# St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

*October 25, 2026*

*The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**PRELUDE: Suite from "Water Music" II. Air** **G.F. Handel**

**PROCESSIONAL #577 God is Love and Where True Love is** *Hymnal 1982*




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## Opening Sentences

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***People*:** **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## S277 Gloria




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**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you..
***People:*** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**First Lesson Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

*Reader*: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
***People*: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 1**

***Beatus vir qui non abiit***

1 Happy are they who have not walked in
the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand
upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the
righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*Reader*: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
***People*: Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn #383 Fairest Lord Jesus,** *v. 1-2*




Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt. Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

**Holy Gospel Matthew 22:34-46**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
***People:*** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

> 'The Lord said to my Lord,
> "Sit at my right hand,
> until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.
***People:*** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sequence Hymn #383 Fairest Lord Jesus,** *v. 3*

**Sermon** **Reverend Rebecca Goldberg**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**
**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**
**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**
**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

### Form I

*Deacon or other leader*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For Foster City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. Ambrose and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you**
**in thought, word, and deed,**
**by what we have done,**
**and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**
**that we may delight in your will,**
**and walk in your ways,**
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Peace

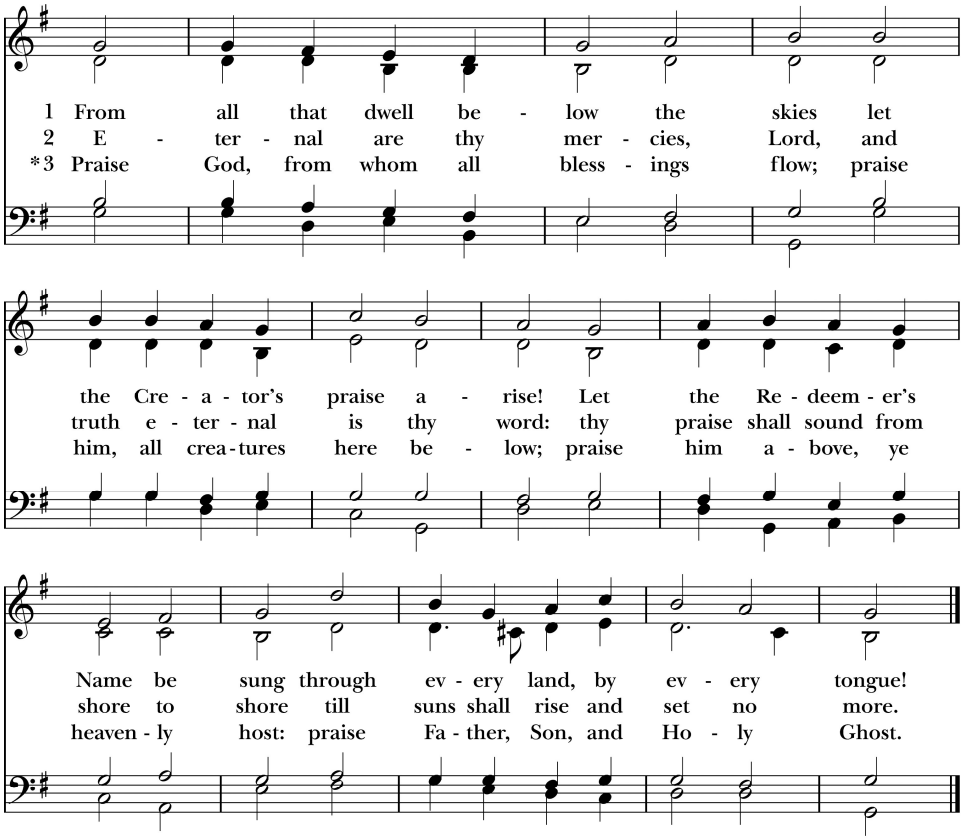
*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant*: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
*People* **And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn: #581 Where charity and love prevail

## Doxology

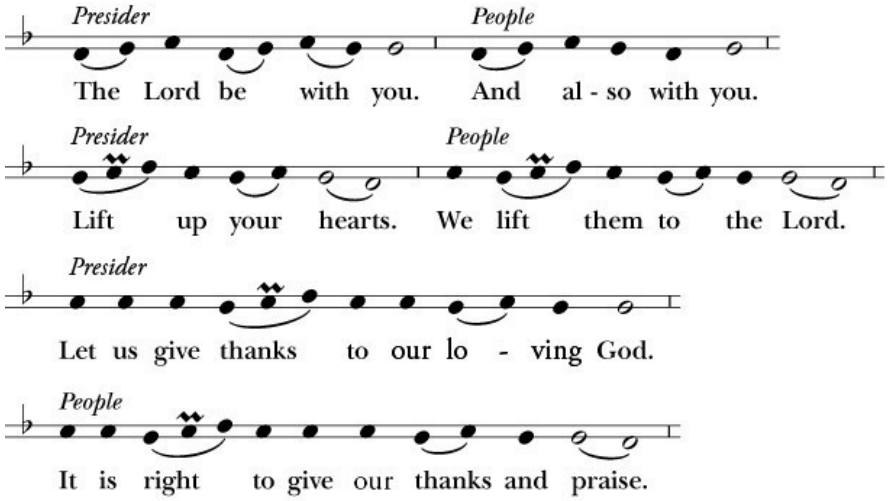
**Hymn 380 From All That Dwell Below the Skies Verse 3**




Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Eucharistic Prayer A




*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.
*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

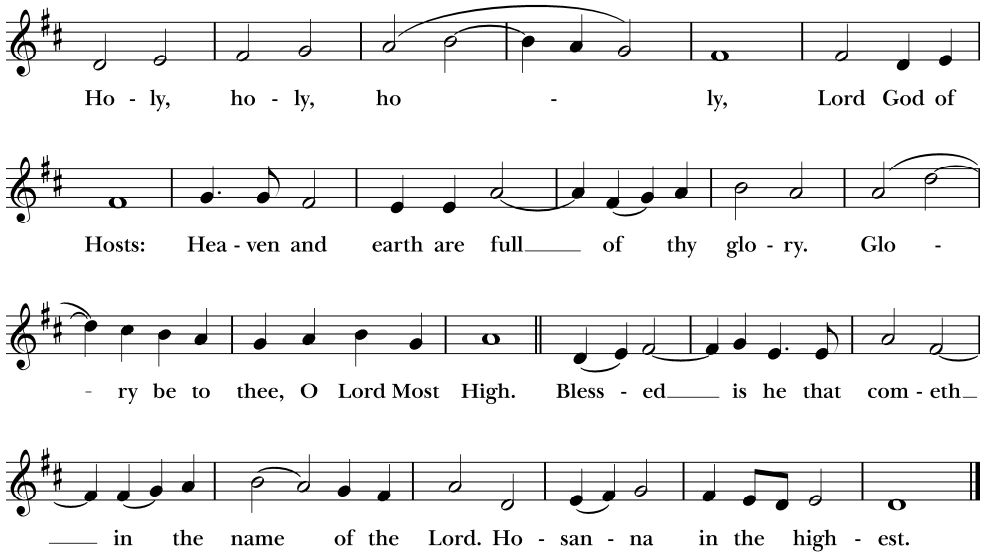
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

## The Sanctus

**S114**




Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

**S158**




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# Invitation

## COMMUNION HYMN

**#815 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart** *Gather*

# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart




Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998
Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996
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## Post communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Announcements

*Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. The Blessing of God: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you always. **Amen**

**RECESSIONAL**

**657 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** *Hymnal 1982*

# # 657 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Hymnal 1982*




Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

## THE DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE: Prelude from Te Deum — Charpentier

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***The Mission of St. Ambrose Church of Foster City***

Is to proclaim the Good News of God in Jesus Christ as we care for each other and our larger community. We worship in the Episcopal and Anglican tradition, extending an open and inclusive invitation to all people, welcoming children into our church family and serving those in need.

**Worship Leaders:**
Reverend Rebecca Goldberg
*Anqi Pan, Organist*
*Kay Ballantyne, Sunday School Director*

**Worship Leader Rota:**
*Jim Neubert, Intercessor*
*Warren Wong, Lector*
*Mary Loretta Davila, Eucharistic Minister*
*Jim Neubert, Usher*
*David McIntyre, Livestream Technician*

**Next Week's Scripture Lessons**
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

| Presider | Date |
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| Reverend Rebecca Goldberg | Sunday, October 25, 2026 |
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| | *Suzanne Canada* |
| | *Mary Loretta Davila* |
| | *George Gardiner* |
| | *Janet Gardiner* |
| | *Cathy Rincon* |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guest Organist 10/18, 10/25, and 11/1**
We welcome back Anqi Pan as our guest organist for the next 3 Sundays. Amanda was given a wonderful opportunity to conduct 3 choral concerts in China during this time. We are very proud of her, wish her all the best, and are delighted to have Anqi with us once more

**Vestry Meeting**
The St. Ambrose Vestry will meet on **Tuesday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m**. in the Parish Hall.

**Feast of all Saints Sunday, November 1**
Please come join us on this special day as we honor and celebrate the lives of those saints of old whose example has inspired us down through the ages right into our own day. We will also remember and celebrate our own saints, our dear loved ones who have gone ahead of us into the nearer presence of God. We will have a remembrance table in the Narthex, beginning **October 11,** where you are invited and encouraged to bring pictures of your loved ones, or written tributes, artwork, or mementoes that express what their lives meant to you. We will also read the names of those dear saints during the prayers of the people, so if there is someone you would like us to remember, please let Mother Rebecca or the office know.

**Seasoned Souls of St Ambrose**
Our Seniors' group meets the **first Monday** of every month in the Parish Hall from 11:30 am-1:00 pm for a program, meal, and fellowship. Please bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. If you are over 55 and enjoy connecting with other seniors, you are most welcome to join us!

**Drum Circle**
The St. Ambrose Drum Circle, convened by the Rev. Jay Watan, meets in the Parish Hall the **3rd Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m**. Please bring a bag lunch, drums are provided. All are welcome!

