



**ATASCOCITA PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

Carl Braden

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

*“This is the Day!”*

Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**  
Our hope is in the name of the Lord,  
**the healer of all that is wounded.**  
Our trust is in the name of the Lord,  
**the one we gather to worship and praise.**

✦ **HYMN NO. 627**

*“I Love You, Lord”*

Congregation

✦ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.  
For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand.  
You are our redeemer,  
and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves.  
You are our source of unity,  
and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can.  
You are our fount of forgiveness,  
and yet we fear that we will be condemned.  
Forgive us, O Rock.  
Forgive us, O Redeemer,  
and show us what it means to forgive one another.**

*Silently pray your personal prayers of Confession*

✦ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

✦ **PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also, with you!**

**Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little to ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**Gracious God, Be the peace that I seek, the love that I give, the hope that I carry,  
the light that I walk in, and the dream of this new day. This is my prayer. Amen**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (NRSV)

Terri Thomson

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 19:7-14 (NRSV)

Terri Thomson

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;  
**the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

James 5:13-20 (NRSV)

Terri Thomson

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed

again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

***After the reading:***

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 9:38-50 (NRSV)

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John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

***After the reading:***

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

Chancel Choir

**SERMON**

*"The Gifts of God"*

Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman

✦ **HYMN NO. 286**

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

Congregation

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*"The Apostles' Creed"*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦ **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

Carl Braden

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

Congregation

✦ **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;**

✦ **HYMN NO. 66**

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

Congregation

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman

**Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**“Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown;  
will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?”**

POSTLUDE

Carl Braden

✦ All who are able may stand

Regular print indicates Leader

**Bold print indicates Congregation participation**

## Narthex News

### Faith Formation

- Doug Kennard’s class will study what can be known about the historical Jesus largely by interacting with Doug Kennard’s book: *“Messiah Jesus.”* Meeting in the fellowship hall at 9:15 am. Also, Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83087066050>.
- Pastor Shelley’s hybrid class meets in room 102 at 9:20 am. The discussion will be the “who/what/where/when” of the scripture to be preached in worship.
- Children, not yet in Kindergarten, meet in the nursery classroom at 9:20 am.
- Children, grades K-5, meet in the orange classroom with Lisa Stacy at 9:30 am.
- Youth, grades 6 – 12, meet with Aaron in the Youth Director’s office at 9:30 am for a fellowship time, including donuts and oj. The weekly Youth Group meeting will meet in the fellowship hall from 11:45 am until 2 pm. Lunch will be provided.  
Want reminders via text? Send a text to 81010 with the message @apcyouthco.

You may join the worship service live streamed on BoxCast or in person at 10:20 am.

\*\*Use the chat feature to let us know you are here\*\*

**Please stay after worship Sunday, October 3 for a Congregational Meeting** to vote on installing Traci Hlavaty as Elder, replacing Mazie Williams, as approved by session September 19.

**Peace and Global Witness Special Offering** will be collected through October 3. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. Get more information from the flyer in the pew pocket. Donations of cash or check (indicating “special offering”) may be dropped in the offering plate during worship; or a credit card entry on the APC website when you click on the “Give Now” button.

**Signups available in the narthex:** Greeters, Cookie providers, Ushers, and Men’s Group Meeting.

**Chicks & Hogs, a major fundraiser for the Family Promise program, is Saturday, September 25, 2-7 pm**, at the Harley Davidson dealership, 111 Northpines Dr at I 69. Come out for some great BBQ, local craft beers, live music, silent auction, and fun and games for kids Also, for the price of a \$100 ticket, you will have a chance to win a \$5,000 cash prize. Two grand prizes will be awarded! Please contact Steve Coleman by text (713-417-5152) or email (stcolemansr@live.com) for tickets.

**First Sunday Lunch (formerly Adult Singles and Friends)**, will resume Sunday, October 3 (“Dutch treat”) at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 FM 1960 E, 77346. Meet Ann Owen in the narthex after worship and drive together to the restaurant.

**Get it now before it’s gone! “Almost Heaven,” the new APC cookbook is available for purchase** in the narthex before or after worship. ALSO, makes a great Christmas gift! Payment is accepted by cash, check, or credit card.

**Nominations Committee is in the process of selecting a Pastor Search Committee.**

If you are interested in serving, please contact Don Nelson by email ([grenouille10@hotmail.com](mailto:grenouille10@hotmail.com)).

**The APC Youth Group meets each Sunday**, immediately following the worship service, and they need to eat! Your assistance in providing food for approximately 12 people is appreciated. You may choose your date and sign up via the Signup Genius email or contact Traci Hlavaty at [trh@entouch.net](mailto:trh@entouch.net).

**Disaster relief supplies for our Louisiana neighbors** will be collected in the narthex until **Thursday, September 23**. Your generosity to help those in need is appreciated.

**Lake Houston Chamber Singers** will present their concert, *"The Road Home,"* in the APC sanctuary, Sunday, September 26 at 5 pm, and again at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and available online at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

**Call the Shot Shuttle** when you have an appointment for a Covid-19 vaccination. We have APC volunteers who will get you there. Please call the church office (281-852-8990) to request a driver.

**It's time to update the member photo directory.** Please see Elaine McCool in the narthex either before or after worship September 26 so she can take a "yearbook style" photo of you. To see the online membership directory, visit the APC website ([apchumble.org](http://apchumble.org)), go to Members and choose Pictorial/Searchable Directory in the dropdown menu. Use your email address and birthdate to login. Let us know if you find any errors.

**Mission Marketplace is open Sunday morning**, before and after worship, and Tuesday from 10 am until 3 pm. Please see Kathy Gava in the narthex.

**Yoga class for everyone** meets Monday at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.

**For more information on "everything APC,"** please check the APC website ([apchumble.org](http://apchumble.org)) as it is continuously updated.

**Pastoral Care for September.** In case of emergency, please call Elder Doug Kennard, ph: 281-740-6266. For October, please contact Libby Boyce, ph: 281-630-6347.

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## Prayers, Concerns, and Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Richard Munoz
- Sandy Lee's cousin
- The Landry family and their missing son, Jason.
- Jerrie Anderson, Judi Anderson's stepmom.
- Vicki Lasinsky, recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Sandy Lockett, Judi Anderson's friend, a reoccurrence of cancer.
- Michael Stephens, Terri Thomson's dad, strength and healing while facing brain surgery consultation.
- Vic Thompson, Elsa's cousin, in need of a blood transfusion at MD Anderson. Your donation or designation for him is greatly appreciated. His birthdate is 7/14/1959.
- Peace and comfort to the Clary family on the death of Delight Clary, Brian's mother, and Jackson and Garrett's grandmother.
- Joe Hebert, Doug Hebert and Allan Griffin's brother, health issues.
- Nancy Lanasa recovering from surgery.
- Peace and comfort to the Alkinson family on the death of John Alkinson, Jayne's (friend of Charis Nees) husband.
- The Mills family, Addie Kephart, Sine McCarty, and Bev O'Brien.

## Calendar

### Monday 9/27

9:30 am Yoga – fellowship hall

5:00 pm Children's Ministry Committee –  
room 102

### Tuesday 9/28

10:00 am Mission Crafters – craft room

### Wednesday 9/29

### Thursday 9/30

### Friday 10/1