

CONGREGATIONAL

Church *of* Soquel



I am like a green olive tree in the house of God
Psalm 52:8

September 17, 2023
10:00am

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Life & Worship

September 17, 2023
Season of Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

Responsive Call to Worship (Psalm 52:8)

Minister: But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

Congregation: I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

Hymn #34 Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

vv. 1-3, Hymnal 1

Invocation

Responsive Reading (Luke 10:38-42)

Reader: Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

Congregation: She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

Reader: But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked,

Congregation: 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

Reader: But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

Congregation: there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

JOINING IN PRAISE & PRAYER

Special Music

Inside the Gate
Presbyteries

by JD Sumner

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 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

SHARING THE WORK

Offertory

Traveling Shoe
an African American gospel song
Presbyteries

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 WORD

by Reverend Mark Fountain

Life & Worship Series: Prayer • Priority • Purpose
Sermon: *Place of Priority*
Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

PARTING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

Hymn #496 *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

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

Thank you Presbyteries!

Jerry Thorman, Gigi Giannini, Jeff Juliano, Debbie Bates



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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: Lynette Hamby

Reader: Scott Hamby

Ushers: Lynette & Scott Hamby

Fellowship: Sharon & Ben Walker

Media Team: Laura Hamby & Scott Hamby

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.....	Susan Bass
Maintenance Supervisor.....	Ricardo Perez
Ministers to the Community.....	Congregation

TODAY! Join us for a reception in Parrish Hall to welcome our new pianist, Susan Bass. Welcome Susan!

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COMING SOON! BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS! OCTOBER 8TH!

MISSION OF THE MONTH - September **PRAY FOR HAWAII**
NACCC - One Great Hour of Sharing - MAUI

Our hearts go out to the people in Maui where wildfires have caused overwhelming destruction. Our church is working with the NACCC to send funds to those in need.

If you would like to support this program, please drop your donation (of any amount) in the offering plate, give online, or send to the church office. Please note clearly on your check or online donation, Maui MOM. Thank you!



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Fall Life & Worship
Fall 2023

9.10.23 *art of prayer* Psalm 85:1-9

9.17.23 *place of priority* Luke 10:38-42

9.24.23 *life of purpose* 1 Timothy 6:17-19

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14TH ANNUAL
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Food and Music for the Common Good

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SOQUEL Restaurants → Wineries → Breweries

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Soquel Vineyards • Bargetto Winery • Vino Cruz
Soquel Cider by Everett Family Farm
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Live Bands All Day



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