

COMMUNITY
CHURCH
OF
SEBASTOPOL

SEPTEMBER 13
2020



LAUNCH SUNDAY
15th Sunday after
Pentecost



— Mike Moyers, *Guidance Day and Night*

PRELUDE

(Music: "Day by Day," Stephen Schwartz. Piano by Karna Roa.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING BOWL & CHRIST-LIGHTING

3 Rings: Creator, Christ & Holy Spirit

LAUNCH SUNDAY RE-COVENANTING

– K. HawkerSelf, www.liturgyoutside.net

One: Those of you who cross the sea by serving as staff and pastors for this congregation... will you join in this act of re-covenanting with God and God's beloved people?

All: We will work with each other to live God's covenant in this world.

One: Children... and teachers, will you join in this act of re-covenanting with God and God's beloved people?

All: We will work with each other to live God's covenant in this world.

One: Those who cross the sea by participating in and/or leading Youth Ministry programs, Adult Education, and other study and fellowship groups, will you join this act of re-covenanting with God and God's beloved people?

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One: Will those of you who make this crossing by serving on the Leadership Council or on a committee or team, and those who cross the sea by sharing in the music ministry of this community join in this act of re-covenanting with God and God's beloved people?

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One: Those who cross the sea on dry land by offering your financial support, prayers, insights, and questions, and those who cross the sea by reaching out to others, by serving on behalf of the church, painting walls and pulling weeds, will you stand join in this act of re-covenanting with God and God's beloved people?

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OPENING HYMN

We've Come This Far By Faith

– Albert A. Goodson

**We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; trusting in God's holy word,
God's never failed me yet. O-o-o can't turn around, we've come this far by
faith.**

**Don't be discouraged with trouble in your life.
God will bear your burdens and move all misery and strife...**

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Lacey

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

ending with The Lord's Prayer

**Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* – Arr. Linda Scholes

HEBREW SCRIPTURE *Exodus 14: 19 – 31* New Revised Standard Version

SERMON *Church in the Wild: Crossing Over* Pastor Benjamin

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Music: “It Is Well with My Soul,” Spafford & Bliss. Piano by J. Althea.)

DOXOLOGY

Tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

– Rev. Susan A. Blain, U.C.C. Resources

One: Crossing over, O God, we will learn to rely on the abundance of your generosity.

All: May these gifts carry forward your grace and justice-filled intentions as we serve the world you soooooo love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Rachel

We Hold in Prayer...

...All people who remember and grieve loved ones who died on **9/11**, and for **first responders** whose health is compromised because they ran toward emergencies that day;

...All elders who are homebound, including **Jack Curtis, Wynneth Longfellow**, and **Evelyn Bishop**;

...All people impacted by burning wildfires and choking smoke, including family and friends in Washington, Oregon, and California;

God, we ask all comfort and care to surround these beloveds, that your Spirit may breathe new life within and provide relief to those who suffer pain and loss, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Ours the Journey

– Julian B. Rush

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?**

Refrain:

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? Refrain**

As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,

Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. *Refrain*

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. *Refrain***

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. *Refrain***

BENEDICTION

*Shortly following the Benediction, Kindred Time will begin.
Small conversation groups will be formed. We hope you'll join us.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter	Kathy Bell
Liturgist	Joanne Matson
Children's Message	Rev. Lacey Hunter
Sermon	Rev. Benjamin Broadbent
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Rachel Knuth
Piano	J. Althea & Karna Roa
Organ	Judy Kinsey
Handbell Ensemble	Dorothy McKoin, Nancy Degenkolb, Sharon Olson, Kathy Smith, Linda Roa, Bobbie Johanson, Maryellen Taylor, Hollace Vaughn & Karna Roa (Director)
Vocals	Lois Michelsen & J. Althea
Chancel Décor	Kathy Matthies
Tech Support	Drew Thomas & Marin Broadbent-Bell



CHURCH STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Associate Minister of Faith Formation	Rev. Lacey Hunter
Associate Minister of Congregational Care	Rev. Rachel Knuth
Minister of Music	Rev. Brian Plaughter
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Keyboardist	J. Althea
Congregational Administrator	Chris Chang Weeks
Bookkeeper	Julie Reimer
Custodian	Maria Mojica
Tech Team	Marin Broadbent-Bell, Jonah Gonzales, Aaron Knuth & Drew Thomas



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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