



October 18, 2026

“Your Presence Goes with Us”

<https://zoom.us/j/716026467>

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LITURGIST	Rod Repke
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Edward Nunoo
ACCOMPANIST	Rob Finucane
<u>ZOOM HOST</u>	Abby Givler
<u>HOSPITALITY</u>	Carolyn Noble & Catherine Kessler
<u>USHER</u>	Sheila Helms
<u>GREETER</u>	Everyone
<u>CHILDCARE</u>	TBD

Land Acknowledgement: We gather on Huichin, the ancestral, unceded homeland of the Chochenyo-speaking Ohlone people, including the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and the Confederated Villages of Lisjan. Let us strive to honor all indigenous peoples by joining their efforts to pursue justice and care for this land.

Prayer Cross: Where Grace Showed Up. As you arrive, write a color coded card: “A time I knew I wasn’t alone, and experienced God’s presence...” It can be a moment at Skyline, or anywhere this week. Post it on the prayer cross. On Zoom, share yours in the chat, and Pastor Laurie will add it to the prayer cross.

Gathering

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude & Gathering Silence · “Nimrod” (from *Enigma Variations*), Edward Elgar · *Rob Finucane, piano*

Welcome

Opening Words · *Rod Repke*

Leader: Whatever brought you here this morning,

ALL: God’s presence is here, and you are welcome.

Leader: Whether you’ve been here twenty years or twenty minutes,

ALL: you are beloved, and you are welcome here.

Leader: Whether you came with faith, with doubt, or just with curiosity,

ALL: you are beloved, and you are welcome here.

Opening Hymn · “Blest Are They” (Skyline Songbook #3), verse 1 with refrain

Prayer for Open Hearts · *in unison*

ALL: Holy One, as the choir sings, open our ears and our hearts. For twenty years you have gone with us through every season. Let your light shine within us this morning, and in everything we do together today. Amen.

Anthem · “Your Light Shines Within Us,” Taizé Community, arr. Edward Nunoo · *Skyline Community Choir*

Word

Readings · *Rod Repke*

[Exodus 33:12–14a, 15](#) · “My Presence Will Go with You”

[1 Thessalonians 1:2–3](#) · “We Always Give Thanks to God for All of You”

Poem · “My Church,” Rev. Fred Morrow,
read at Skyline’s first worship in this
sanctuary, March 22, 1970 · *Pastor Laurie*

Sermon · “Your Presence Goes
with Us” · *Pastor Laurie*

Response

Renewing Our Covenant

Leader: We are a people in covenant: with
God and with one another. Today we renew it.

ALL: We give thanks to God for this
ministry we share, and for one another. We
give thanks for the gifts each of us has
brought, for the honest words we have
spoken, and for the care we have shared.

Leader: Let us say together, this covenant:

ALL: Love is the spirit of this community,
and service is its way. This is our promise:
to live together in peace, to seek the truth in
love, and to help one another. And may
God’s presence go with us as we keep it.

Prayers & Gratitudes · *Pastor Laurie*

The Lord’s Prayer

Holy One, our Mother and Father, Source of all
that is, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need. Forgive us
our wrongs, as we forgive those who wrong us.

Save us from the time of trial, and free us from
all that harms. For yours is the kin-dom, the
power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Offering · *Sheila Helms* · Checks to *Skyline
Community Church*, or give online at
skylineucc.org/give (preferred),
paypal.me/skylinechurch or
skyline.churchtrac.com

Offertory · “By Gracious Powers,” Dietrich
Bonhoeffer, arr. Edward Nunoo · *Skyline
Community Choir*

Prayer of Dedication · *Rod Repke*

Sending

Announcements

Mutual Blessing Pastor Laurie

Closing Hymn · “Lead On, Eternal
Sovereign” (NCH #573), verse 1

After Worship

Short break, then a congregational gathering
here in the sanctuary, seated in a circle, on the
toddler program at our preschool. On Zoom,
please stay on.

Lunch & celebration in the Friendship Room
until 2:00 p.m., beginning with the Litany of
Thanksgiving as our toast. Everyone is
welcome. Stay connected: Bible Study,
Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. on Zoom · Care Group,
Thursdays 1:00 p.m. on Zoom · Choir,
Sundays 8:45 a.m. · skylineucc.org

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 – Care Group (Leader: Pastor Laurie)

In-Person:

- Sundays @ 8:45 AM – Choir Practice

Regular Meetings

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

Date	Special Events – Mark Your Calendars	Location
Aug 2 - Oct 21 for letter writing sessions	With national elections just over two weeks away, 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. All the postcards need to be mailed on Wednesday, October 21. (Mailing earlier would be less effective at increasing turnout). We will have a postcard-writing session after Sunday service; You may also take postcards home to write. 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.	See Jim Schubert or Catherine Kessler for details
	Also, from <i>Faith In Action East Bay</i>: VOTING IS SACRED BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE SACRED. <i>Faith in Action East Bay</i> is taking this election very seriously - as is appropriate. They want to get at least 1,500 people to sign a pledge to vote. Please click on the link and "sign" the card by putting in your name and congregation. "I pledge to vote and help protect every eligible voter's freedom to cast a ballot and have it counted!" https://win.newmode.net/picoca/VotingisSacred/pledge/en/fiaeb	
Last Friday of each month	Immigrant Family Assistance Program Next visit is Friday, October 23	See Nancy Taylor or Jim

Next visit: Oct 23	Skyline provides food assistance to four immigrant families whose primary breadwinner was deported or is in detention. We 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 the families 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"	Schubert for details
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Thank you to our October Volunteers! Email office@skylineucc.org [VolunteerSchedule 2025-2026](#)

DATE	LITURGIST	Zoom Host	GREETER	USHER	HOSPITALITY (food/ drink)*	Guest Preacher
10/18/2026	Rod Repke	Abby Givler	Everyone	Sheila Helms	Carolyn Noble & Catherine Kessler	
10/25/2026	Michael Armijo	Abby Givler	Everyone	Sheila Helms	Carolyn Noble	
11/01/2026	Rod Repke	Abby Givler	Everyone	Sheila Helms	Carolyn Noble	
11/08/2026	Mona Sillers	Abby Givler	Everyone	Sheila Helms	OPEN	