

CONGREGATIONAL

Church *of* Soquel



November 20, 2022
10:00 am

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Life & Worship
November 20, 2022
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *Songs Without Words No. 4*
by Felix Mendelssohn

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We come this morning to worship together - different people, different lives, different stories.

Congregation: Yet we are all children of the same Parent, created lovingly by the Source of all life.

Leader: Different people, different lives, different stories, yet we all have the same Teacher,

Congregation: Jesus, God's own Son, who is the living Word who dwelt among us.

Leader: Different people, different lives, different stories, yet one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All: Let us open ourselves to the Spirit of God, which is at work within and through each of us, bringing us closer in His love. Amen.

Hymn *A Story Told, A Story Envisioned* (insert)

Invocation (In Unison)

Creator God, mother and father of every living creature, whose spirit of love is celebrated in our worship: Be our nurturing guide and tender presence, that we may grow and serve You in ways of trust, compassion, and purposeful living. Amen.

Responsive Reading (insert)

JOINING IN PRAISE & PRAYER

Special Music

Pass It On

(#739 Hymnal 1)

Led by our youth with Jack Hanson and Clayton Heath, guitars

Morning Prayer and 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 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

(#531 vv 1 & 3 Hymnal 1)

SHARING THE WORK

Offertory

On Wings of Song

by Felix Mendelssohn

Katharine Burke, violin

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!

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

PARTING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

Hymn #721 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

(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

Waltz in A Major

by W.A. Mozart

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sophia Canobbio

Jack Cash

Mark Hanson

Maverick Heath

Responsive Reading

(from Touch Holiness)

Leader: The journey of faith is a journey through life. We are pilgrims, travelers, making our way.

Congregation: We sojourn on the pathway of the saints. We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which lead them.

Leader: But for each generation, in each place and time, and for each seeker who travels this way the road seems different.

Congregation: Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes of a history yet to be made. We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

Leader: As they walk beside us, we may tell them our stories, but we may not tell them the way.

Congregation: It is a quest they must follow by themselves.

Leader: We can tell them of our questions, but the answers must come from within their own hearts.

Congregation: We celebrate a new generation of faith, a new branch, with its leaves about to blossom.

All: Let us all make a place for them and let them know that the family of Christ is their family too, as we all worship God together.



A Story Told, A Story Envisioned

Music by Sarang Kim • Lyrics by Mark Fountain

1. Telling our story in the language of time
A living tradition, yours and mine.
Gathered in thanks, we honor the past,
with each generation, memories to last.

Refrain

*A story told, a story envisioned.
We learn from the past, God's gracious provision.
We share in the present, a light from above.
Awake to the future, the promise of love.*

2. Now, in the present, the story appears,
surrounded by change, threatened by fears.
Yet God, by the Spirit, brings light to our eyes,
caught in the moment, a sacred surprise!

Refrain

3. Beyond today the story awaits,
What faith, compassion, and love creates.
Finding a way as it did from the start.
A timeless blessing, returns to the heart.

Refrain

Confirmation Celebration

Introduction

Presentation of Faith Statements

Profession of Faith

Do you profess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you wish to become part of our family of faith?

I do.

Will you continue to strive to know and do the will of God, as revealed to you in the scriptures, in prayer, in your life experience, and through the community of faith?

I will.

Will you be loyal to this church and to the Church Universal, offering the support of your prayers, your talents, and your resources, as well as the gift of your presence?

I will.

The Affirmation of the Parents and Mentors

Will you continue to nurture these young people in their spiritual development, sharing in their joys and burdens, encouraging and challenging them on their journey?

We will.

Congregational Promise and Covenant

Do you, the members of Congregational Church of Soquel, willingly and joyfully receive these young confirmands as you would receive Christ? Do you offer to share with them the joys and responsibilities of Christian discipleship, to continue to pray for them, to nurture them in their spiritual growth, and together with them, to strive to follow God's call to faith and service?

We do.

Let us now share in reading the words of our church's covenant, owning once again those words that bind us together in the Lord's care.

"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."

Prayer for Confirmands (Laying on of Hands)

Offering of Gifts

Final Blessing and Commissioning



NOVEMBER

TODAY - Confirmation Sunday & Celebration!

- Saturday, Nov. 26th: Hanging O' The Greens
Sunday, Nov. 27th: NEW Life & Worship Series: "Holding Our Peace"
Lighting of the first Candle of Advent
All Church Intergenerational Advent Activity
Monday, Nov. 28th: Advent Study Begins: "A Time for Peace"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - 9 AM **Come Decorate Our Church!**

- Light the tree
- Transform the chancel for Advent
- String outside lights
- Hanging O' The Greens!

Meet in the Sanctuary



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

6 - 7:30 PM

CAROLS, COOKIES & COCOA!

Meet at Parrish Hall in your favorite festive and warm clothing, and we'll delight Soquel Village with our joyful voices!

Please join us for this fun, multigenerational event!



Congratulations on 50 Years to David and Joyce Trybom!
With love, from your family and church family. ❤️

Support Christmas Drive for "FRIENDS OUTSIDE"

Friends Outside is a national organization, which for Santa Cruz, is housed under the Volunteer Centers of SC County.

"Our goal is to help lessen the trauma of incarceration for inmates and their families, to provide information that can lead to positive changes, and to assist ex-offenders with their re-entry into the community."

Friends Outside Drive begins **TODAY** through **Sunday, December 11th.**

NEEDS - New or 'Gently Used' items for men, women & children:

- Clothing - Socks, Underwear, and Warm Coats
- Hygiene Items, full-size only - Body Wash, Shampoo, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothpaste (No toothbrushes, they have plenty), Floss, Deodorant and Unscented Lotion.

Please place donated items in the box in Parrish Hall. **Thank you!**

Advent

A Season of Preparation

SUNDAY, November 27th

•**Lighting of the first Advent Candle**

•**All Church Intergenerational Activity during Fellowship**

Preparing for the coming of the Christ Child with PEACE as our focus.

We will be crafting mobiles for PEACE with an **Advent Dove & Devotion** for each week for ALL to take home.

Please join us! It's always a special time together - Rev. Patti

MONDAYS, November 28th - December 19th

•**Advent Bible Study - 7:00 pm in Parrish Hall and on Zoom**

"A Time For Peace"

Through scripture, music, poetry and art, we will explore the Gift of Peace within us all.

All are welcome to join and celebrate this Advent Season with "The Prince of Peace"!

Led by Rev. Patti Haaheim & Mary Rankin

November's Mission of the Month



FAMILY CHRISTMAS BASKETS

A note from our friends in Tijuana:

We appreciate the privilege you give us to be your extended helping hands to Panamerican Institute's families...

...Please continue supporting our families so each one receives a "Family Christmas Basket" valued at \$60 each.

From Tijuana, México, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

How to donate:

Drop your donation (of any amount) in the offering plate, send to the church office or give online. Please mark your check or online giving clearly for *Panamerican Institute*. **Thank You!**



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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: Sophia Canobbio

Reader: Maverick Heath

Ushers: Clayton Heath, Jack Hanson, Rio Lucas & Brody Staley

Fellowship: Natalie Rynn & Carolyn Walker

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

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