



God's Work ~ Our Hands

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*Welcome! Whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of faith, God meets you here in love.*

**GATHERING**

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*)

Come, All You People  
*Uyaimose*



*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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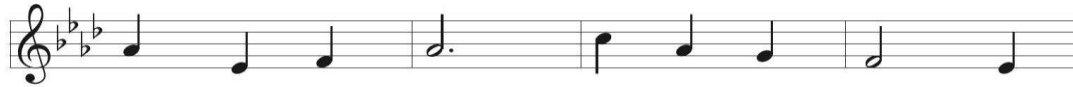
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

**Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HYMN

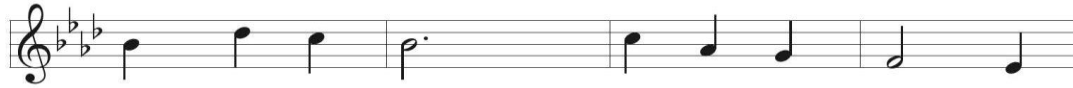
### God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (sit)

*The assembly is invited into prayer:*

Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world.

*After each petition:* "God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**"

Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers, trusting in your mercy through the Crucified and-Risen One Jesus.

**Amen.**

PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF VOCATION AND BLESSING OF HANDS FOR MINISTRY

We are called to proclaim the good news:

**God is at work!**

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

**God is at work in the world still today!**

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work. When we offer a helping hand, God is praised. When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

**God is at work in us!**

In our service today, and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

**God is at work through our hands!**

*Those who wish to receive a blessing may come forward as led by the ushers.*

*Signing a cross on the backs of the hands:* God bless your hands and your work,

*Signing a cross on the palms of the hands:* that through you God's love may be known. **Amen**

## The Lord Now Sends Us Forth *Enviado soy de Dios*



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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### BLESSING

God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, + bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

**Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey

Ushers: Sharon McEwan and Sharon Phelps

*All are welcome! As a community of the people of God, the members of San Marcos Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28)*

**Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers:** The Arney family and daughter, Dawn, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Bill Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Rich Preuss, Alvar Roy, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele, Louise Testerman, Elijah Toler, Nick Torres, Kelly Van Jen. Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, Janice Phillips, and Carol Schwartz. We also continue to pray for: Pacifica Synod Bishop David Nagler and ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

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**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS (GWOH) TODAY** and we're looking forward to a great time together!

Potluck after our service projects. Here are the projects we have planned:

- Assembling hygiene kits for Interfaith Community Services
- Crafting birthday cards + assembling kids' Birthday Party kits for the Hawthorne shelter
- Making sack lunches for Interfaith Community Services
- Kids will make cards for Palomar hospital patients

### **Choir rehearsal returns Thursday!**

If you are curious about singing in the SMLC choir, come to rehearsal on Thursday 9/12 in the sanctuary from 7pm-8pm. Singers of all experience levels are invited to make a joyful noise together. Contact Choir Director, Max Chodos, [maxchodos@gmail.com](mailto:maxchodos@gmail.com) with questions.

### **Office Hours with Pastor Casey on Thursday, September 19**

Pastor Casey's outdoor office hours are changing location once again! Meet up any time between 4pm and 6pm at Local Roots Pizza & Tap (1430 Vantage Ct Suite 101, Vista, CA) for a beverage—kombucha, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks are all served—and conversation. Kids and dogs are welcome, and (as the name suggests) they serve pizza. See you there!

### **Voting Faithfully — Community Time Discussion on September 22**

Pastor Casey will lead a conversation about the Ballot Measure Voter Guide prepared by the Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California, on whose Policy Council she serves as the Pacifica Synod clergy representative. You can access the voter guide in advance at [lutheranpublicpolicyca.org](http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org), and there will be paper copies available during Community Time on the 22nd. The recommendations are based on the Social Statements and Social Messages of the ELCA, which can be accessed on the ELCA website in their entirety. Our discussion will be non-partisan and only about the ballot measures; we will not discuss individuals running for elected office in November. Email [pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org](mailto:pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org) with any questions.

### **Blessing of the Animals — Sunday, September 29 at 12:30pm**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and whose feast day is October 4th, it is time for the annual Blessing of the Animals! After church, head home to collect your (friendly, safe around other animals and people) pets and come back at 12:30 to have them blessed by Pastor Casey. All furry, scaly, winged, and otherwise beloved critters are welcome, as are stuffed animals or photographs, especially of your dearly departed pets. *The blessing will take place outdoors, and animals may not join you in the sanctuary during our regularly-scheduled worship service.*