

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE
4TH NURTURE, EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, RESOURCE
(N.E.A.R.) GATHERING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
GILROY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:00 AM **WELCOME, LOGISTICS, & BLESSING** REV TREVOR VAN LAAR

8:05 AM **LIGHT BREAKFAST**

8:45 AM **MUSICAL PRELUDE** “HOW GREAT ART THOU”

8:50 AM **OPENING REMARKS** MODERATOR, CRE TIM PARMENTIER
EXEC PRESBYTER, REV DR NEAL PRESA

8:55 AM **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** MODERATOR, CRE TIM PARMENTIER

9:00 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

CALL TO WORSHIP MODERATOR, CRE TIM PARMENTIER

Leader: Let us pray.

O Lord, open my lips,

All: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

All: Amen.

PSALM 95:1-7 ELDER KATHRYN RIZQUALLAH

- 1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
- 3 For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
7 for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

HOMILY GENESIS 1:27

REV TREVOR VAN LAAR

OFFERING

REV VERONICA OTA

PROCEEDS FROM THIS OFFERING WILL SUPPORT TWO ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE ACTIVELY
WORKING TO PROVIDE LEGAL SUPPORT AND PROTECT IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS: AMIGOS DE
GUADALUPE AND COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD

HYMN

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

REV VERONICA OTA

Leader: Satisfy us with your love in the morning,
All: and we will live this day in joy and praise.

Leader: Mighty God of mercy,
we thank you for the resurrection dawn
bringing the glory of our risen Lord
who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you for
the mission and ministry of the church...
every service that proclaims your love...
the people and relationships that sustain us....
our calling to daily discipleship....
signs of new life and hope....

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
be our starting point and our haven,
and accompany us in this day's journey.
Use our hands
to do the work of your creation,
and use our loves
to bring others the new life you give this world
in Jesus Christ, redeemer of all.

All: Amen

BENEDICTION

REV TREVOR VAN LAAR

9:30 AM **BREAK**

9:40 AM	INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS	REV DR NEAL PRESA
9:45 AM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER #1	DR HEATH W. CARTER
	HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM IN AMERICA	
10:15 AM	Q&A	
10:25 AM	REFLECTIONS IN SMALL GROUPS	
10:45 AM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER #2	DR HANNA REICHEL
	THEOLOGICAL/PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVE AND RESPONSE TO CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM	
11:15 AM	Q&A	
11:25 AM	REFLECTIONS IN SMALL GROUPS	
11:45 AM	CONVERSATION WITH HEATH AND HANNA	REV DR NEAL PRESA
12:15 PM	CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT	MODERATOR, CRE TIM PARMENTIER

DR HEATH W. CARTER IS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY AT PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WHERE HE TEACHES AND WRITES ABOUT THE INTERSECTION OF CHRISTIANITY AND AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE. HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A NEW BOOK ENTITLED *ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: SOCIAL CHRISTIANS AND THE FIGHT TO END AMERICAN INEQUALITY* (UNDER CONTRACT WITH OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS), WHICH RETELLS THE STORY OF THE AMERICAN SOCIAL GOSPEL.

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- A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF RELIGION IN AMERICA, 4TH EDITION (GRAND RAPIDS: WILLIAM B. EERDMANS PUBLISHING COMPANY, 2018). PREVIOUSLY EDITED BY DRS. EDWIN S. GAUSTAD AND MARK A. NOLL.
- TURNING POINTS IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN EVANGELICALISM (GRAND RAPIDS: WILLIAM B. EERDMANS PUBLISHING COMPANY, 2017). CO-EDITED WITH DR. LAURA ROMINGER PORTER

- THE PEW AND THE PICKET LINE: CHRISTIANITY AND THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS (URBANA, IL: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS PRESS, 2016). CO-EDITED WITH DRS. CHRISTOPHER D. CANTWELL AND JANINE GIORDANO DRAKE
- UNION MADE: WORKING PEOPLE AND THE RISE OF SOCIAL CHRISTIANITY IN CHICAGO (NEW YORK: OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2015). RUNNER-UP FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CHURCH HISTORY'S 2015 BREWER PRIZE FOR BEST FIRST BOOK.

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DR REICHEL HAS MANY PUBLICATIONS TO THEIR CREDIT INCLUDING:

- "FOR A TIME SUCH AS THIS": AN EMERGENCY DEVOTIONAL, GRAND RAPIDS: EERDMANS, 2025.
- AFTER METHOD: QUEER GRACE, CONCEPTUAL DESIGN, AND THE PROBLEM OF THEOLOGY, LOUISVILLE: WESTMINSTER JOHN KNOX, 2023.
- THEOLOGIE ALS BEKENNTNIS. KARL BARTH'S KONTEXTUELLE LEKTÜRE DES HEIDELBERGER KATECHISMUS, FSÖTH, GÖTTINGEN: VANDENHOECK & RUPRECHT, 2015.

AND WORKS CO-EDITED:

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- THEOLOGIES OF THE DIGITAL, CO-EDITED WITH FREDERIKE VAN OORSCHOT. CURSOR_ ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR EXPLORATIVE THEOLOGIE 3/2021. HEIDELBERG: HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING.
- IDENTITAET, CO-EDITED WITH ARNE BACHMANN, RASMUS NAGEL, AND THOMAS RENKERT. CURSOR_ ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR EXPLORATIVE THEOLOGIE 2/2021. HEIDELBERG: HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING.
- NEULAND, CO-EDITED WITH ARNE BACHMANN, RASMUS NAGEL, AND THOMAS RENKERT, CURSOR_ ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR EXPLORATIVE THEOLOGIE 1/2019. HEIDELBERG: HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING.
- MENSCHENBILDER UND GOTTESBILDER. GESCHLECHT IN THEOLOGISCHER REFLEXION, EDS. LAURA-CHRISTIN KRANNICH, HANNA REICHEL, AND DIRK EVERS, LEIPZIG: EVA, 2019.
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- GOTTES GEIST UND MENSCHLICHER GEIST, EDS. GREGOR ETZELMÜLLER, HEIKE SPRINGHART, ALEXANDER MAßMANN, NINA MÜTZLITZ AND HANNA REICHEL, LEIPZIG: EVA, 2013.

