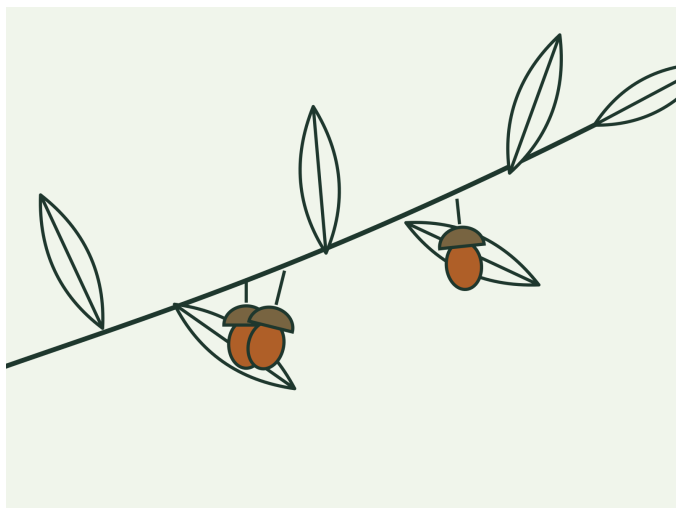




October 11, 2026
Indigenous Peoples' Day
Weekend

“Good Guests at a Wide Table”

<https://zoom.us/j/716026467>
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PASTOR	Rev Laurie Manning
LITURGIST	Logan Thomas
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Edward Nunoo
ACCOMPANIST	Rob Finucane
GUEST ACCOMPANIST	David Alvarez
<u>ZOOM HOST</u>	Abby Givler
<u>HOSPITALITY</u>	Jim Schubert
<u>USHERS</u>	Sheila Helms
<u>GREETER</u>	Everyone
<u>CHILDCARE</u>	Catherine Kessler

Land Acknowledgement: We gather on the ancestral, unceded homeland of the Chochenyo-speaking Ohlone people, including the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and the Confederated Villages of Lisjan. Ohlone people have cared for this land, from the bay shore to these hills, for thousands of years, and they are still here: speaking Chochenyo again, gathering and cooking acorns, weaving baskets, tending the land, and protecting their

ancestors' resting places. We are guests here, and we have benefited from the taking of this land. As good guests, we commit to listening to Ohlone people in their many voices, supporting Ohlone-led work, and caring for this place.

Then, all at once, everyone says aloud the name of a place that raised you.

A note on today's music: our sung response comes from Muscogee (Creek) Christians and our closing hymn from Dakota Christians. These are gifts from other Native nations, not Ohlone tradition. We hope to learn directly from our Ohlone neighbors in the years ahead.

RINGING OF THE BELL: Rod Repke

PRELUDE & GATHERING SILENCE:

“Nimrod” (from *Enigma Variations*) — Edward Elgar

David Alvarez, piano

WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Laurie

[Visitor form](#), [Prayer requests](#), [Comments](#)

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.

Passing the Peace: greet the people around you with “Peace be with you.”

Responsive Call to Worship:

(inspired by Psalm 24:1–2 and Luke 24:28–35)

Leader: The earth is God's, and all that is in it.

ALL: The oaks that gave this city its name,
 the creeks running to the bay, the bread on
 this table.

Leader: We did not make this place. For thousands of years, Ohlone families have tended these hills with fire and care, and they tend them still.

ALL: We come as guests, with gratitude and humility.

Leader: Christ meets us on the road and breaks bread at our table.

ALL: Open our eyes, that we may know him in the host and in the stranger. Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN:

“As We Gather at Your Table” (NCH #332)
(verses 1 and 3)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Creator God, long before this church stood on this ridge, you were here: among the grasses, the hawks and the fog, and the oak groves that once covered these hills, and among the Ohlone people who gathered their acorns, crossed the bay in boats of tule reed, and gave thanks for this land. Teach us to arrive as guests: to walk gently, to listen before we speak, and to receive with gratitude what we did not earn. As Christ was made known in the breaking of bread, make yourself known to us this morning, in this place and in one another. Amen.

NOTICING, FOR ALL AGES:

Children gather at the window, and everyone joins from their seats: look for one living thing, listen for three sounds that aren't people, and notice what's missing.

READINGS:

[Psalm 24:1–2](#) *“The Earth Is the Lord's”*

[Luke 24:28–35](#) *“Known in the Breaking of the Bread”*

SERMON:

“Good Guests at a Wide Table”

Pastor Laurie Manning

SERMON RESPONSE: (A minute of quiet)

Sit quietly with this question. We will talk about it with a partner on the walk to the table.

What is one thing you could do this month to be a better guest on this land?

PRAYERS AND GRATITUDES:

Joys and concerns from the congregation. Name a neighbor you carry, aloud, all at once.

