



Important Announcements

Mark Your Calendars!

July 7, Tuesday -- We will be hosting a concert here at church at 7:00 pm. We are honored to have a quartet from the AFL Bible School coming to sing for us. They will be doing both traditional and contemporary music. You won't want to miss it!

July 11, Saturday — VBS Decorating Day -- At church starting at 9 am until finished.

July 12, Second Sunday -- You won't want to miss this event! We have our Preschool kids singing during worship service...Our Barnabas Team will be leading us in service! There will be a potluck lunch on the patio following worship service. Plan on staying to get to know our preschool families and our Barnabas Team.

July 13-17 VBS: "Camp Discovery—Jesus at Work Through Us" -- We need your help. See Sandy if you are able to help during this week.

July 18, Saturday -- Free Food Distribution--At church from 9:30 to 10:30 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Please come and lend a hand with handing out food to those in need. If you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!

August 1, Saturday, Women's Bible Study -- At church from 10 am to 11:00 am. We are continuing the Women of the Bible series with "Deborah—Daring to Be Different for God." Session Four: The Big Chance — Recognizing when the time is right.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here at Community we celebrate our birthdays/anniversaries each second Sunday of the month. If your birthday is this month, and your name is not on this list, please put a note in the offering plate so we can include yours!

(PS) after the name denotes one of our Preschoolers' birthday.

Birthdays

13th—Billy Taylor, Hayley Taylor 15th—Sandy Dahl

18th—Monica Herrington

Anniversaries

28th—Kristen and Gene Erwin

(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, we have often sinned against You in our lives, both as Christians and as citizens. Especially today, we ask forgiveness for the times when we have failed in weakness, or sinned in terms of our relationships with others. We ask Your pardon for those times when we should have spoken out on those issues which affect our society, yet we often kept silent. Since You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins and a strengthening of our Christian faith; so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

We remember the Good News that God forgives our sin because of Jesus.

(Pastor) God the Father has seen into our hearts and has heard our confession in faith. It is by the grace shown to us in the sacrifice of God's only Son, Jesus Christ, and through the command of our Savior, that I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(Everyone) Amen

Hymn of the Day

My Country, 'Tis of Thee # 571

Children's Sermonette

"Two Loyalties!"

Children are now dismissed for Sunday School in the Preschool.

Pastor Robert McDonald

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus.

Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

You can also give online via PayPal at our website cloceanside.com anytime, or use a credit card to donate after the worship service. Just see an usher for assistance.

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 33:12-13, 16-18, 20-22 (KJV)

(P) Pastor (C) Congregation

(P) Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD;
(C) **and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.**

(P) The LORD looketh from heaven;
(C) **he beholdeth all the sons of men.**

(P) There is no king saved by the multitude of an host:
(C) **a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.**

(P) An horse *is* a vain thing for safety:
(C) **neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.**

(P) Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him,
(C) **upon them that hope in his mercy;**

(P) Our soul waiteth for the LORD:
(C) **he is our help and our shield.**

(P) For our heart shall rejoice in him,
(C) **because we have trusted in his holy name.**

(P) Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
(C) **according as we hope in thee.**

Old Testament Lesson for the day

Deuteronomy 26:7-11 (KJV)

⁷ And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression: ⁸ And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: ⁹ And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, *even* a land that floweth with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God: ¹¹ And thou shalt rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that *is* among you.

Epistle

Romans 13:1-7 (KJV)

¹ Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. ² Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. ³ For

rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: ⁴ For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil. ⁵ Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. ⁶ For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. ⁷ Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

(Please stand)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-21 (KJV)

¹⁵ Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in *his* talk. ¹⁶ And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any *man*: for thou regardest not the person of men. ¹⁷ Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? ¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? ¹⁹ Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. ²⁰ And he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription? ²¹ They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

An excerpt from the Declaration of Independence:

(July, 1776)

(Everyone) 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.-That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.'

Preamble to the United States Constitution:

(September, 1787)

(Everyone) We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

THE PLEDGES:

The Christian Pledge:

(Everyone) 'I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God. Amen.'

The Pledge of Allegiance:

(Everyone) 'I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'

(Please remain standing for the Sermon Hymn)

Sermon Hymn

The Star-Spangled Banner # 576

Sermon

Pastor Robert McDonald

“America: A Christian Nation Blessed by God!”

Psalm 33:12

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Softy and Tenderly # 326

We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper

Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.

Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.

Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)

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 and ever. AMEN!

Distribution

Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Closing Hymn

Battle Hymn of the Republic # 569

Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God!

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**Tuesdays & Thursdays
& Saturdays**

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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Preschool Hours:

Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

Weekly Schedule:

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| Sundays | 10:00 am | Worship Service & Sunday School |
| | 11:15 am | Community Fellowship Time <i>Refreshments in the Courtyard</i> |
| Second Sunday | | Preschool Kids Sing during Worship, Potluck Lunch following Worship |
| Wednesdays | 6:15 pm | Mid-Week Service/Event—6:15 Dinner and Event |
| | 6:00 pm | Be Our Guest—Dinner for the Preschool Families <i>Every 4th Wednesday</i> |
| Saturdays | 10:00 am | Free Food Distribution <i>Every 3rd Saturday morning from 9:30—10:30 am</i> |
| | 10:00 am | Women's Bible Study <i>The <u>First</u> Saturday of each month.</i> |

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