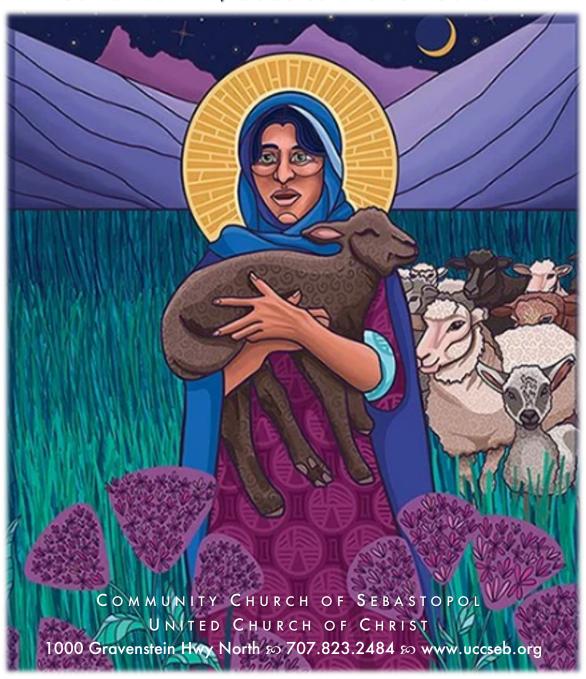
LITURGY OF THE WORD SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 & LAUNCH SUNDAY



PIANO PRELUDE In the Garden - C. Austin Miles

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL PROCESSIONAL Diademata – arr. Cathy Moklebust

LAUNCH SUNDAY LITANYUnited Church of Christ Resources

One: With grateful hearts, we return to the sacred rhythm of worship, seasoned by grace and ready for new beginnings.

Many: We give thanks for the Chancel Choir, lifting voices in praise to the living and loving God, and stirring our spirits anew.

One: For the Handbell Ensemble, whose ringing joy proclaims God's glory-

Many: We bless their ministry and the beauty it brings to our worship.

One: For children discovering your love, for youth seeking purpose, for adults growing in faith—

Many: We dedicate our faith formation programs to God's wisdom and truth.

One: May all who serve, sing, teach, and learn be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Many: And may this year be one of deepening faith and widening love, in which we flourish together in joyful community.

* OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you: And also with you.

GATHERING OF THE WATERS

See insert

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PRAYER OF BLESSING

ending with The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin'dom 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 kin'dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

CHORAL ANTHEM Psalm 23 – Bobby McFerrin

GOSPEL READING Luke 15: 1 – 10 Pew Bible, NT, p. 78

SERMON There Will Be Rejoicing Pastor Benjamin

PIANO INTERLUDE Bradbury - William B. Bradbury

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Denelle Tognozzi

CHORAL OFFERTORY Be Thou My Vision - arr. Sandra Eithun

* DOXOLOGY Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Feasting on the Word

One: Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance.

Many: Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known. Once lost, now found, may our lives show forth your glory. In the name of Jesus and by the power of the Spirit, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER PRACTICE

* CLOSING SONG Community of Christ #655

* BENEDICTION 3 Launches: Creator, Christ & Holy Spirit

PIANO POSTLUDE Leoni - Hebrew melody

Following worship, all are invited to Launch Lunch in Memorial Hall.



Ushers Judy Davison (Lead),

Kathy Bell & Terri Harper

Piano J. Althea

Liturgist Denelle Tognozzi

Preacher Rev. Benjamin Broadbent

Worship Music Chancel Choir & Handbell Ensemble

Chancel Choir Director Andy DelMonte

Handbell Ensemble Karna Roa

Tech Team Elia DelMonte & Tamar Knuth

Chancel Flowers Muriel Weaver

STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent

Associate Minister Open

Congregational Administrator Joy Richards

Faith Formation Coordinator Tirza Dawn

Choral Director Andy DelMonte

Keyboardist J. Althea

Handbell Director Karna Roa

Bookkeeper Deanna Euritt

Custodian Paul Louden

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Our mission is to worship God and share the love of Jesus Christ, teaching the message of Jesus to all ages and putting our faith into action.

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An Open & Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ, we welcome and affirm people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, ethnicity, age, and gender identity and expression.

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A Sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.

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