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

Prayer for This Land and Its First Peoples *(in unison)*

God of every people and every place, we give thanks for the Ohlone peoples, Muwekma, Lisjan, and many more, who have tended this land since long before us and tend it still. We grieve the harm done to them, too often in your name: the missions, the stolen land, the shellmounds paved over. Forgive what we have not seen. Make us good guests and faithful neighbors, ready to listen, to repair, and to return what is not ours to keep. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: (Choir Anthem)

“Open Our Eyes, Lord” — Robert Cull, arr.
Edward Nunoo

Skyline Community Choir

Edward Nunoo, conductor • Rob Finucane, piano

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy One, Maker of earth and sky,
your name is spoken in every language this land has known.

May your welcome come, your will be done,
here on this ground as in all creation.

Give us today the bread we need,
and teach us to share it as good guests.

Forgive us what we have taken that was not ours,

as we forgive those who have wronged us.

Lead us away from greed and forgetting,
and free us to repair what is broken.

For the earth is yours, and all its peoples,
now and always. Amen.

OFFERING: (*Sheila Helms; receiving during the offertory*)

Today's offering supports Neighbors in Need, the UCC's annual gift for justice ministries, including the Council for American Indian 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. Please write "NIN" on your check's memo line or in the online gift note. As the music plays, write a short prayer on a sticky note from your pew: for this land, for its first peoples, or for a neighbor you carry. You'll place it on the cross on your way to the table.

OFFERTORY:

"Help Us Accept Each Other" — Fred Kaan & John Ness Beck, arr. Edward Nunoo

Edward Nunoo, bass • David Alvarez, piano

COMMUNION: The Emmaus Walk

We share communion facing the window and the parkland beyond it.

Like the two friends on the road to Emmaus, we walk to the table together. When invited, come forward with a partner, talking about one of these as you go: What is one thing you could do this month to be a better guest on this land? When have you been a guest who was truly welcomed? You are also welcome to walk in silence. On your way, place your prayer note on the cross. If walking is hard today, stay seated; the ushers will bring bread and cup to you.

The table holds many breads: wheat, corn tortillas, Challah, sunflower seed, and gluten-free, with

grape juice. Take bread, then offer it to the person beside you with the words "You are welcome here." After all are served, we keep a minute of silence facing the window and the parkland, remembering the Ohlone people who tended this land first and tend it still, and the oaks that once grew here.

All are welcome at Christ's table: members and visitors, believers and doubters, those who come every week and those who haven't been to church in years. On Zoom: bring bread and a cup to your own table and share with us.

"What Is This Place?" — arr. Edward Nunoo

Edward Nunoo, bass • David Alvarez, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS - skylineucc.org

Please see announcements in this bulletin

CLOSING HYMN: (*Congregation Sings*)

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Skyline Songbook #11)
(*all verses*)

BENEDICTION: Pastor Laurie

POSTLUDE:

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Instrumental)

David Alvarez, piano

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

After worship, the labyrinth is open.

The prayers on the cross stay up through October 1

Be a Good Guest This Week:

- Pay the Shuumi Land Tax, a voluntary annual gift to Sogorea Te' Land Trust from those of us living on Lisjan land: sogoreate-landtrust.org/shuumi-land-tax
- Give to Skyline's Reparations Fund, which supports Sogorea Te' Land Trust and the Black Wealth Builders Fund. Note "Reparations" with your gift at skylineucc.org/give

- Volunteer at a Sogorea Te' work day, tending land with people from all walks of life: sogoreate-landtrust.org
- Support the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, previously recognized by the federal government, in its work to restore that recognition: muwekma.org
- Taste and learn Ohlone food, language, and culture with Café Ohlone by mak-'amham, founded by Vincent Medina (Muwekma Ohlone) and Louis Trevino (Rumsen Ohlone): makamham.com

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 three 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 <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

	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	
Sunday, Oct 18	This year marks Laurie's 20th year as Pastor of Skyline Community Church!! Worship, with a reception to follow until 2 pm. To help, see Carolyn Noble and Catherine Kessler.	Skyline Sanctuary
Last Friday of each month Next visit: Oct 30	Immigrant Family Assistance Program Next visit is Friday, October 30 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"	See Nancy Taylor or Jim Schubert for details

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

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10/11/2026	Logan Thomas	Abby Givler	Everyone	Sheila Helms	Jim Schubert	
10/18/2026	Rod Repke	Abby Givler	Everyone	Sheila Helms	OPEN	
10/25/2026	Michael Armijo	Abby Givler	Everyone	Sheila Helms	Carolyn Noble	

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11/01/2026	Rob Repke	Abby Givler	Everyone	Sheila Helms	Carolyn Noble	