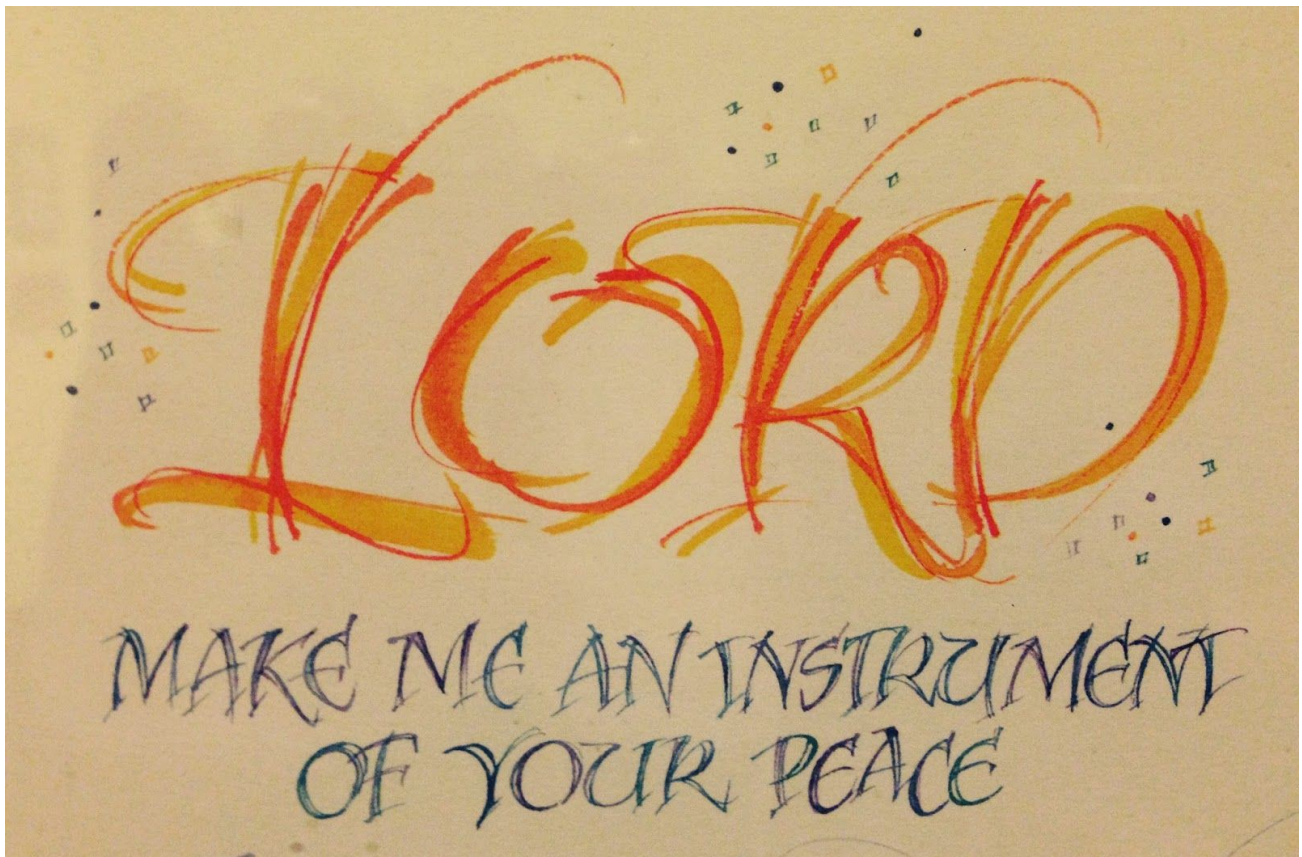


Welcome to Worship at
Safe Harbor
Presbyterian Church



Care for Creation Sunday
Service for the Lord's Day

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 16th, 2018

The Gathering

Welcome/Announcements

† **Call to Worship (From the Book of Common Worship, PCUSA):**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God.

People: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: The plants and trees show God's presence.

People: Let us join with creation in praising God!

ALL: Let us worship God!

Prayers of Adoration (unison): God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth that you have made and sustain. Our voices join in praise with all creation: with the sea that roars, the trees that clap their hands, and the birds that sing in joy. Unite us by your Spirit, that we may be signs of your abundant mercy and live in thanksgiving for your grace, as we wait for the completion of your creation in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Confession of Sin:

Leader: Beloved, we are made in the divine image, and God called us good. Yet we go

our own way, causing harm to ourselves, to one another, and to the planet.

Confident in the mercy of the One who made us and saved us, let us confess

our sin to God and to one another.

Giver of life in the midst of a plundered earth we groan with creation:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Giver of life, in the midst of poisoned water, we groan with
creation:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Giver of life, in the midst of polluted air we groan with creation:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Giver of Life, in the midst of mountains of waste we groan with
creation:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Giver of life, in the midst of rising seas, we groan with creation.

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Giver of life, forgive us and make us agents of healing for the
good of your

creation and for the redemption of the world.

(Please take a moment for silent personal prayers of confession.)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

†=If able, please stand

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: In the water of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing. Know
that you are forgiven, and be at peace as you share that blessing with others
and care for this good earth, that all creation may declare God's glory.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

†The Sharing of the Peace † Gloria Patri

Moments with Children

The Word

Hymn of Preparation for the Word: #452 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Scripture: Mark 8: 31-38

Sermon: "The Counter-cultural Way"

The Rev. Eugenia A.

Gamble

Special Music

The Prayers

Call to Prayer: # 466 "Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Response to Prayer: # 710 "We Are an Offering"

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

The Offering

Hymn #853 "Siyahamba"

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

† **Hymn of Parting: #37 "Let All Things Now Living"**

† Charge and Benediction

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Welcome

We are so delighted that you have worshipped with us today! If you are a guest, we are doubly blessed by your presence. We will pray for you this week. Please stay for a moment for refreshments so that we can get to know you.

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Don't forget Tuesday evening Dinner Fellowship at 5:45.

If you would like to support the work of Safe Harbor Church financially, tax deductible checks may be made to Presbytery of Santa Barbara marked Safe Harbor Cambria. Thank you!

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