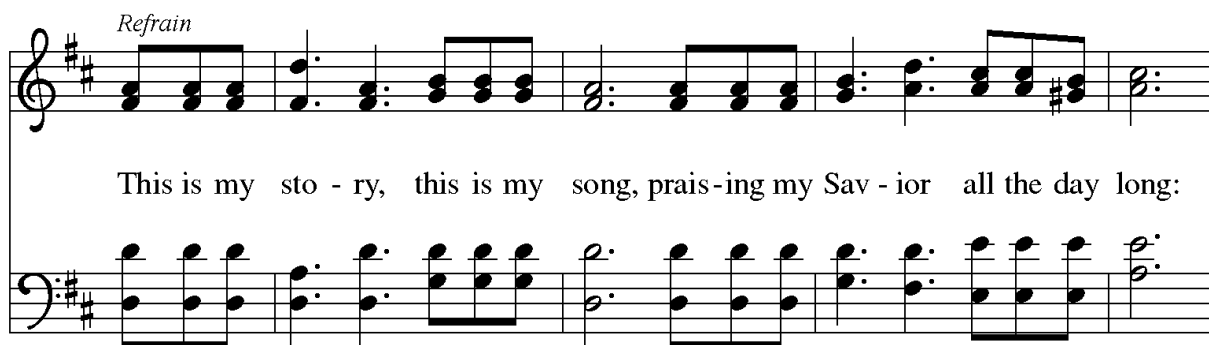


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.