

*Sing praises to the Lord,  
O you his faithful ones*

*Psalm 30:4*

**January 5, 2025  
10:00 am**

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SOQUEL  
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## Life & Worship

The Season After Christmas  
January 5, 2025

### GATHERING TOGETHER

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**\*Introit #801** *This Is the Day*

v 1, Hymnal 1

**\*Responsive Call to Worship** (Psalm 30:4 & 5b)

*Minister: Sing praises to the Lord,*

**Congregation: O you his faithful ones.**

*Minister: Weeping may linger for the night,*

**Congregation: but joy comes with the morning.**

**\*Hymn #692** *Faith of Our Fathers*

Hymnal 1

**\*Invocation**

**Responsive Reading** (Ephesian 5:18-20)

see insert

### JOINING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

**Special Music #148** *I'm a-Going to Eat at the Welcome Table*

Hymnal 2

\*Congregation Standing (as you are able)

## **Morning Prayer & 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 In Song #690 *Bind Us Together***      refrain only, Hymnal 1

## **SHARING THE WORK**

### **Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

(Tune: *All Creatures of our God and King*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts, Praise Jesus Christ whose  
power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **SHARING THE SONGS, BREAD & CUP**

### **Hymns of Faith & Renewal for a New Year**

#### **Singing Around the Table from Hymnal 1**

*#372 Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year*

*#362 Morning Has Broken*

*#51 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets (tune #135)*

*#437 Help Us Accept Each Other*

*#701 God Is Here!*

### **Welcome to the Table and Prayer for the Bread & Cup**

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

## **PARTING WITH SONG AND PRAYER**

**\* Hymn #78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past***      vv 1, 5 & 6, Hymnal 1

### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Congregational Response in Song**

We are God's people, a people of the Lord, born of the Spirit,  
the Love of God outpoured; our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
and strong in Him we stand: O let us live transparently,  
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

### **\*Postlude**

\*Congregation Standing (as you are able)



At Congregational Church of Soquel, we value the past with a sense of gratitude, but welcome the present moment with expectation and joy! Please join us Sundays at 10:00 am. The bell ringing from atop our historic church, established in 1868, reminds us of a rich and meaningful past. However, as our logo suggests, a living tradition of life, worship and progressive Christian faith lifts our hearts as we reach in the direction of an exciting future.

With this vision, we seek to live as Jesus taught, loving God and neighbor in ways that embrace the opportunities and needs of our time and place: creating a sustainable environment for the earth, addressing food insecurities among our neighbors, supporting families, celebrating the arts and creating a spiritual home for people of all ages and backgrounds. Together, we discover friendship and meaning through the interplay of faith, life, and service within the greater Santa Cruz community and beyond.

Join us as we unite a meaningful past with a hopeful vision moving forward.

Peace,  
*Mark Fountain*  
Minister



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**THANK YOU!**

- Announcer:** Katharine Burke
- Reader:** Karen Abraham
- Communion:** Bart Kent & Bob Weers
- Ushers:** Bart Kent & Liz Musal
- Fellowship:** Liz & Mike Musal
- Media Team:** Cindy Ruhsam & Friends

*A special thank you to Vicki Melendy for being our pianist today!*

Church Office Hours  
Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**OUR CHURCH STAFF**

- Minister.....Reverend Dr. Mark Fountain
- Ministry Associate.....Reverend Patti Haaheim
- Office Manager.....Kristin Ard
- Music Director.....Camille Couture-Carter
- Pianist.....Susan Bass
- Maintenance Supervisor.....Ricardo Perez
- Ministers to the Community.....Congregation

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### **From the NACCC:**

#### **Church Fair Share Giving Why Contribute?**

- As an organization, our vitality is directly tied to the support our member churches provide. The NACCC exists to serve our churches and relies on financial contributions to carry out our various programs and services.
- While every congregation is unique, we strive to be valuable and relevant to all our member churches, regardless of size and needs of the church.
- We see value in being a part of a national organization, utilize our networking opportunities, take advantage of our leadership resources, or rely on us to find a pastor, we ask you to contribute your Fair Share to ensure we are able to help all of our congregations for years to come.

#### **What is Fair Share?**

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- **Education**
- **Missions**
- **Church Growth and Vitality**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SOQUEL ~ Doing Our Part**

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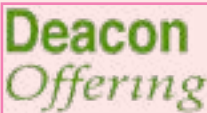


### OFFICIAL CALL!

## 156TH ANNUAL MEETING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SOQUEL

**Sunday, January 26th @ 11:15 am**  
in Parrish Hall

All members and friends are encouraged to attend and participate.  
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**Tuesday, January 7th**  
**5:30 pm • Via Zoom**



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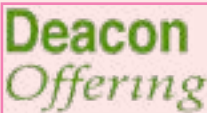


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