

Announcements:

1. **Welcome:** Welcome to all Newcomers and Visitors!  
Please join us downstairs after Worship Service for fellowship and snacks.
2. **EEPC End of Summer Luau** – August 24<sup>th</sup> after church. Bring a friend!
3. **NO Thursday Night Bible Study** in July & August as we will be taking a summer break.
4. **Ukulele group:** will practice first Sunday of each month after church. Those who wish to join let Richard Marquez know.
5. **Unity Candle:** This week at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Aptos with Rev Anne McAnelly.
6. **Prayer Concerns:** Marian's continue recovery. Meja's recovery. End of Summer Luau.

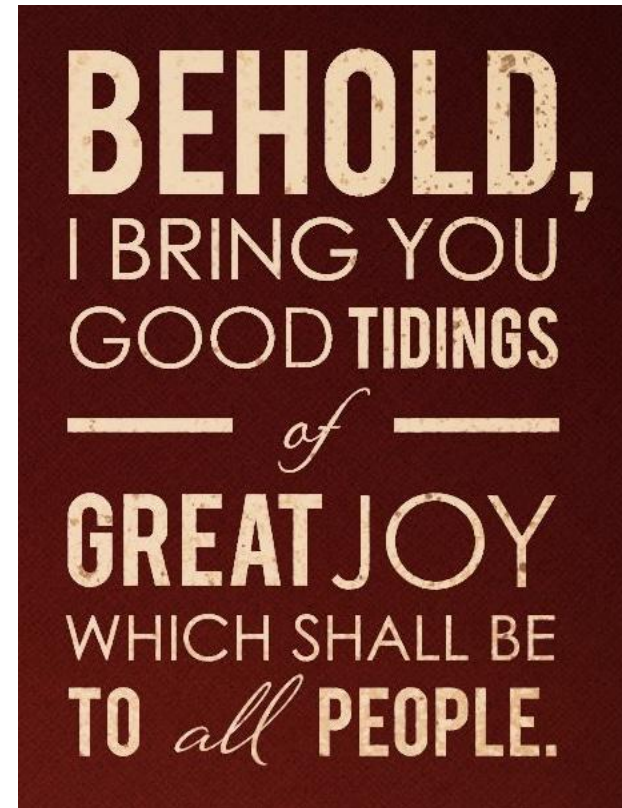
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Sunday, August 17, 2025



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## Worship Order

### Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Word for Your Week (Psalm 86:4, Isaiah 65:14)

**Rejoice** the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Behold, My servants shall sing for **joy of heart**.

### Call to Worship (1 Samuel 2:1, Psalm 119:32, Psalm 37:4)

**Leader:** My heart **rejoices** in the Lord,

**All:** The Lord has made me strong.

**Leader:** I will run the course of Your commandments,

**All:** for You shall **enlarge** my heart.

**Leader:** **Delight** yourself in the Lord,

**All:** and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

### \*Opening Hymn

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As We Gather/ Steadfast Love

Psalm 42 – I Will Praise Him Again

**Verse:** Why my soul are you downcast, why are you troubled within? For I will hope in my Savior my God, and will praise Him yet praise Him again.

**Chorus:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, I will praise Him yet praise Him again.

**Bridge:** Morning by morning new mercies are streaming, I trust in your goodness where I cannot see. You have been faithful whenever I wandered Lord give me the hope that I need.

### Scripture: (1 Peter 1:6-8)

In all this you greatly **rejoice**, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an **inexpressible and glorious joy**,

**Sermon** “Created to Rejoice” Wayne Shen

“Created to Rejoice” & “Persuasions to Spiritual Joy”

by Wilhelmus a’ Brakel

### \*Closing Hymn

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The Joy of the Lord is My Strength

### Benediction

**Fellowship with Church Family on Zoom**

\*Congregation Standing, if able.