

...joyfully worshipping God...

(An * indicates "please stand if you're comfortably able.")

...GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE *Vater Unser Im Himmelreich* (Our Father in Heaven) J.S. Bach

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader, **People**)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart. I give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness! You have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, the proud and haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies, you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

*ENTRANCE HYMN *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring* (Psalm 138) GTG 334

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people. But you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Clinging to all you give to us; we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to keep out others, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation.

~A moment of silent prayer~

God, forgive us. Open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you.

~A moment of silent prayer~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.

In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life.

In Jesus name, you are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

...HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Thy Will Be Done* Joyce Elaine Ellers

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 138
Luke 11:1-13
Genesis 18:20-35
Rev. Janet Potter

MESSAGE **Lord, Teach Us To Pray**

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Prayer of St. Frances* GTG 753

...RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Heidelberg Confession

Question 118 is: What has God commanded us to ask of him?

All things necessary for soul and body which Christ the Lord has included in the prayer which he himself taught us.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offertory Bist du bei mir (If Thou Art with Me)

TRUMPET Gottfried Stolzel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Gathering joys and concerns GTG 469

Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lifting our prayers GTG 469

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Mystery beyond our knowing, close to us as our breathing, in humble awe we pray.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven

We pray for your vision of justice and mercy to be made real in our world even now.

Give us today our daily bread.

We pray for your vision of enough; enough sustenance, enough warmth,

enough healing for all of your children.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

We pray for the grace to let go of that which is death dealing as we embrace your vision for life, that we might follow you safely through the obstacle course of life.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever.

Giving thanks for presence that defies definition in this life and beyond.

Amen

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...SENDING FOR SERVICE

*SENDING HYMN *Lift High the Cross*

TRUMPET GTG 826

*CHARGE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Crucifer* (Lift High the Cross)

TRUMPET Donald Busarow

...compassionately caring for one another...

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those currently impacted by war; that all would be comforted.

Prayers for our church body during this time of transition and change.

Prayer Partners - Prayer requests may be made by calling Jane Snowberger (761-0518) or Marla Wilckens (452-0226).

OUR WEEKLY TELEVISION BROADCAST

Souler Energy, our weekly Sunday Worship broadcast, can be viewed every Sunday at 9:30am on KFBB TV Channel 5 (cable channel 9).

If you would like to support the continued broadcast of this program, donations are always appreciated. Mark your check in the memo section for "Souler Energy" or use a blue envelope found in the pews, and drop in the offering plate. Thank you!

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JOIN US
NEXT SUNDAY

*Rev. Janet
Potter will be
preaching!*

...humbly serving others...

Peace Place - Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We are a "Safe Haven for Special Families", offering gentle care and renewal to families raising young children who are fragile. Call 453-1411 for more information, or to chat with a staff member!

...continually growing in God's

Classes/Studies

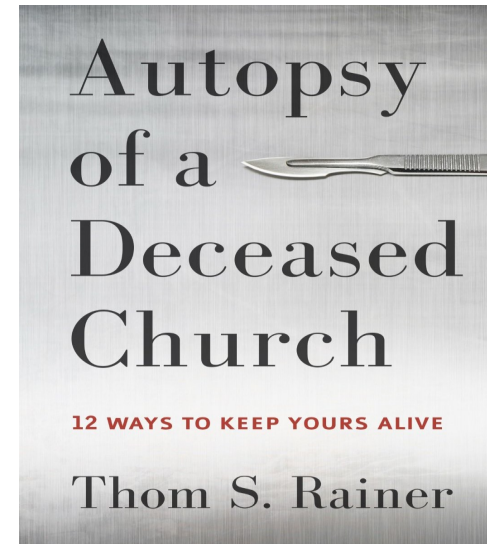
Autopsy of a Deceased Church by Thom S. Rainer-Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m. & Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. in the Ross Library. This class is taught by Pastor Risa.

**...and actively sharing the
Good News of Christ**

Worship Service - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. *A time to gather in celebration and praise of our Lord!*

Coffee Hour - immediately following worship. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Announcements



Starting Tuesday July 19th @ 11:00 a.m. in the
Ross Library

Autopsy of a Deceased Church
12 Ways To Keep Yours Alive
by Thom S. Rainer

Every Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.
Every Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.

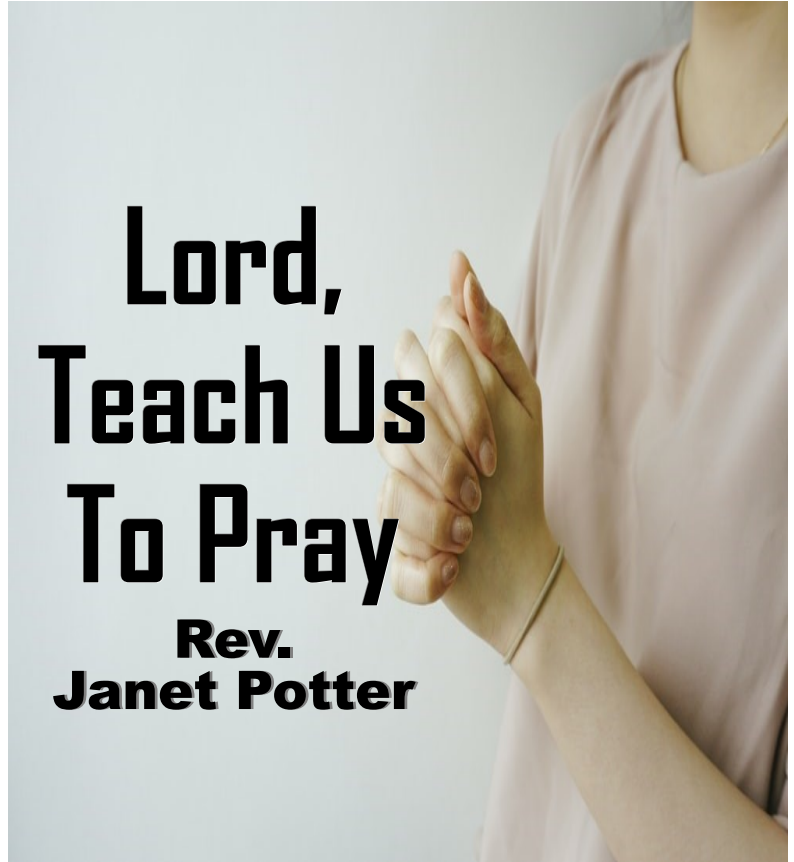
Want to join by Zoom? Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4911010646?pwd=azRJamU5dFRFdTdXU3R5Um1UZ09wZz09>

Meeting ID: 491 101 0646

Passcode: 406884

JOIN US

We will celebrate Alissa Brown on her commissioning as a Lay Pastor on **TODAY**, immediately after service in the Social Hall downstairs. All are welcome.



**Lord,
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To Pray**
**Rev.
Janet Potter**

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We are the body of Christ...

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