

The Piper

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Eager to meet with you at the Church, your home, or a local café.

A Message from Father Martin

Here is my first sermon here at St. Andrew's as Interim:

Opening prayer: *Lord, open our ears that we may hear the words you have for us this morning. And open our hearts to receive the grace by which you have brought us together for reasons we may not yet fully understand.*

Good morning. I am Martin Yabroff, and I have been called by your Vestry and our Bishop to serve as Interim Pastor here at St. Andrew's. I am excited and humbled and a little over-whelmed to serve here with you all, and with you to serve as God leads and guides and enables us in this, God's Church.

Now I am comforted by our Collect for today, which sets the stage for my coming and for our ministries together: "Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy..."

So my coming to serve here with you all is not all about me. It is about what God can do and seeks to do through us all.

Having said that, let me tell you a bit about myself, and then let us consider the lessons appointed for us this morning. (While I am introducing myself here and now, I look forward to meeting with you more personally and to hearing your stories.)

About me. I just turned 66 last week. I grew up in Los Gatos and met my wife Eve at UCSC. We have been married 42 years and have 6 children and 8 grandchildren with one more on the way. After seminary, I was ordained through St. Mary's by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, then came to Scotts Valley in 1987 to help start St. Philip's Episcopal Church there. (Fr. Joe Kennedy, rector at the time here, shared in the vision of this new church-plant, and the initial 6 households were St. Andrew's members who lived in Scotts Valley.)

We served in Scotts Valley for 17 years, as that congregation grew and developed its property. We then moved to South Bend, Indiana, where I was Dean of St. James' Cathedral for almost 3 years. Then for family reasons we moved back to the West coast, to Tacoma, WA. I served 14 years as rector of St. Andrew's, Tacoma (interesting coincidence!). I retired last Fall from full-time parish ministry. But I am not done as a pastor and priest, and I am excited to serve here with you as part-time Interim.

We have bought a house in Felton, and our youngest daughter Annie and her family, including her 1 and 3 year old children, live in Santa Cruz. So here we are.

A little bit on where I am coming from theologically. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I believe that God sees and understands far more than you and I ever can, which is to say I am still learning and growing in faith. I believe that all persons are created in God's image, and we are called to love and respect and welcome all persons in the Church, regardless of their race or ethnic background or their gender or sexual orientation. We are called to

welcome and encourage all persons in their spiritual journeys, as children of God, whatever their religious or spiritual paths – respecting their traditions and sharing our own understanding of the loving, liberating and life-giving way of Jesus.

I am very glad to be an Episcopalian these days. The mission of the Episcopal Church, according to our Book of Common Prayer (p. 855) is to restore all people to unity with God and each other. As Christians we do this through our relationship with Christ.

If that seems overwhelming as mission – too much to aspire to – and sometimes it does, then I and we need to remember that this is God's Church, this is God's mission, with Jesus as the head of the Church. Throughout my priestly ministry, and especially as we were planting St. Philip's, I have kept Psalm 127 in front of me. It begins:

Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the watcher keeps their watch.

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of (anxious) toil, for the Lord gives to his beloved sleep. . . .

Let us now consider our lessons for today in terms of what is going on in our lives and here at St. Andrew's.

Our first lesson, from the prophet Jeremiah, offers us the beautiful image of a potter working with clay. The clay does not form itself into a beautiful and useful vessel. Instead, it is worked, formed and molded by the potter. As Jeremiah watched the potter at his or her wheel, he thought about how God is our potter, and we are clay in the potter's hands.

The early Church teacher St. Irenaeus reminds us that to be formed, the clay must be moist and pliable. We also need to keep our souls – our lives – soft and moist and pliable so that God our potter can form us for God's purposes. If we become hard and brittle, the clay must be broken and reconstituted to be worked again.

Our psalm today tells us that God has fashioned us, each in our own uniqueness and diversity. And God is with every one of us, even though sometimes you and I may feel all alone, or forgotten, or of no account. But God does know what is going on with each of us, and God cares, and loves us, and has plans for us: "Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope".(Jer. 29:11) beyond what we may know or understand right now.

Our Epistle lesson is the whole of Paul's Letter to Philemon. There is a lot in this reading. Over-all, Paul encourages Philemon (and us) to live and make decisions in light of God's love for us – God's grace in our lives. That is, we do not live just to ourselves, with our own expectations and preferences alone. We are loved, forgiven, blessed by our merciful and generous God. That makes a great deal of difference in how we live.

