

Liturgy of the Word

November 8, 2026 ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Community Church of Sebastopol
United Church of Christ
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PIANO PRELUDE *Orange Sound* – Ola Gjielo

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 78, *Psalms for Praying*, Nan Merrill

One: Listen well, people of the earth, to the inner promptings of the Spirit.
Many: Let silence enter your house so that you may hear… (brief silence)
One: For within your heart Love speaks, not with words of deceit,
Many: But with words to guide you on the paths of peace… (brief silence)
One: Do not hide this from your children – teach of the inward Voice,
Many: And help all the generations to listen in Silence… (brief silence)

* OPENING HYMN *The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore* #3

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Amos 5:21–24

One: God who waits for us in the dark, we confess that we have sinned against you by withholding your love from our neighbors.
Many: When we ignore injustice in the world, our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us so that we might stand in right relationship with you and with the whole of our creation…

* SILENT PRAYER & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Matthew 25:1

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

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

* HYMN *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant* #490

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 25: 1 – 13* Pew Bible, NT, p. 28

SERMON *Oil Crisis* Pastor Benjamin

PIANO INTERLUDE *The Servant Song* – Hal H. Hopson

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Erika DelMonte

HANDBELL OFFERTORY

* 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: O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity.

Many: Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN *For the Healing of the Nations* #668

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Light of the World: **Hear our prayer.**

* BENEDICTION

PIANO POSTLUDE *Jesus Loves Me* – Jim Hammerly

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	Terri Harper (Lead), Judy Davison & Jenny Douglas
Piano	Tim Imbach
Liturgists	Erika DelMonte, Tirza Dawn & Ross Pimentel
Preacher	Pastor Benjamin
Song Leader	Andy DelMonte
Worship Music	Handbell Ensemble
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Tech Team	Henry Allen & Elia DelMonte
Chancel Flowers	Sheina Curtis

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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