**Stewardship**
Stewardship is a year-round spiritual practice, and this is the time of the year for us to be especially mindful of the gifts God has given us, and how we might offer our time, talent and treasure to share the transforming love of God in our community and in the world. A letter from David McIntyre, Priest's Warden, and the pledge cards, were mailed out earlier this week. You may return them to the church office either by mail or in person or place them in the offering plate at the Sunday service. We thank you for your generosity, and hope you will join us in a festive potluck lunch to celebrate God's abundance on Sunday, **November 15** following the service. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

**Lectors and Intercessors needed**
Proclaiming the Word and leading the prayers of the faithful are important ministries in the life of our community. We give thanks for those who are currently serving, and we are in need of more volunteers If you would like to read or lead the intercessions, please let Mother Rebecca know. Training will be provided.

**Notation of Pledge Contributions**
If you are writing a check for your pledge contributions, please indicate "Pledge" in the memo portion of your check. This helps the office accurately account for what is received. Thank you!

**Meditation Group**

On Monday nights, at 6:30 p.m., St. Ambrose hosts a weekly in-person silent meditation group. The format follows that of the East-West Meditation Program that was offered at Mercy Center, Burlingame, for many years. The format follows the Zen tradition, with a brief introduction and then a 25-minute silent meditation, 5-minute walking meditation (you are not obligated to physically move) and another 25-minute silent meditation. This will be held in the chapel, and bring your own cushion if you wish to sit on the floor. You can also sit in a chair or pew if it is better to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David McIntyre, ntkod@icloud.com

**Questionable Text/Emails**

There is a text and scam email that is circulating, signed Rev. Rebecca Goldberg, which requests a copy of the Church directory. Please delete it. None of the St. Ambrose or Sea Breeze staff will send you an email asking you to divulge personal information, or contribute funds to a questionable cause. Please let Mother Rebecca know if you have any questions.

**Mother Rebecca's office hours**

Mother Rebecca will be in her office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30-4:30. She can be reached during office hours at 650-574-1369. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 650 291-5289 revrebecca@stambrosefostercity.org

**Coffee Hour**

Join us for Coffee Hour after the service at 11:00 am in the parish hall. Please volunteer to contribute (cakes, cookies, finger food or sandwiches) by using the link below or by the signup sheet in the Narthex by the Reflections & Gratitude Board: Sign Up Genius https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-coffee1

**Worship Leaders Needed**

Please sign up as a Lector for our 10:00* am Eucharist by emailing office@stambrosefostercity.org or the Church signup sheet. We also need Worship Leader volunteers for our 10:00* am Eucharist. There are openings for Intercessors, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers and Acolytes, and Livestream Technicians.

Contact us at office@stambrosefostercity.org or use the following link to signup: Signup Genius or Click on the following link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-worship **No 8:30am service at this time*

**Sunday School 10 AM**

Sunday school is at 10:00am every week Please contact Kay Ballantyne rose466@earthlink.net or Raphael Gerber raphaele.gerber@gmail.com

**Rides for Gene Hetzer**

Gene Hetzer a longtime church member and Karl his guide dog need rides on an alternating basis from church members. Please contact Jim Neubert to schedule a day for driving.

**Bible Study**

Every Tuesday at 1:00pm, we meet for Bible Study on Zoom and discuss the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday Service. Join us! For questions, please Warren Wong at wwong@nd.edu

**Contemplative Meditation**

Every Wednesday 10am-11am we meet for Contemplative Meditation on Zoom. Currently we are working through "Reading Van Gogh: An Amateur's Search for God" by Elizabeth Barks Cox. If interested, please contact Hamilton Fong. hfongster@gmail.com

**Prayer Support Group**

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday after the service at 11:30am, we will be meeting in the sanctuary to have a prayer meeting. Please join us any time as you are able. For questions, please contact Daniel Tate at 650-799-7084, or dtate@ses.cdsp.edu

**Prayer list**: We pray especially for Clara Padilla, Stavros and Helen Chrysovergis, Verna Labrador Cinotti, Belinda Yuen and family, Keith Adolph, Etta Bates, Dulce Lord's sister Divina, Darren Su, Yvonne Sidell, Jerelyn Weber, Miles Martin, Mirta Padilla, Isabella, Jerry Boykin, Carol Newman, Arjun Katyan, Janet Mc Annally, Elliott Dun, Alison LeBlanc, Peggy Chapman, Leo Gauthier, Alice Deckel, and the pupils and staff of Sea Breeze School.

***For those who have died*:** Max Gumbert, Eleanor Hui, Bettie Davis, Pat Cinotti, Juan Francisco Medina, Veronica Rutledge, Paul Rose, Stephen Yuen, Charlene Adolph, David Labrador, Don Peter, Diane Robertson, Bob Gleinn, Doreen Yuen, Veneranda Ramirez, Buck Schott, Zaw-Sing Su, Eva Rios Chong, Judi Guilford, John David Tate, Martin Gardiner *[Please contact the parish office to add any names of the sick and suffering to be prayed for in our monthly cycle of prayer.]*

**The Altar Flowers are donated by**

Clara Padilla – In memory of my beloved Max