

CONGREGATIONAL
Church *of* Soquel

WELLBEING

BELONG "You belong to Christ"

2 Corinthians 10:7

September 18, 2022

10:00 am

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Life & Worship
September 18, 2022
Season of Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome & Announcements

Ringin of the Bell

Prelude *Polonaise* by William Friedemann Bach

Responsive Call to Worship (Psalm 62:11-12a)

Minister: Once God has spoken;

Congregation: Twice have I heard this:

Minister: That power belongs to God,

Congregation: steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

Hymn # 695 *In Christ There Is No East or West* (vv. 1, 3 & 5)
(Hymnal #1)

Invocation

Responsive Reading (2 Corinthians 10:7, 15-16a)

Reader: Look at what is before your eyes.

**Congregation: If you are confident that you belong to Christ,
remind yourself of this,**

Reader: that just as you belong to Christ,

Congregation: so also do we.

*Reader: We do not boast beyond limits, that is, in the labors of
others.*

Congregation: Our hope is that, as your faith increases,

Reader: our sphere of action among you may be greatly enlarged.

Congregation: So that we may proclaim the good news in lands beyond you.

JOINING IN PRAISE & PRAYER

Special Music *It Is Well* (by Kristene Dimarco)

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Mary Rankin • Mindy Staley

A Service for the Reception of New Members (see insert)

SHARING THE WORK

Offertory *Waltz*
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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 OF THE WORD

Life & Worship Series: WELLBEING Rev. Mark Fountain

Sermon: BELONG

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 10:7, 15-16a

PARTING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

Hymn # 68 *Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty* (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 *Romance* by Reinhold Glière

On New Members & Friends Day, we also welcome two new staff members. We welcome back Camille as our first ever Music Director. Kristin Ard (Kard) started her permanent position as Office Manager this past week.

Welcome Camille and Kard!

A Service for The Reception of New Members



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Introduction of New Members Declaration of Membership

MINISTER: My friends, we give thanks to God, who has led you to declare faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior and has inclined you to join the community of his church. Having received God's love, do you sincerely devote yourselves to following Jesus? Trusting in his grace to strengthen you, do you promise to do what you can to promote the welfare of the church: participating in its worship, contributing to its financial support in proportion to God's gifts, and responding with your time and talent to its ministry? If so, please answer, "I will."

Candidates Reply

Sharing The Covenant

Minister: As our Pilgrim forebears covenant together to gather Congregational churches, so do we hold membership in this church by sharing our covenant.

Church Covenant

We covenant with this church as our church, and with one another as Christian disciples, to walk in the ways God has made known to us or to be made known, both in Scripture and contemporary revelation. We agree to practice and teach the gospel, to cooperate in the faithful administration of our church, and to walk together in God's love.

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: We believe in God our Creator

Congregation: Jesus Christ our Savior

Leader: The Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide

Congregation: We believe the Bible is the revelation of God's love

Leader: We believe in the practice of prayer, and the promise of life, both present and eternal

Congregation: We believe in the freedom of the individual and responsible discernment in all matters of conscience

Leader: We believe that our first responsibility is to love God

Congregation: With all our heart, soul and mind

Leader: Expressing unconditional love for our neighbors

Congregation: Demonstrated in a spirit of justice, service, and compassion

Leader: We believe it is the joyful work of the church to share the Gospel

Congregation: The good news of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ to all people.

Leader: In this statement of faith we affirm our identity in Jesus Christ and our commitment to do his work,

Congregation: speak his words and celebrate his life by way of a shared covenant.

Words of Welcome

Congregation: We, then, the members of this church, welcome you with joy into our communion and fellowship. We pledge to you our encouragement, our help and our prayers, that you may increase in the knowledge and love of God. We purpose to walk with you in Christian friendship. We covenant with you to make the church a church of prayer, of right living, and of union with Christ and his disciples.

Introduction of Shepherds: Deacons

Prayer of Dedication & 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.

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH



HAPPY LIFE CHILDREN'S HOME is a recommended mission of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. Their mission is to provide the abandoned children of Kenya a home and a hope for adoption.

Many of you may remember meeting Rev. Peter Ndungu from his visit to Soquel. Founded in 2002 to rescue and care for abandoned babies in Kenya, Happy Life Children's Home opened its doors to its first three babies (two of them twin boys) in February 2002. This dream was borne by Rev. Peter & Faith Ndungu of Kenya, together with Rev. Jim & Sharon Powell and Rev. Steve Kamau, all of USA. The Home has since expanded in its vision: "To provide a three-fold ministry to abandoned children in Kenya, providing: A Home and a Hope for Adoption; Quality Christian Education and Employment Training; Quality Pediatric Outpatient Medical Care."

The Congregational Church of Soquel Ministry of Missions & Service has designated Happy Life, September Mission of the Month. You can help! Drop your donation (of any amount) in the offering plate or send to the church office. Please mark your check or online giving clearly for Happy Life. Thank You!

<http://happylifechildrenshome.com/index.html>



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**Please join us for a reception in Parrish Hall after worship
to WELCOME Mary and Mindy!**

IT'S A GRANDS JAM was a HUGE success!

A special **THANK YOU** to *each of you* who worked and participated. A **FUN** day was had by **ALL!!**



OCTOBER Dates!

9th - Blessing of the Animals

16th - Mission & Service Sunday

30th - Trunk or Treat



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9.11 **BE**FRIEND John 15:12-17

9.18 **BE**LONG 2 Corinthians 10:7, 15-16a

9.25 **BE**LOVED 1 John 4:7-12

10.2 **BE**COME James 1:17-25

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May my very breath and being rise to you, their source and goal | Peter Ellis



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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 & Reader: Lynette Hamby

Special Music: Camille Couture-Carter

Fellowship: Carol and John Parda

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.....Rubina Mazurka
Maintenance Supervisor.....Ricardo Perez
Ministers to the Community.....Congregation