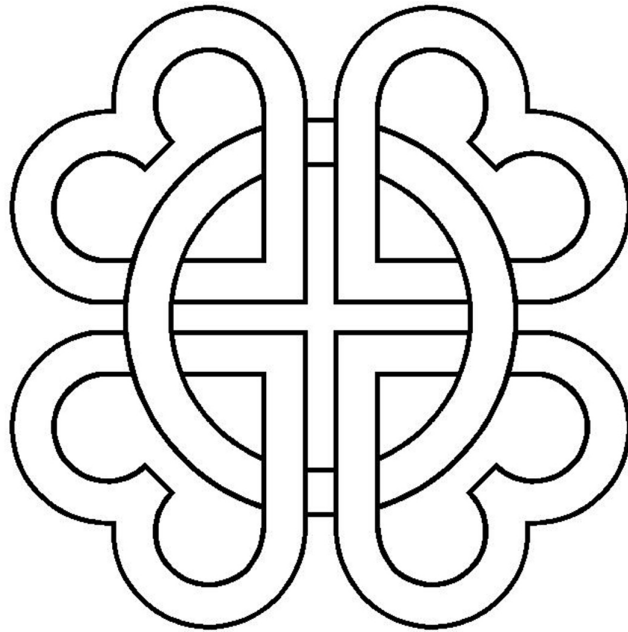


## WELCOME!

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of all four congregations worshipping together today, welcome! Whichever congregation you are from—Court Street United Methodist Church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PCUSA, or Shalom Comunidad de Paz — or if you are not from any of these, we share a common Lord, a common faith, and a common neighborhood, so it is good to be together.

Bringing our different traditions together is a fun and interesting challenge. We all do things a little differently, so this service is an attempt to bring things together in a meaningful way. We hope everyone can find a way to connect with God, offering our praise and thanks, hearing God's word, and praying and celebrating together.



# “One in the Bond of Love”

August 30, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Court Street United Methodist Church  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PCUSA  
Shalom Comunidad de Paz



*The Holy Spirit  
gathers us in unity on  
the first day of the  
week, the day of  
Christ's resurrection.*

*God speaks to us in  
song,  
scripture,  
words for children,  
and preaching.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### WELCOME SONGS

*Pastor Tito Cevallos*

*All laity who have processed from your home church  
are invited to find a seat as you enter the sanctuary.*

### GREETING

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

### CALL to WORSHIP in SONG

*"Let All The World in Every Corner Sing" ~ arr. By Eric Routley*

### CALL to WORSHIP

*Rev. Andria Skornik*

*Minister: The Lord be with you*

***Congregation: And also with you.***

*Minister: Let us pray.*

Gracious God, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.*

### OPENING HYMN

**"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"**

*All participating clergy will process to the Chancel during this hymn.*

*Verse 1*

**God the Spirit, guide and guardian,  
Wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,  
Breath of life and voice of prophets,  
Sign of blessing, power of love:  
Give to those who lead your people  
Fresh anointing of your grace;  
Send them forth as bold apostles  
To your church in every place.**

*Verse 2*

**Triune God, mysterious being,  
Undivided and diverse,  
Deeper than our minds can fathom,  
Greater than our creeds rehearse:  
Help us in our varied callings  
Your full image to proclaim,  
That our ministries uniting  
May give glory to your name.**

*You may be seated.*

### FIRST READING

James 1:17-27

*Rev. Douglas Rogers*

*New Revised Standard Version*

*Nueva Biblia Latinoamericana de Hoy*

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth,

<sup>17</sup> Toda buena dádiva y todo don perfecto viene de lo alto, descende del Padre de las luces, con el cual no hay cambio ni sombra de variación. <sup>18</sup> En el ejercicio de Su voluntad, El nos hizo nacer por la palabra de verdad, para que fuéramos las primicias de

so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

sus criaturas.

<sup>19</sup> Esto lo saben, mis amados hermanos. Pero que cada uno sea pronto para oír, tardo para hablar, tardo para la ira; <sup>20</sup> pues la ira del hombre no obra la justicia de Dios.

<sup>21</sup> Por lo cual, desechando toda inmundicia y todo resto de malicia[c], reciban ustedes con humildad (mansedumbre) la palabra implantada, que es poderosa para salvar sus almas.

<sup>22</sup> Sean hacedores de la palabra y no solamente oidores que se engañan a sí mismos. <sup>23</sup> Porque si alguien es oidor de la palabra, y no hacedor, es semejante a un hombre que mira su rostro natural en un espejo; <sup>24</sup> pues después de mirarse a sí mismo e irse, inmediatamente se olvida de qué clase de persona es.

