

Welcome to Worship at
Safe Harbor
Presbyterian Church



Service for the Lord's Day
16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 9th, 2018

The Gathering

Welcome/Announcements

† **Call to Worship (from Psalm 133 & 134):**

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Leader: Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in house of the Lord.

People: Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.

ALL: Let us worship God!

Prayers of Adoration (from the congregation)

† **Hymn of Praise: #621 “I Will Call upon the Lord”**

Prayer of Confession (unison): Most Gracious and Merciful God, how can we live up to the love that you show us? Your mercy is without limit. You show love to all and no one falls outside the boundaries of your kindness and generosity. Yet we so easily draw lines, deciding who is worthy and who is not; who is welcome and who is not; who is acceptable and who is not. We prefer those who are like us, who look like us, and live like us and think like us. Yet you sought out those who were on the margins, lavishing love on those that others disdained. We cannot count the times that we have failed to

live up to that standard. We have little time for the outsider, little patience with the poor, little love for the ones who do not agree with our points of view. Forgive us, O Lord, for casually thinking that you only care about those that we care about. Forgive us for hoarding your mercy and offering so little to others. Forgive us for judging people as unworthy of your grace and turning our backs on them. Heal us, Lord, for we are the ones in need. Mend us that we may share your love and mercy with all that you bring to us. Help us to start over, Lord, and give us strength to persevere. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

†The Sharing of the Peace

†=If able, please stand

The Word

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

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: “The Woman Who Wouldn't Give Up”

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.

Hymn #853 “Siyahamba”

The Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

† Hymn of Parting: #Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me, Let There Be Peace on Earth,

The peace that was meant to be, With God as our Father, Brothers all are we, Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow,

To take each moment and live, Each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me

† 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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CDs of the sermon are available upon request.

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HERE TO SERVE

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Keyboardist/soloist:

Cyndi Culp

Church Administrator:

Caroline Johnson

Tom and Lana Cochrun

Patti and Donovan Ropp

Monty and Julia Rice

Michelle Costa and Jeff Rodriguez

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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