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Garden of Eatin'

An easy 5-ingredient recipe for cheese tortellini with pesto and a mix of roasted vegetables.

- 1 medium zucchini, halved lengthwise and sliced into half moons
- 1 small red onion, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes (about 2 cups)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Ground black pepper



- 2 (9-ounce) packages fresh cheese tortellini
- 1/3 cup store-bought or [homemade](#) basil pesto

Place the zucchini, red onion, and 1 pint cherry tomatoes on a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss well to coat and spread in an even layer. Roast at 425 degrees until tender and caramelized, 20 to 25 minutes. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

When the vegetables are ready, add the tortellini to the boiling water and cook according to package instructions until al dente. Drain and return the tortellini to the pot off the heat. Add the roasted vegetables and 1/3 cup basil pesto, and toss well to combine.

From Kitch'n Recipes

ON THE SCHEDULE

Join us at 10 am on Sundays

Father Martin Yabroff has now joined us as our Interim Priest. We welcome him back to the San Lorenzo Valley and look forward to his being with us.

SAVE THE DATE

We are busy planning the fundraisers for the remainder of the year, please keep these dates in mind!! We will ask your help in making each of these events a success — and bringing in the local community to experience our wonderful church.

Music and Wine-Tasting — Saturday, September 17, 2-5 pm

Enjoy some music and wine on a late-summer afternoon!! We will also plan for a silent auction.

Chili Cook-Off — Saturday, October 22

We'll be calling on all those who have a delicious chili recipe they would like to share. Be the one to have your name added to the distinguished list on the plaque in our parish hall.

Halloween — Monday, October 31

Cathy Newfield is planning to decorate the church for Halloween and be present for Trick or Treaters. Please contact Cathy to volunteer!!!

Holiday Bake Sale — Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18

Here's the chance for all of St. Andrew's terrific bakers to share their favorite holiday goodies. Special raffle offerings!

St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Steve Lefever, Senior Warden
Rochelle Kelly, Junior Warden
Cindy Garay
Susan Greer

Sheryl Mello
Sue Roe
Ray Wentz

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the Parish Hall.

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I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. – Ephesians 3:17-19

An Invitation
from Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry
to Practice the Way of Love

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called "the way."

Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world?

The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a "Rule of Life." The framework you now hold – **The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life** – outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of **Turn – Learn – Pray – Worship – Bless – Go – Rest**, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.

Your brother in the Way of Jesus,

+Michael

For complete information, please go to link
[Way of Love Introduction \(episcopalchurch.org\)](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/digital-resources)
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/digital-resources>



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

What is the Way of Love?

The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, **Go**, Rest – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practice it.

What is a Rule of Life? How Do I Begin? A Rule of Life is an intentional commitment to a set of practices that provide guidance, rhythm and inspiration for living a beautiful, meaningful and holy life. As we place these practices at the heart of our daily lives and join with companions who share the commitment, we grow more and more in the unselfish, hope-filled Way of Love that Jesus embodied in the world.

Lambeth Conference Q&A with our Bishop **September 18 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm PDT**

Curious about what happened at the Lambeth Conference of Anglican/Episcopal bishops from all around the world? Bishop Lucinda will have a Q&A Zoom to answer any questions you may have.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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St. Andrew's Birthdays

September Birthdays

2 — Dave Erdman	7 — Jim Roe
3 — Katherine McCormick	13 — Dustin Katz
4 — Diane McCormick	13 — MaryJo Neish
5 — Delle Townsend	26 — Steven Rooks
6 — John Wooliscroft	

October Birthdays

1 — Judyth Suttle	21 — Zeke Erdman
3 — Rick Garay	27 — Ray Wentz
6 — Kerry LeRoux	
8 — Eve Yabroff	29 — Steve Ruff
16 — Joey Katz	30 — Blaine Hammond
18 — Paul Balch	31 — Stephen Mello
18 — Jean Templeman	

Statement from Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on the death of Queen Elizabeth II

Today we mourn the passing and celebrate the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II. My prayers for peace go out for her, for her loved ones, and for all those who knew and loved her throughout the world.

Her resilience, her dignity, and her model of quiet faith and piety have been—and will continue to be—an example for so many.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Of course, we love our families, and hopefully life itself. But our families or anything other than God cannot be our highest value, our highest priority, or the basis of salvation.