<sup>25</sup> Pero el que mira atentamente a la ley perfecta, la ley de la libertad, y permanece en ella, no habiéndose vuelto un oidor olvidadizo sino un hacedor eficaz, éste será bienaventurado en lo que hace.

<sup>26</sup> Si alguien se cree religioso, pero no refrena su lengua, sino que engaña a su propio corazón, la religión del tal es vana. <sup>27</sup> La religión pura y sin mancha delante de nuestro Dios y Padre es ésta: visitar a los huérfanos y a las viudas en sus aflicciones, y guardarse sin mancha del mundo.

*Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song:*

**Hymn FWS #2129**

**“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

Children's Message

*James L. Crow*

**Hymn FWS #2026**

**“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”**

*Children will return to their parents during the singing of this song.*

*We are honored to have some students from Haskell Academy with us today. It is with much pleasure that we help them to attain their goals in education and life.*

*In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise:*

GOSPEL READING

*Rev. Rebecca White Newgren*

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*New Revised Standard Version*

*Nueva Biblia Latinoamericana de Hoy*

<sup>7</sup> Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

<sup>7</sup> Los Fariseos, y algunos de los escribas que habían venido de Jerusalén, se reunieron alrededor de El; <sup>2</sup> y vieron que algunos de Sus discípulos comían el pan con manos inmundas, es decir, sin lavar. <sup>3</sup> (Porque los Fariseos y todos los Judíos no comen a menos de que se laven las manos cuidadosamente, observando así la tradición de los ancianos. <sup>4</sup> Cuando vuelven de la plaza, no comen a menos de que se laven; y hay muchas otras cosas que han recibido para observarlas, como el lavamiento de los vasos, de los cántaros y de las vasijas de cobre.) <sup>5</sup> Así que los Fariseos y los escribas Le preguntaron: “¿Por qué Tus discípulos no andan conforme a la tradición de los ancianos, sino que comen con manos inmundas?” <sup>6</sup> Jesús les respondió: “Bien profetizó Isaías de ustedes, hipócritas, como está escrito:

‘Este pueblo con los labios Me honra, pero su corazón esta muy lejos de Mi. <sup>7</sup>Mas en vano Me rinden culto, enseñando como doctrinas preceptos de hombres.’

<sup>8</sup> Dejando el mandamiento de Dios, ustedes se aferran a la tradición de los hombres.”

<sup>14</sup> Llamando de nuevo a la multitud, Jesús les decía: “Escuchen todos lo que les digo y entiendan: <sup>15</sup> no hay nada fuera del hombre que al entrar en él pueda contaminarlo; sino que lo que sale de adentro del hombre es lo que contamina al hombre.

<sup>21</sup> Porque de adentro, del corazón de los hombres, salen los malos pensamientos, fornicaciones, robos, homicidios, adulterios, <sup>22</sup> avaricias, maldades, engaños, sensualidad, envidia, calumnia, orgullo e insensatez.

<sup>23</sup> Todas estas maldades de adentro salen, y contaminan al hombre.”

*Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Please be seated.***

SERMON

*Rev. Rebecca White Newgren*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be in My Head" ~ *arr. Walford Davies*

PASTORAL PRAYER *Pastor Tito Cevallos*

INVITATION *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

*Leader:* Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON *Rev. Andria Skornik*

***All:* Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Leader:* Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

***People:* In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

***All:* Glory to God. Amen.**

THE PEACE *Rev. Andria Skornik*

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

***With handshakes, hugs, or other greetings,  
the people may exchange signs of Christ's peace.***

*The undesignated offering today will go to support the work of Jeremiah Development within our neighborhood: "Seek the well-being of the city...for in its well-being you will find your well-being."  
(Jeremiah 27:9)*

INVITATION to the OFFERING *Kathleen Ferrero*

As forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

GATHERING THE GIFTS  
OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Alleluia" ~ *Randall Thompson*

***In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.***

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" ~ *John Hotchkis*

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From men and from the angelhost  
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

BLESSING OF OUR GIFTS

*Georgalee George*

*Please remain standing, in body or spirit, for the Great Thanksgiving.*

## WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Rev. Rebecca White Newgren*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Leader:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Every perfect gift comes from you, O Father of Lights.

With you there is no variation or shadow due to change.

In fulfillment of your own purpose you gave us birth  
by the word of truth,

so that we might become the first fruits of your creatures.

