
Liturgy of Word & Sacrament
November 15, 2026 ∞ 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Community Church of Sebastopol
United Church of Christ
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PIANO PRELUDE *Softly and Tenderly* – Bill Wolaver

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *Come On In* – Lizann Bassham

CALL TO WORSHIP from Galatians 3 (*The Message*)

One: We come to worship. Here we are free to be fully ourselves in Christ.
Many: By faith in Christ, no one stands between us and God.
One: In Christ's family there can be no divisions of race, class, or gender.
Many: Here we are equals, sharing a common faith and inheritance.
One: Through baptism, we are made one with Christ's body.
Many: As that body, we are God's enfleshed love in the world.

* OPENING HYMN *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven* #23, vv. 1–3

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 139:12 & Matthew 7:12

One: God, the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day.
Many: In the places of darkness, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we fear the dark and do not do for others what we would have them do for us... (silent prayer)

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* PASSING THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Tirza Dawn

CHILDREN'S PRAYER ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin'dom come...

* HYMN *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #606

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 25: 14 – 30* Pew Bible, NT, p. 28

SERMON *Harsh Words, Honest Hope* Pastor Benjamin

PIANO INTERLUDE *Nettleton* – John Wyeth (1813)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Edie Dovey

CHORAL OFFERTORY — *Siyahamba* — Trad. South African

* 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 — Psalm 90:1

One: God who abides, you are our home and dwelling place forever.

Many: Thank you for giving your people a gift that surpasses the value of material things – the assurance of eternal life with you in a renewed creation. Bless these gifts we share, signs of your love for all people here and now. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER — Ross Pimentel

* CLOSING SONG — *You Shall Live* — Hosea 14:7 & Micah 6:8

You shall live once again in my shadow. You shall know that you are mine.
You shall flourish together like a garden. You shall blossom like fruit on the vine.
I have called you to do justice. I have called you to be merciful.
And to give gratefully, to live peacefully, to walk humbly with your God.

* BENEDICTION

PIANO POSTLUDE — *Lights* – Ola Gjielo

Following worship, all are invited to Kinship Time in the Bell Tower Courtyard and, when the bell rings, to Faith Formation Hour.

Worship Leaders

Ushers	Steve Reid & Linda Roa
Piano	Tim Imbach
Liturgists	Edie Dovey, Tirza Dawn & Ross Pimentel
Preacher	Pastor Benjamin
Worship Music	Chancel Choir
Choir Director	Andy DelMonte
Tech Team	Ainsley Curtis & Elia DelMonte
Chancel Flowers	Kelly Allen

Staff Team

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Congregational Administrator	Joy Richards
Faith Formation Coordinator	Tirza Dawn
Digital Ministry/Visitation Intern	Ross Pimentel
Choral Director	Andy DelMonte
Keyboardist	Tim Imbach
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Custodian	Paul Louden

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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A Sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.

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