



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 8, 2019



**indicates a time to stand if you are able*

Faced with a conflict between the laws of God and those of the pharaoh, the midwives followed the dictates of conscience. Their defiance of tyranny constitutes history's first recorded act of civil disobedience in defense of a moral imperative. It is stated that they were actuated by "fear of God," a phrase frequently associated with moral and ethical behavior. "Fear of God" connotes a conception of God as one who makes moral demands on humankind; it functions as the ultimate restraint on evil and the supreme stimulus for good.

- Nahum Sarna and Chaim Potok, *The JPS Commentary: Exodus*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Dr. Christopher Davis, pianist

MUSIC TO ENGAGE

"These Treasured Children"

St. Andrew's Choir;

Erin McKibben, directing

THE COMMUNITY CONFESSES TOGETHER

* WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP

responsive

Nancy Russo, Liturgist

God calls us to love one another. Love can appear in our lives in dramatic moments. It can also appear in small acts. Let us read together this piece, "What Love Looks Like" from the poet, writer and teacher Marilyn McEntyre.

"A seventh-grade soccer coach on Saturday morning

A night nurse changing bandages

A teacher tutoring at lunchtime

A worried parent at three a.m.

A white-haired woman in a picket line

A grandpa reading a storybook instead of the evening paper

A vet who talks to the kitty

A monk at prayer

A babysitter building a block tower

A donor at the blood bank

A husband brewing coffee at six a.m.

A volunteer cutting carrots in the soup kitchen

A sister listening to late-night laments

A mom who says no and finds a yes to go with it

A policy-maker who remembers the poor."

Let us sing a song asking that we be filled with God's Spirit and love.

* WE SING TOGETHER

"Spirit Song"

Renew!, #248

WE CONFESS TOGETHER *unison* *Nancy Russo*

Dear God, we confess that many things hold us back from loving as you would have us do. It could be memories of having our trust betrayed. It could be we have experienced having our intentions misunderstood. It could be that our best efforts to love in the past have not borne fruit. You know each one of us, Lord – you know what wounds are within us. Help us open our hearts to you, that these wounds be healed. Help us not give up loving ourselves and others, knowing you are the source of the love and peace that passes understanding. This we pray in the name of the one who kept loving humanity in the midst of pain, rejection and abandonment – Jesus Christ.

(time for opening our minds and hearts to God in silence)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S GRACE *responsive* *Nancy Russo*

Brothers and sisters, God does not love as we love. God loves as an emerald is green. In the midst of our painful memories and life challenges, let us depend on the renewing power of God’s love and forgiveness.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE “Great is Thy Faithfulness” (verse 3) Hymnal, #276
Glory to God, #39

*** WE EXCHANGE CHRIST’S PEACE**

ONE: Accepting God’s love and forgiveness gives us the gift of inner peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY *Rev. Steve Jacobsen*

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNS TOGETHER

READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE Exodus 1: 8–22 *Nancy Russo*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2: 12–20 *Rev. Steve Jacobsen*

A WORD FOR YOUNG MINDS “Disciple Dog Remembers Obedience School” *Rev. Steve Jacobsen*

ANTHEM “Walls Come Tumbalin’ ” *St. Andrew’s Choir;*
Erin McKibben, directing

MESSAGE “The Story Begins with an Act of Disobedience” *Rev. Steve Jacobsen*

*** WE RESPOND IN SONG** “Live Into Hope” (vss. 1,3,4) *Glory to God, #772*
Hymnal, #332

THE COMMUNITY GIVES TOGETHER

WE PRAY TOGETHER and THE LORD’S PRAYER *Rev. Steve Jacobsen*

WE OFFER OUR MONETARY GIFTS

*** WE OFFER OUR PRAISE** “Doxology” *Glory to God, #606*

*** WE DEPART IN SONG** “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagle’s Wings)”
Glory to God, #43

* WE ARE BLESSED

* WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER

“God Be With You ‘til We Meet Again”

MUSIC TO INSPIRE

Dr. Christopher Davis

SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING:

Greeter: *John Gonzales*

Liturgist: *Nancy Russo*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30am Worship 11am Session mtg in Vos 2-4pm Llamada Final practice	9:30am Tabitha Cir 3pm Cerebral Palsy 8pm AA Grateful	7am Men's Fellowship 9:15am Naomi Circle 1pm Parkinsons	 6:30pm Llamada Final 7pm Choir rehearsal 8pm AA Success	10am Eve Circle 1pm Parkinsons 3pm Finance Mtg	1-3pm Quintet practice 6:30pm Llamada Final	9am Russian School begins 10am Book Club 1-3pm Watercolor group 6:30pm Llamada Final

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS, please stop by our Welcome Table this morning for information about St. Andrew's mission and programs. Please fill out the blue Welcome Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate as it comes by today. For prayer requests to the Prayer Chain, fill out a slip from the pew and place it in a box at the rear of the sanctuary, or email to Lydia Swanson, lydiaswanson@hotmail.com.

JOB OPENING AT PRESBYTERY OF SANTA BARBARA. The Presbytery is actively seeking a person for the part-time Bookkeeper position in the Presbytery office. This position is a budgeted position and is currently open. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact our Presbytery Stated Clerk, Sandy Thoits, at stated-clerk@sbpres.org. Thank you for helping to spread the word about this opening. Blessings!

EVENT: TAKING HEALTHCARE TO THE STREETS. Sponsored by Direct Relief, you are invited on Friday, September 13, from 4:00-8:00PM, to an interactive gathering showcasing programs of Doctors Without Walls/Santa Barbara Street Medicine. Location: Direct Relief Headquarters at 6100 Wallace Becknell Rd., Santa Barbara 93117

NEXT BOOK CLUB. September 14 will be our next Book Club meeting at 10:00AM in the Vos room. We will be discussing Billy Lynn's Long Half-time Walk by Ben Fountain. All are welcome!

PARKINSON'S EVENT: During the speaker meeting on Tuesday, October 8, from 2:15-3:15PM, there will be a talk on *Non-Motor Symptom in Parkinson: The Patient's Perspective*. Speakers are: Carol Walton (President & CEO of The Parkinson Alliance) and Jeffrey Wertheimer (PhD, ABPP-CN). Please join us.

PASTOR JACOBSEN'S OFFICE HOURS. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Wednesdays by appointment. pastor@standrewspcusa.org