And so, with your people on earth,

and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***An Open Table!***  
*All of us are guests at this table,  
with Jesus himself as our host.  
We have not earned a place,  
but rather we are invited  
out of God's amazing grace.  
For that reason, this feast is open  
to **all** --including children-  
who wish to know the presence  
of Christ and share  
in the community  
of God's people.  
This is the joyful feast  
of **all** the people of God!*

SANCTUS - UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL page 17

***All:* Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

***Please be seated.***

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

*Leader:* Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

He ate with the outcasts of society

and taught us that evil comes from within.

Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives and

recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and

to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,  
you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread ,  
gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the  
new covenant poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ’s offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**MYSTERY OF FAITH - UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL page 18**

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Rev. Andria Skornik*

*Leader:* Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood,  
that we might not be hearers only,  
but doers of your Word.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other and  
one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory and  
we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and for ever.



*All: Amen, amen, amen.*

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*All: 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.  
Amen.*



**DIRECTIONS FOR  
COMMUNION**

We will be receiving  
the elements by intinction  
today.

All bread is gluten-free.  
All the chalices  
contain grape juice.

Please take a piece of bread  
from the plate and dip it into the  
cup. You may partake as you  
receive the elements.

For those on the ground level  
please come forward at the di-  
rection of the ushers. For those  
in the balcony, please proceed  
to the station nearest you  
in the balcony.

As the server says,  
"The body of Christ," and  
"The blood of Christ,"  
you may choose to respond  
with words such as, "Amen,"  
"Alleluia," "Thanks be to God,"  
or "Praise to you, O Christ."

**BREAKING THE BREAD**

*Rev. Rebecca White Newgren breaks the bread in silence, or while saying:  
Because there is one loaf,  
we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.  
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.*

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:  
The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**"Gift of Finest Wheat"**

**Chorus - Congregation & Choir**

**You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat,  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.**

*Verse 3 - Choir*

The mystery of Your presence Lord,  
No mortal tongue can tell;  
Whom all the world cannot contain  
Comes in our hearts to dwell. *Chorus*

*Verse 1 - Choir*

As when the shepherd  
calls his sheep,  
They know and heed his voice;  
So when You call Your family, Lord,  
We follow and rejoice. *Chorus*

*Verse 4 - Choir*

You give yourself to us, O Lord,  
Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in Your name  
In truth and charity.

*Verse 2 - Choir*

With joyful lips we sing to You,  
Our praise and gratitude,  
That You should count us  
worthy Lord,  
To share this heavenly food. *Chorus*

*Verse 5 - Choir*

Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Does not the bread, one loaf declare  
Our oneness in the Lord?

# WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S GRACE

*In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.*

## HYMN of SENDING FORTH

**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

### *Verse 1*

O God our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;

### *Verse 2*

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure

### *Verse 3 (Choir only)*

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth receiv'd her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same:  
Thou art God.

### *Verse 4*

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
are like an evening gone  
Short as the watch  
that ends the night  
Before the rising Sun.

### *Verse 5*

Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

### *Verse 6*

O God, Our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard  
while troubles last  
And our eternal home. Amen

*God blesses and sends us  
in mission to the world.*

SENDING

*Rev. Rebecca White Newgren*

POSTLUDE

*Brass Quintet*

**All are invited to remain for refreshments and fellowship  
in the down stairs dining room.**

Many thanks to all whose efforts went into planning and setting up  
for today's service. You know who you are. Thank you!





WORSHIP LEADERS  
SERVING TODAY

Court Street United Methodist Church

The Rev. Calvin Culpepper	Pastor
James Marck	Music Director
James L. Crow	Director of Arts Ministry
Chancel Choir	
JuBellation Handbell Choir	
Georgalee George	Lay Leader

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Rev. Andria Skornik	Rector
The Rev. Douglas Rogers	Deacon
Wayne Hatwich	Music Director
Trish Rooney	Assistant Music Director
Dr. Amy Gustafson	Director of Christian Formation
Adult Choir	

Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PCUSA

The Rev. Rebecca White Newgren	Pastor
Paul Laprade	Music Director
Valerie Blair	Pianist, Organist
Joyce Zartman	Handbell Choir Director
Adult Choir	
Handbell Choir	

Shalom Comunidad de Paz

Tito Cevallos	Pastor
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Jeremiah Development

Kathleen Ferrero	Executive Director
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Instrumentalists

Brass Quintet  
Becky Asher  
Paul Bowyer  
Mark Baldin  
Brian Rogers  
Glenn Wilfong

Violin

Bill Zartman  
Jim Fry

Altar Flowers are given...

...in praise of all educators by Georgalee George.

... in celebration of our 34th wedding anniversary by Bruce & Nancy Shindel.