

THE MESSAGE

*The Absurd Mathematics of Grace*

Rev. Call

### OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #443 *O God Who Shaped Creation*

Tuolumne

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895) Rev. Kendrick, Jr.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: hear our prayer.**

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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*For hospitality with visitors and member care, please sign the Friendship Pad.*

Offertory

*Holy, Heavenly Love*

by Mark Browse

Chancel Choir

\*The Doxology (#95) & Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Diane Bish

\*The people may stand.

Acolyte:Helen Barr

Immediately following the service, the congregation is invited to the Parlor for a reception in honor of the Tower Society.

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# CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

*United Methodist*

***Bringing New Life to Greater Heights***



**September 24, 2017**

**Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

***Foundation Sunday***

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

11:00 a.m.

## OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE *Diademata* arr. Albin Whitworth  
*Melody* Gilbert Martin

WELCOME The Rev. Andy Call

PRESENTATION OF THE G. ROBERT KLEIN AWARD Linda Merriam, Chair  
Church of the Saviour Foundation

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Carol Griffith

Leader: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives  
or try to avoid it,

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**All: We praise God's name forever and ever!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #88 *Maker, in Whom We Live* Diademata

\*CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,  
we have sought after things, but we have not  
sought after you.  
We have expected generosity, but we have not**

shown generosity.

**We have not been gracious or grateful.**

**We have failed to remember all that you have done.**

**Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.**

**Help us to share our gifts**

**and strengthen our legs so that we can**

**run after you, O God.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Share signs of reconciliation with each other.)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Rev. Call

Today we celebrate the baptism Paul Scott Fitzpatrick and welcome him into the Christian faith. Paul is the son of Scott and Emily Fitzpatrick and the brother of Lynn and Jill. Godparents are Warren and Mariana Sulcs. Please welcome this family following worship this morning.

*Congregational Response:*

Leader: Members of the household of God, I commend Paul to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope and perfect him in love.

**All: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Paul with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *I Will Sing Praises* by Richard Smallwood  
Gospel Choir; Brian Smart, director

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 20:1-16* Mrs. Griffith

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\*HYMN OF PRAISE #140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Jen Sanborn

David Gilson, tenor

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*Matthew 20:1-16*

Terry McGowan

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\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #77 *How Great Thou Art*

How Great Thou Art

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Diademata*

arr. Albin Whitworth

\*The people may stand.

Ushers: Bill & Juanita Taylor

## GROW. PRAY. STUDY.

### Morning Prayer

New every morning are your mercies, Lord.  
Your steadfast love stayed with me through the night and greets me as I rise this day. This morning, I remember and give thanks for parents and grandparents, for teachers and friends in generations past who showed your love and told your stories to me. I pray that I will also share this faith with a new generation so that our praise of you continues forever. I will not be idle today, but will find a way to do whatever work you set before me with a glad and generous heart.  
In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

### Evening Prayer

Here at the close of the day, O God,  
I come to you with open hands to receive the gift of your grace with a thankful spirit. If there is in me any trace of anger or resentment left over from the day, from some slight, big or small, real or imagined, blow it away with the breath of your peace. In the lengthening shadows of evening, comforted by a softer light in stars and moon, quiet within me the duties and cares of the day now past, enabling me to rest in you.  
In your holy name I pray. Amen.

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### Daily Scripture Focus

Monday: Exodus 17:1-7  
Tuesday: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Wednesday: Philippians 2:1-13  
Thursday: Matthew 21:23-32  
Friday: 1 Corinthians 10:15-17  
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26

Next Sunday Rev. Andy Call preaching at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*One Bread, One Body*

Psalm 67; 1 Corinthians 10:15-17

Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr. preaching at 9:30 a.m.

*At the Table*

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September 24, 2017

9:30 WORSHIP

*Foundation Sunday*



## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Ron Collier

Sermon Title: "The Absurd Mathematics of Grace" Rev. Andy Call

Ushers: Maryrose Molnar & Denise Crise

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW

Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service this morning, please come to the parlor for a **reception in honor of the Tower Society members** who received the G. Robert Klein Award from **Church of the Saviour Foundation**.

**Blood pressure screenings** take place after each worship service this morning in room 106.

**Attention Animal Lovers!** The annual Blessing of the Animals service will take place on COTS front lawn at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4. Bring your favorite furry, scaly or feathered friend and invite your pet loving neighbors and friends to join you!

**COTS Men:** Please join us for our next quarterly breakfast on Saturday, October 7 at 7:30 a.m. Our speaker will be Brian Smart. As always, there will be lots of food and fellowship. The coffee arrives at 7:15 so come early to hang. We end promptly at 9 a.m. so you can get home to your families.

**Breathe Respite** for families of children with special needs is Friday, October 13. Register for the event or sign up to volunteer on the church website.

We are seeking accomplished or aspiring videographers, photographers, writers, interviewers, bloggers, and social media savants to join the new **COTS online team**. Experienced or just interested - all are welcome. Please contact Eric Lewis at lewis\_eric@yahoo.com. Our community is online, let's join them.

### REMINDERS

**Join us for Grouptober** on October 8, 15, 22, 29 where we will gather together in small groups at 9:30 a.m. Sign up on the church website or make a note on the friendship sheet this morning.

**COTS participates as Diaper Drop Off Site:** Bring any size disposable diapers to the church office during National Diaper Need Awareness Week, September 23 - 30.

**Upward Basketball Volunteers** needed for player evaluations in October. Sign up to volunteer or register players on the church website.

**United Methodist Women Flea Market** is October 20-21.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### **SUNDAY, September 24 – Foundation Sunday**

**Worship at 8:30 Myers Chapel, 9:30 Great Hall, 11:00 Sanctuary**  
*Blood pressure screenings after each worship services, room 106*

- 10:40 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Myers Chapel
- 12:15 p.m. Grouptober Leader Training, Room 122
- 12:15 p.m. Wesley Bells, Room 223
- 1:15 p.m. Flute Ensemble, Room 223
- 4:30 p.m. Good News, Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. Catalyst Bible Study, Evangelista Home

### **MONDAY, September 25**

- 10:00 a.m. Church Women United, Heights South, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Sojourn Women's Bible Study, Room 121

### **TUESDAY, September 26**

- 10:00 a.m. Edna Rhodes Circle, Breckenridge Village
- 12:10 p.m. DownTown Abbey, 1151 N. Marginal Rd
- 7:00 p.m. Martha Circle, Calvary Hall

### **WEDNESDAY, September 27**

- 9:00 a.m. Fit for the Kingdom, Calvary Hall

### **THURSDAY, September 28**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 121
- 2:00 p.m. Muscles & Motion, Bethel Room
- 6:00 p.m. Music Ministry Rehearsals

### **FRIDAY, September 29 (Junior High Retreat at Camp Wanake)**

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 161
- 11:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Youth, College Care Packages
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal, Room 122

### **SATURDAY, September 30**

- 8:15 a.m. Spiritual Fitness, Room 121

### **SUNDAY, October 1 – World Communion Sunday**

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