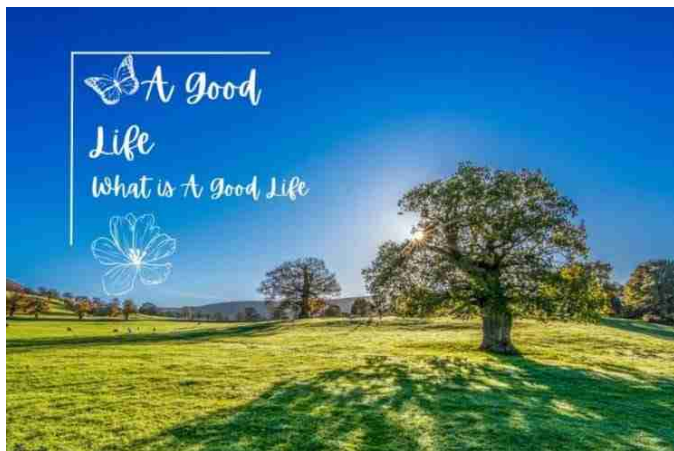




August 30, 2026

“The Good Life”

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

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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:

“When Peace, Like a River” — arr. Rob Finucane

Rob Finucane, 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: *(LITURGIST LEADS)*
(inspired by Exodus 3:1–15 and Matthew 16:21–28)

Leader: We come this morning like Moses, going about ordinary work, not looking for anything holy.

ALL: We come ready to notice the ground beneath us might already be sacred.

Leader: We come like disciples told plainly what following will cost.

ALL: We come willing to ask what we are holding onto too tightly.

Leader: God meets us in bushes that burn without being consumed, and asks only that we take off our shoes.

ALL: God meets us exactly where we are standing. Thanks be to God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *(Congregation Sings)*

“God Is Here! As We Your People Meet” *(NCH #70) (verses 1 and 4)*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: *(LITURGIST LEADS)*

Holy One, who burns in the bushes of our everyday routines without consuming them: we interrupt our busy lives to stop, look, and listen.

We confess how easily we walk past the sacred because we are looking for grand miracles rather than noticing the holy ground beneath our feet.

As we sing our readiness to walk with You and answer Your call, loosen our tight grip on security and fear. Prepare our hearts so that we may take off the shoes of our self-protection and step bare-soled into the mystery of Your

ongoing creation. Amen.

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION: (*Congregation Sings*)

“Higher Ground” (NCH #442)
(verses 1 and 4)

UNISON PRAYER

READINGS:

[Jeremiah 15:18-19](#)

[Romans 12:9-21](#)

“Marks of the True Christian”

SERMON: The Good Life

Rev Dr Toni Dunbar

SERMON RESPONSE: (*Congregation Sings*)

“It Is Well With My Soul” (NCH #438)
(verses 1 and 4)

PRAYERS AND GRATITUDES:

Joys and concerns from the congregation.

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING: (*Sheila Helms*)

Our gifts support Skyline’s ministry. Checks can be made out to *Skyline Community Church*. Friends may make credit card contributions through Stripe at skylineucc.org/give (preferred) or at paypal.me/skylinechurch or skyline.churchtrac.com.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

“Misty” — Johnny Mathis, arr. Mike Wirgler

Mike Wirgler, clarinet • Rob Finucane, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS - skylineucc.org/news

Please see announcements in this bulletin

CLOSING HYMN: (*Congregation Sings*)

“Lead On, Eternal Sovereign” (NCH #573)
(verses 1 and 2)

BENEDICTION: Rev Dr Toni Dunbar

POSTLUDE:

“Lead On, Eternal Sovereign” — arr. Rob Finucane

Rob Finucane, 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 (**Starts up again Sept 13**)

Regular Meetings

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

Date	Special Events – Mark Your Calendars	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 three 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 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”	See Nancy Taylor or Jim Schubert for details
Aug 2 - Oct 21 for letter writing sessions	 With national elections coming in about 70 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. 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; 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
Sunday, Sept 13, 4-6 pm	 RESONANCE & RENEWAL: Autumnal Equinox yoga Sunday, September 13, 4–6 PM, Skyline Sanctuary, 12540 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, CA Your nervous system needs a reset. This is it. • To learn more: https://skylineucc.org/resonance-renewal/ or use the QR code (above)	Skyline Sanctuary

	• Wear comfortable, layered clothing you can move and rest in • Please bring your own mat. Block and straps will be provided • Held indoors; outdoor elements weather permitting • Suggested offering: \$25 pre-pay, \$30 at the door -scholarships and work trades available	
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 Pit 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. Advance registration requested: Eventbrite registration	Skyline Church Courtyard
Sunday, Oct 18	This year marks Laurie's 20th year as Pastor of Skyline Community Church!! Come and help in the planning! See Carolyn Noble and Catherine Kessler	Skyline Sanctuary

Thank you to our August & Sept Volunteers! Email office@skylineucc.org [VolunteerSchedule 2025-2026](#)

DATE	LITURGIST	Zoom Host	GREETER	USHER	HOSPITALITY (food/ drink)*	Guest Preacher
8/30/2026	Carolyn Catanzaro	Abby Givler	Carolyn Noble	Sheila Helms	Carolyn Noble	Rev Toni Dunbar
9/6/2026	Jim Schubert	Abby Givler	Carolyn Noble	Sheila Helms	Jim Schubert	
9/13/2026	Mona Sillers	Abby Givler	Carolyn Noble	Sheila Helms	OPEN	
9/20/2026	Rod Repke	Abby Givler	Carolyn Noble	Sheila Helms	OPEN	

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