

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S LOVE

GREETING (ISAIAH 49:1-6)
“Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.” And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER Rob Pomazi

✦**CALL TO WORSHIP** (PSALM 22:25-27)
Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!
Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
People: And all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

✦**SONG OF PRAISE** 10,000 REASONS, w/m by Myrin and Redman

CALL TO CONFESSION (ACTS 1:8)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, with the power of the Spirit, you call us to be witnesses from Jerusalem to the ends of the world. We confess that we often ignore the promptings of the Spirit in our homes and community. Help us to pay more attention to opportunities where we might be a witness of your love and grace. When someone is feeling alone or having a difficult day, may we take time to notice them and be an instrument of Christ so that they might experience the good news of your love in powerful ways. Forgive us for being so focused on ourselves that we lose focus on your call to bless others. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (PSALM 32:1)

✦**GRATEFUL RESPONSE** HYMN # 492 – SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

✦**PASSING OF THE PEACE** “May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you”
At this time, the congregation is invited to greet each other with peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 5:3-12 Geoff Kenway
Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.
People: Thanks be to God.

INTERACTIVE MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message.

✦**SONG OF FAITH** OH HOW GOOD IT IS, w/m by Getty, Getty, Holmes, and Townend

SCRIPTURE READING ROMANS 15:14-33

SERIES: PAUL’S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

SERMON “IN THE FULLNESS OF THE BLESSING OF CHRIST” Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING HYMN # 34 – PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
In response to God’s love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. If you wish to let us know you’re here, receive a call, or volunteer, please fill out a yellow connect card and put it in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦**CHARGE AND BLESSING** (EPHESIANS 3:18-19)

✦**SONG OF DEDICATION** GOODNESS OF GOD, w/m by Johnson, Cash, Ingram, Fielding, and Johnson

✦*Those who are able, are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Warm Welcome to Everyone! We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, cookies, and conversations.

Thank you for your support of our Annual 5K Food Pantry Fundraiser.
We had 140 participants and raised more than \$6300.00. It was a joy to see so many neighbors walking side by side.

Second Sunday Family Funday, today right after worship
We organize special Family Funday events on the 2nd Sundays of the month and create some sort of interactive experience during worship for children and families on those 2nd Sundays as well. Today, September 13, join us for family-friendly games of BINGO for all ages.

