

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship.

Rev. Mark Medina will be holding office hours on Wednesday, October 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Posada Java, 665 S. Park Centre Ave., at La Posada.

Prayer Ministry: The group meets once a week to pray for our church, community, families, friends, and the needs of the world. We are looking for a few more prayer warriors to join us in the Sweet Family Room every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

A Grief Recovery Workshop will start on Monday, October 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for five weeks. The purpose of the workshop is to discover the stages of the grief process, find healthy ways to deal with the pain and loss, and to begin the healing process. Facilitators for the workshop are Lynne Szabo, M.A., M.F.C.C. and Jan Woerner.

Stephen Ministry: Please pray about becoming a Stephen Minister. We are recruiting now for our January class. For more information, contact Patti Bright at 305-3275.

Music in the Valley: Season tickets and individual tickets for Music in the Valley performances are available in Fellowship Hall after the service this morning. The first concert is on October 26 at 6:00 p.m. and will feature pianists Joel Pierce and Russell Ronnebaum.

RISE Scholastic Achievement, Inc.: "Come and See" how RISE is making a difference in the educational lives of abused/abandoned children in Nogales, Mexico, by taking a trip on Saturday, October 13. To sign up, see Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall after service today or Sunday, October 7. To secure your seats faster, contact him directly at olsonr1@cox.net, or 269-7829.

Mission Quilters: We will meet in Fellowship Hall on Monday, October 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested or has questions, call Patti Bright at 305-3275.

Faith Formation Adult Studies:

- ⇒ **Adult Sunday School Class:** Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Classroom 5. Discusses the Sunday morning scripture passage.
- ⇒ **Adult Confirmation Class:** Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Tomorrow's topic: Is the New Testament more important than the Old Testament?
- ⇒ **Moses:** Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.
- ⇒ **The History of the Bible:** The class continues on Friday, October 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Classroom 1. For more information, contact Grant Stitt at 520-396-3549.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Marian Coberly, Barbara Dittmer
Nancy Tompkins

Visitor's Table

Mark & Sue Horton

Information Center

Pat Bruner

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Dorothy Foucher

The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ



Roger Stubbs

September 21



Conflict Resolution Classes begin Monday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Please join the Peace and Justice Committee in this effort.

Reception for Rev. Dr. Lloyd: Mark down October 14 on your calendars! We will be having a reception for Rev. Dr. Linda Lloyd. Please bring your favorite finger foods to share. VPC will provide cupcakes. Rev. Dr. Linda's last Sunday will be October 21st.

Taizé: The next service is Wednesday, October 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. If you have not experienced Taizé worship, please come for a service of beautiful music, candlelight, prayer and scripture.

Owl Express: We are in need of Owl Express Drivers! If you are interested, please contact Bob Kern at 226-1014.



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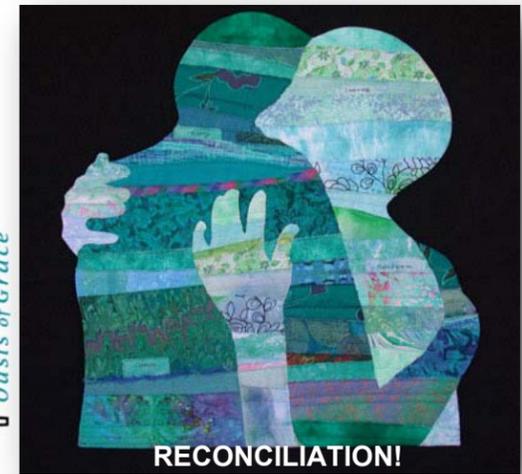
We are a Stephen Ministry Church



REV. MARK A. MEDINA, *Transitional Pastor*
REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*

REV. DR. LINDA LLOYD, *Interim Pastor of Care*

REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

† All those who are able, please stand September 30, 2018

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Church of Scotland

Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table:
in times of disagreement
teach us to listen,
loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way
of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ,
who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Christopher

Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

NOISY OFFERING

Children's Clinic Cleft Palate

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water.

P: Praise be to God.

PRELUDE

Higher Ground

arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT

The First Song of Isaiah

**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Adaption of Matthew 18:20)

Rev. Medina

I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth,

For God is found among us.

Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

God is here among us.

Come, let us worship the God of Creation, the God of People, the God of Community.

Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way.

Let us worship together in faith.

✦HYMN *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* Austrian Hymn 285

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Charlie Ashton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ministry Matters

Reconciling God,
we would rather gossip about those who sin against us,
than speak to them privately;
we would rather parade our wounds for all to see,
than quietly work toward forgiveness
and reconciliation.

Help us choose the harder road,
the road that opens possibilities
for real healing, real forgiveness,
and real growth in your Spirit.

Help us place the best interests
of our community of faith
above our own need
for public vindication.

Hear us now, O God, as we bring our
silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, when we are forgiven, we are renewed in our relationships.

We are given new opportunities to draw near to others
through loving hearts.

We give God thanks for all the grace that abounds!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Thank You, Jesus*

Thank you, Jesus, amen! Thank you, Jesus, amen!

Thank you, Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!

ANTHEM *Blessed By Your Grace* Cindy Ovokaitys
Sanctuary Choir

Thank you, Lord, for daily grace you freely give to me.
Ev'ry day I see your hand supply my ev'ry need.
Blessings you pour over me, I cherish in my heart.
I rejoice in all you do, my bright and morning star!
Your faithful love inspires my praise, O holy King of kings.
Forever let me worship you. Forever let me sing.

Refrain:

Lord, you're worthy of my song of thanks, my worship and praise!
Alleluia, I bow down to you. I'm blessed by your grace.

You are always here for me and promise to provide.
What is there for me to fear when you are by my side?
You are God and I am yours. Yes, I am yours alone!
You have kindly chosen me to be your very own.
(refrain)

Alleluia, I bow down to you. I'm blessed by your grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Mark Horton

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 sins, as
we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the

Please join the Choir in singing the Great Amen. kingdom
and the
power and
the glory,
forever.



Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN (June-September) Rev. Christopher

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Martha Ashton

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"The Ways of Reconciliation"* Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the
message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that
the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of
the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a
peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by
deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which
righteousness dwells. Praise be to God.

✦HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* In Babilone 298

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS Carol Peeler

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Bennett/Berry

✦DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly
host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦HYMN *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Union Seminary 504

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✦POSTLUDE *Postlude on Coronation and Hymn to Joy* arr. Livingston Jr.

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: *"The Ways of Reconciliation"*

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Matthew 18:15-20

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸"Truly

PATIO SALE DATES FOR 2018

Sorting takes place on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.

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Sorting:

October 11

**Holiday Sale Setup!
October 31 & November 1**

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**Holiday Sale!
November 2 & 3**

i n

Sorting:
December 13

truly I

that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be

I tell you,
whatever
bind on
w i l l
be bound
h e a v e n,
whatever
loose on
w i l l
be loosed
h e a v e n.
¹⁹ "Again,

tell you