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“Crossing Over Before you're Ready”

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Land Acknowledgement: We gather today on the unceded homelands of the Ohlone and the Chochenyo-speaking Ohlone peoples. Let us strive to honor all indigenous peoples by joining their efforts to pursue justice and care for this land.

RINGING OF THE BELL: Rod Repke

PRELUDE & GATHERING SILENCE:

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” - Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Edward Nunoo

Edward Nunoo, bass • Joe Warner, piano

WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Catherine Kessler

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If you are visiting this morning, we are so glad you are here! We hope you'll join us for friendship time after worship. Tell us about yourself or sign up for our mailing list by filling out a Virtual Connect Card.

Responsive Call to Worship:

(Lead by Liturgist)

(Inspired by Genesis 37 and Matthew 14:22-23)

Leader: We come this morning like Joseph's brothers, carrying things we've done to each other that we'd rather not name.

ALL: We come anyway, trusting there's room here for what's unfinished in us.

Leader: We come like Peter, stepping out onto water that cannot hold us on our own.

ALL: We come ready to be afraid, and ready to reach for the hand that catches.

Leader: God does not wait for the storm to pass before drawing near.

ALL: God comes walking toward us in the middle of it. Thanks be to God. Amen

OPENING HYMN:(Congregation Sings)

“Peace Is Flowing Like a River” (Skyline Songbook #12)

(verses 1, 2 and 4)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

(Lead by Liturgist)

Holy and Ever-Present God, who meets us in the quiet hours and amid the rising waves, we gather in Your presence carrying both our fragile faith and our unconfessed fears. As we raise our voices in song to seek Your shelter and firm foundation, quiet the storm within us and draw us closer to Your side. Prepare our hearts now through the quiet strains of “Precious Lord, Take My Hand,” so that as we step out into the deep, we may feel the steady touch of Your saving hand. Amen.

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION:

"The Storm is Passing Over" - Charles A. Tindley,
arr. Edward Nunoo

Edward Nunoo, bass • Joe Warner, piano

Readings:

[Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28](#) "Joseph Dreams of Greatness"

[Matthew 14:22-33](#) "Jesus Walks on the Water"

SERMON:

"Crossing Over Before you're Ready"

Pastor Laurie Manning

Sermon Response: *Congregation Sings*

"Jesus, Still Lead On" (NCH #446)

(verses 1 and 3)

PRAYERS AND GRATITUDES: (Nancy Taylor)

Joys and concerns from the congregation.

[\(Tree of Life\)](#)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Lead by Nancy Taylor)*

OFFERING: *(Sheila Helms)*

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OFFERTORY HYMN:

"What Gift Can We Bring?" - Jane Marshall

Edward Nunoo, bass • Joe Warner, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS - skylineucc.org/news

Please see announcements in this bulletin

CLOSING HYMN: *Congregation Sings*

"You Are Mine" (Skyline Songbook #26)

(verses 1 and 2)

BENEDICTION: Pastor Laurie Manning

POSTLUDE:

"Precious Lord" (Instrumental)

Joe Warner, piano

**All are welcome in the Skyline
Friendship Room after worship, for
refreshment and conversation**

Ways to Stay Connected:

Weekly Gatherings On Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/716026467>

- Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM – Bible Study (Leader: Pastor Laurie)
<https://skylineucc.org/online-bible-study/>
- Thursdays @ 1:00 PM – Prayer and Care Group (Leader: Pastor Laurie)

In-Person:

- Sundays @ 8:45 AM – Choir Practice (**now on summer break**)

Regular Meetings

- Third Thursdays @ 6:00 PM – Council Meeting on Zoom

And please, Scan the QR code or link below to share your voice!



[Skyline Interest Survey](#)

Special Events – Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Location
Last Friday of each month	Immigrant Family Assistance Program Skyline will be providing food assistance to a family, Amanda and her two children from Guatemala and now 3 additional families whose primary bread-winner was either deported or is in detention. We will take food to them on the last Friday of every month. Jim Schubert speaks Spanish and has volunteered to interpret. Folks are needed to sign up to participate, which involves taking food to Amanda and her family on the last Friday of the month. Nancy Taylor will support you through this process! Jim Schubert will go with you! Monetary donations will also be gladly accepted so we can purchase food in bulk. Please note on your offering that it is for the "Immigrant Family Assistance Program"	See Nancy Taylor or Jim Schubert for details
Friday, Aug 14 Potluck 6 pm Film view 7pm Discussion follows	Join us for Film Night! August 14 movie: "Groundswell" Narrated by Demi Moore and Woody Harrelson, this Golden Globe winning documentary film by Josh Tickell and Rebecca Tickell shows how farmers, ranchers, scientists, change-makers and Indigenous leaders are using regenerative agriculture management practices to restore the planet one acre at a time. A growing movement that's better for human health is taking hold. Join the Groundswell. For more details on the movie: Groundswell.org	Friendship Room
Aug 2 - Oct 21 for letter writing sessions	With national elections coming in about 100 days, Skyline Church is again mounting an effort to send postcards to voters in swing states, urging them to vote. These colorful postcards need only a short message, recipients' address, and a stamp, and church members can choose whether to send them to North Carolina, Wisconsin, or Ohio. Three message choices are provided by the organizers and we will only use these messages... which the organizers have determined are the most effective. All the postcards need to be mailed on <u>Wednesday, October 21.</u> (Mailing earlier would be less effective at increasing turnout). We will have postcard-writing sessions after most Sunday services between July 26 and October 18. You may also take postcards home to write.	See Jim Schubert or Catherine Kessler for details

	Two years ago Skyline members sent out 2000, and we're hoping for a similar involvement this year. Contact Jim Schubert at jwschubert2003@yahoo.com or Catherine Kessler at cath.kessler@comcast.net.	
Saturday, Oct 3, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm	2nd Annual Reparations Fundraiser - Musical Extravaganza! This is a fundraiser for the benefit of Skyline Community Church's REPARATIONS FUND! This MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA will be a lovely, family friendly, evening of music, dance - starting with rap! - on the beautiful outdoor patio right before sunset! Invite your friends, bring your own picnic! Or purchase food from Lula's BBQ Popup. Performing on Oct 3: • Oakland California's S.Crow is an internationally acclaimed rapper. As a veteran rapper, devoted parent, and high school English teacher, S.Crow deftly blends glimpses of his chaotic upbringing, his streetwise and often comedic desire to 'keep it real,' and the daily responsibility of being grown. • 3 O'Clock Jump is an 18-piece big band specializing in danceable and watchable jazz and standard charts from the Swing Era forward.	Skyline Church Courtyard
Sunday, Oct 25	This year marks Laurie's 20th year as Pastor of Skyline Community Church!! Come and help in the planning! See Nancy Taylor	Skyline Sanctuary

A THANK YOU TO OUR AUGUST VOLUNTEERS!

Email office@skylineucc.org [VolunteerSchedule 2025-202](#)

DATE	LITURGIST	Zoom Host	GREETER	USHER	HOSPITALITY (food & drink)*	Guest Preacher
8/9/2026	Rod Repke	Abby Givler	Carolyn Noble	Sheila Helms	Carolyn Noble	
8/16/2026	Logan Thomas	Abby Givler	Carolyn Noble	Sheila Helms	Carolyn Noble	
8/23/2026	Nancy Taylor	Abby Givler	Carolyn Noble	Sheila Helms	OPEN	Rev Toni Dunbar
8/30/2026	Carolyn Catanzaro	Abby Givler	Carolyn Noble	Sheila Helms	Carolyn Noble	Rev Toni Dunbar

**Please do not bring chopped bagged lettuce until safety is confirmed.*