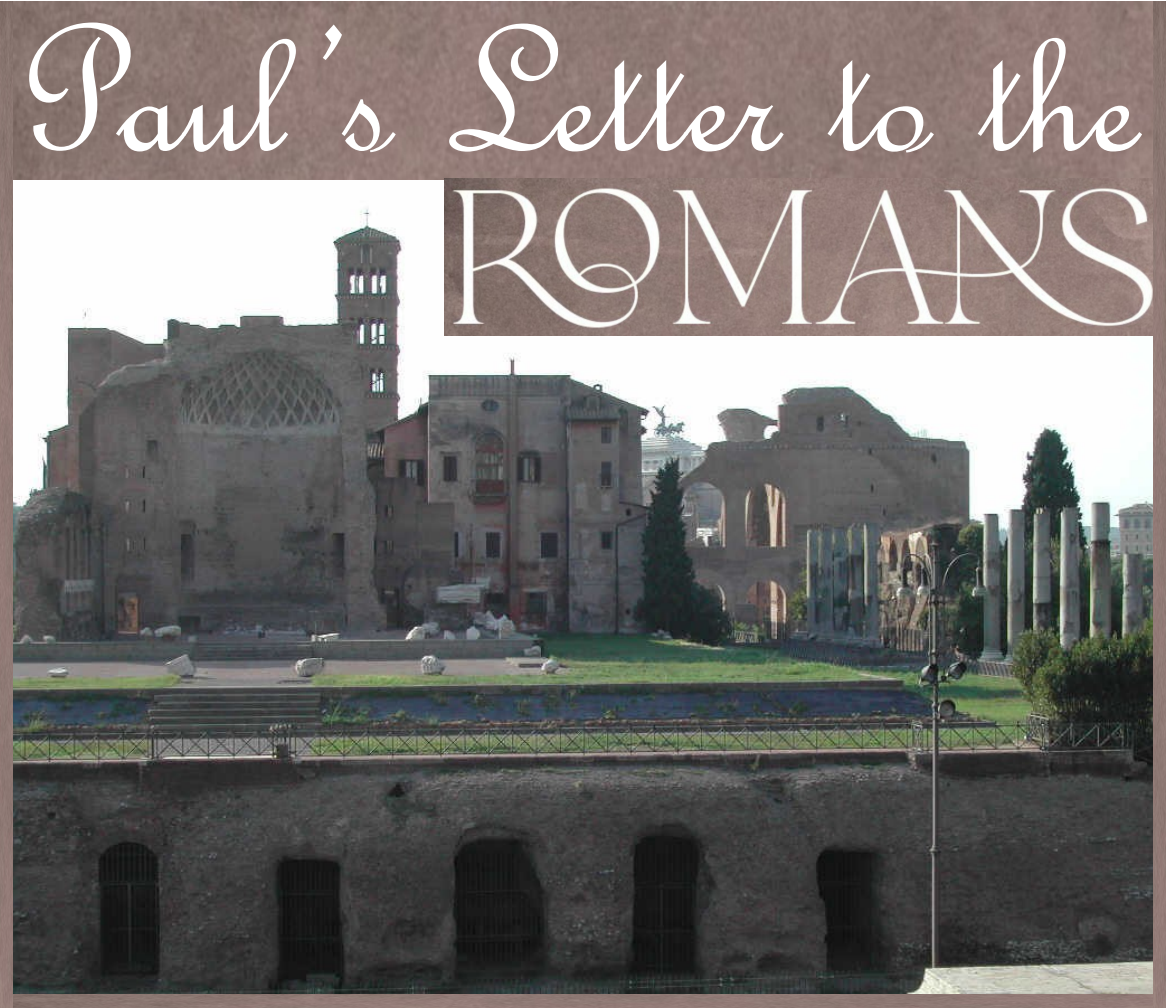
Special Encore of Pickleball and Prayer Clinic for Seniors, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 9:00 - 10:00 am
By popular request, we will have a special encore experience of learning to play pickleball at the church. This is especially geared to seniors, but anyone who is interested is welcome to come.

Free Community Dinner, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 5:30-6:30 pm - Our next Community Dinner will feature spaghetti and salad. If you would like to help, please contact Baiba Lackey or Pastor Brad.

Family Picnic, Pray, and Play - Children and Family Ministry Gatherings We invite families and anyone interested in being a part of this growing ministry to gather near the fireplace at the tables in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays after worship to eat together, connect with one another, plan future events, pray, and/or play together.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC <i>(schedule changes in italics)</i>				
Day (next date)	Time	Event	Meeting Place	Contact
Sundays	11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (9/13)	11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Marty Strange
Tuesdays	10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Botsch
Wednesdays	10:00 -11:30am	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Lyn Palmer
Wednesdays	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Wednesdays	6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group	Church Campus	Pastor Brad
2nd Wednesday (10/14)	5:00pm	Healing Hearts	Location varies	Berni or Becky
3rd Wednesday (9/16)	5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Thursdays	10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Botsch
Thursdays	2:00-3:30pm	Line Dancing	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
2nd/4th Thursday (9/24)	12:00 - 2:00pm	Yarn & Thread	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Thursdays	6:00 - 7:30pm	Jubilant Bells	Sanctuary	Michael Day
Fridays	9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Saturdays	10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3rd Saturday (9/19)	1:00pm	Outriggers	Pelines Tequila and Mezcal, Troutdale	Barb Lintner
Last Sunday (9/27)	9:00 - 10:00am	Poverty Book Group	Upper Room	Amy Busiek
5th Sunday (11/29)	After worship	All Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
NEXT WEEK'S (SEPTEMBER 20) SUNDAY SERVANTS				
Greeters	Leesa Pomazi and Pam Wetmore	Opening Prayer	Rob Pomazi	
Ushers	LeeAnne Kindle and Gary Grimes	Scripture Reader	Barb Lintner	
Special Helper	Jennie Spencer	Recorders	Joyce Botsch and Bonnie Lind	
Refreshments	Deacons			
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