:Announcements:

Celebrations and Thanksgiving

- Pastor Travis and Hyunji have officially started at Aletheia
- Tara's Birthday is on 8/25

Communal Activities and Missions

- Counselors Appreciation BBQ is today after church in San Ramon
- Leaders Meetings will resume for the month of September TBD

General Announcements

- Please remember to clean up and vacate the sanctuary as there is a service that follows ours.
- If any of you have the heart to serve either in Sunday school or Youth, please talk to Tim.
- As new changes are upon Aletheia, let us continue to encourage each other in prayer and love.

Spiritual Gatherings:

- * Small Groups (varies)
- * Friday Night Meeting for August 29th: Bible study Q & A

Offering for July: \$1,950.50





Sunday Worship at 2 PM in the main sanctuary.

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Aletheia Ministries





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▲ (Please rise if you are able)

▲ Closing Praise

Praise Team

Sending

▲ Benediction

Pastor Travis

▲ Praise

Praise Team

Word

Gather

Scripture Reading

Andy K.

Reader: The passage for today is John 2:1-11

- 1) On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2) and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3) When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." 4) "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."
- 5) His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
- 6) Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.
- 7) Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.
- 8) Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9) and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10) and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."
- 11) This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Ministry Leaders
Andy K. (Small Groups and Mission)
Andrew, Micky, Hee Jun, David (Praise)
Jenny, Jong Duk, Andy Y. (Worship)
Jennifer (Finance)
Chris, Stephanie (Activities)
Tim, Young (Communications)
Aaron Ting (Community Life)

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Prayers of the People

Everyone

Pastor: Gracious God, who is light in the darkness, who is sight to the blind, who is strength to the besieged, who is the salvation to the lost, who is comfort to the fearful, we pray for those among us who are in need of God's touch. We pray for the many in society who may be in need of our assistance and prayers that they may receive comfort.

Pastor: Let us pray together in silence our communal prayers:

- * As we watch helplessly the continuing armed conflicts and instability in Syria, the Ukraine, Pakistan, Iraq, and Gaza...
- * As we suffer with those combating the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia...
- * As California in the United States suffers with the worst drought in a century while the eastern United States experiences record rainfall and flooding...
- * As we are made aware of the unrest in Ferguson ...

Everyone: Give us wisdom, O God, to turn to you in times of stress, fear, and grief; in times of blindness, temptation, danger, and perdition. Grant us patience to wait for you, and courage to be strong in your might, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession

▲ The Apostle's Creed

Everyone

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

▲ Confession of Sins

Everyone

Everyone: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Sharing

▲ Sharing of Peace

Pastor Travis

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you

Announcements

Tim

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

(Please refer to page eight)

Praise Team

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

▲ Offering Praise▲ Offering Prayer

Chris

▲ Eucharist (*Every first Sunday*)

Everyone

Presider: The Lord be with you. **People**: And also with you. **Presider**: Lift your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: We praise you and we bless you... lifting our voices to

magnify you as we say:

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

Presider: Glory and honor and praise to you... as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Presider and People: The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

:Post-communion Prayer:

Presider and People: God of abundance, we give you thanks for uniting us and restoring us in your image. You have graciously nourished us with spiritual food, and now, send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

:Sermon Notes for Small Group Discussions:

Pastor Travis

* What is your most memorable party or feast?

* Why did Jesus turn the water to wine, and why was it his first miracle (in the book of John)?

* Does your life reflect the enjoyment of Jesus?