# $\mathcal{W}$ elcome to Roseville

We Are Honored by Your Presence

Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 10:30 A.M.

Theme: "Becoming Better"

**OPENING SONG:** 

Worship Leader: Elder Germaine Marsh

Family, bitterness will keep you stuck — but God calls us higher. Today we step out of bitter and into better, because God is still at work on us.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(Ask Congregants to Stand if Able)

Leader: God said to Cain, "Do better."

Congregation: We will not let anger master us.

Leader: Sin may crouch at the door...

**Congregation:** But God gives us power to rise

above it.

Leader: We refuse to stay stuck in bitter.

Congregation: We are becoming better.

All:

Let us worship the God who transforms our hearts.

Let's worship the God who is making us better.

#### \*SONG OF WORSHIP

Let's invite God to heal what is broken and to shape us into something new.

# **MORNING PRAYER | INVOCATION:**

(Lay Leader – Not In Unison)

Elder Marsh

Holy God, search our hearts today. Where there is anger, heal it. Where there is bitterness, uproot it. Shape us into people who reflect Your goodness. Amen.

### **WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Good morning and welcome! We're delighted to have you join us for worship today, whether in person or online. To our first-time guests, a special welcome—we're honored you've chosen to spend time with us.

#### \*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\*

For our online community, we invite you to fully engage in this worship experience. Subscribe to our YouTube channel or like our Facebook page to stay connected, receive updates on events, and access weekly messages and devotionals. Your engagement helps us extend our reach and share God's love with more people.

For everyone here today, we have a guest connection card show card for prayer requests or ministry interest. In-person worshippers can place it in the offering plate later or in the designated basket as you exit worship at the conclusion of our service. Online viewers can type "I want to connect" in the comments.

Let's welcome one another. Please wave and smile at those around you, and online viewers, drop a greeting in the comments. As our choir leads us, feel free to greet one another and complete your connection cards.

We're grateful for each of you and pray God's blessings upon you as we worship together. Now, let's continue in worship as our choir leads us in song!

# **SELECTION AFTER WELCOME |**

Congregation Friendly | ("Glad to Be in the Service")

### \*PASTORAL CONCERNS

(Mission statement)

We believe God is calling the Roseville Presbyterian Church to be:

"A welcoming congregation committed to respond to Christ's call to nurture and develop leaders, engage and embrace our community through worship, service, and love while passionately spreading the gospel to impact lives."

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER\***

God of mercy, we come with our hurts and our hopes. Heal what anger has broken. Restore what bitterness has consumed. Make us better by Your grace. Amen.

# PRAYER RESPONSE (SONG/MEDLEY)

#### **OFFERING**

**Call for Offering** 

Elder Marsh

We don't give from bitterness — we give from gratitude. Today our offering is a step toward better.

#### **OFFERTORY SELECTION**

\*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...."

After this next selection we will be blessed with a message from our own Rev. Touré Marshall

# **Prayer of Dedication**

God, bless these gifts. Let them bring healing where there is hurt, hope where there is despair, and love where there is hatred. Amen.

Now let us hear God's word to Cain, a warning and a call to do better.

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Genesis 4:6–10 (NRSV)** 

The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?

If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground!"

### **SERMONIC SELECTION**

Choir

**SERMON:** 

Rev. Touré Marshall

"Becoming Better"

#### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Don't stay stuck in bitter. God's grace is here to make you better. Come — the invitation is yours.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table:**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's

table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

# **Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

# We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

# It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. You have blessed this nation with freedom and call us to use that freedom in service of justice and peace. Always, your love has been steadfast. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

# Christ has died,

### Christ is risen,

# Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

O God, today you have called us together to be the church. Unite us now at your table, and in one loaf and a common cup, make us one in Christ Jesus.

Let your Spirit empower the life we share and ignite our witness in the world. With all who have gone before us, keep us faithful to the gospel teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer:

As Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

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. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

# **Breaking of the Bread:**

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

# **Prayer after Communion:**

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

# **BENEDICTION**

Leave here with a renewed spirit. May the God of grace keep shaping you, keep lifting you, keep making you better. Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

\*POSTLUDE.

\*Signifies all who are able; please stand.
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