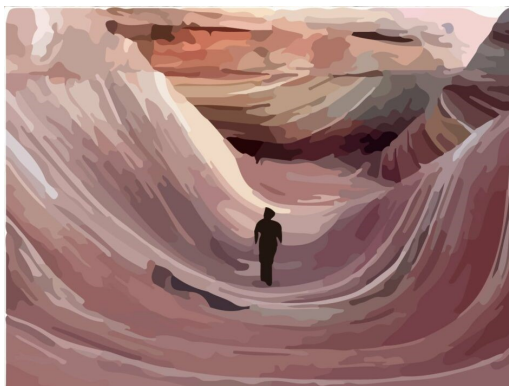
Some of you may be familiar with the 12 Steps of AA and other recovery programs. (They contain profound spiritual teaching.) One must realize that one is powerless on one's own about alcoholism or addiction, or sin. It is only by turning to and trusting in and relying on a higher power – God – that we can move towards sobriety and sanity and salvation. We cannot do it on our own human strength (mighty and capable as you may be.)

Jesus speaks of building a tower. You and I cannot build up this parish just on our own (your very able Wardens and Vestry and all of this active and hard-working congregation notwithstanding.) We cannot on our own overcome all the forces and barriers of our society and this crazy world. We must count the cost – consider our mission and our own limits – and realize that we cannot do this all on our own. And as we trust God, and together seek God's will and direction (together – I am not here to tell you, this is a team effort), then we are in for an exciting and wonderful ministry together.

One last scripture, which has been at the forefront of my being a priest and pastor these 37 years, is Ephesians 3:20-21:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

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Courage in the Wilderness

42nd Convention of El Camino Real SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022.

Nominations

The Call for Nominations for diocesan leadership positions is available in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#) with descriptions of the available positions; it includes links to online nomination forms in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Nominations are due on September 30.

Resolutions

The Call for Resolutions is available [here](#) with full details.

Resolutions are due September 6.

Save the Dates:

Deanery meetings in advance of Convention will be held in September on the following dates (all times 6:30 to 8:30 pm, held via Zoom)

Tuesday, September 13: San Luis Obispo Deanery

Wednesday, September 14: Monterey Deanery

Thursday, September 15: Santa Clara Valley Deanery

For questions about diocesan convention, please contact Jeff Diehl, Secretary to Convention, at jdiehl@albionenvironmental.com.

Wine and Music Festival

Saturday, September 17, 2 –5 pm

Please contact Cindy Garay to volunteer your help —

A sign-up sheet has been posted by the Church Office — volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up, as well as food and serving.

Join in for an afternoon of music by *Purple Sunday* and wine-tasting of premium wines from selected wineries in Napa, Sonoma, Carmel Valley, and Paso Robles.

\$30 per adult and \$50 per family with 2 adults. Price includes custom wine glass and 3 wine tastings. If you prefer not to do a wine tasting, there is also a \$20 wine glass only admission fee. Appetizers and soft drinks are free. Children are admitted free and there will be activities for them on the porch.



See you on Saturday, September 17th between 2 and 5.

Invitation to First Annual Harvest Festival Fundraiser

St Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church would like to invite you to our first annual Harvest Festival Dinner, October 9th Harvest Festival Dinner, 5-8:30pm. We'll have BBQ, fruits and preserves from our community garden, live music, a silent auction and a pie auction. Tickets are \$5/child and \$25/adult and can be purchased on our website or at the door. St Stephen's in-the-Field is located at 7269 Santa Teresa Blvd, San José, CA

Join the 2022 "Pilgrimage with Race" course

The unique curriculum of [*A Storied Pilgrimage with Race*](#) explores issues of race in our diocese; it is a holy offering of video interviews, education, action items, and room for reflection. Throughout 2022 you are invited to participate in this course by attending monthly Zoom calls to undertake this journey together. Completion of this pilgrimage fulfills the requirement for anti-racism training in the Diocese of El Camino Real; it is required for clergy and strongly encouraged for all in leadership.

We will meet 7pm to 8:30pm on **Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6.** To sign up, please email the Rev. Canon Martha Korienek



I trust in the Lord with all my heart;
and lean not unto my own understanding.
In all my ways I acknowledge Him, and
He shall direct my paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

St. Andrew's Worship Service

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am
Services are now conducted with Eucharist.

**Reservations are not needed to
attend in-person services—you have a
standing invitation!**