

# NOTES:



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## JAMES ROBINSON

James Robinson is a phenomenal guitarist from the San Francisco Bay Area suburb of Campbell CA. James Robinson gives a high energy and charismatic performance that is not afraid to explore instrumental improvisation to the deepest level. Each performance is a trip into the magical realm of sound, with the depths of his music fueled by the energy of the audience.

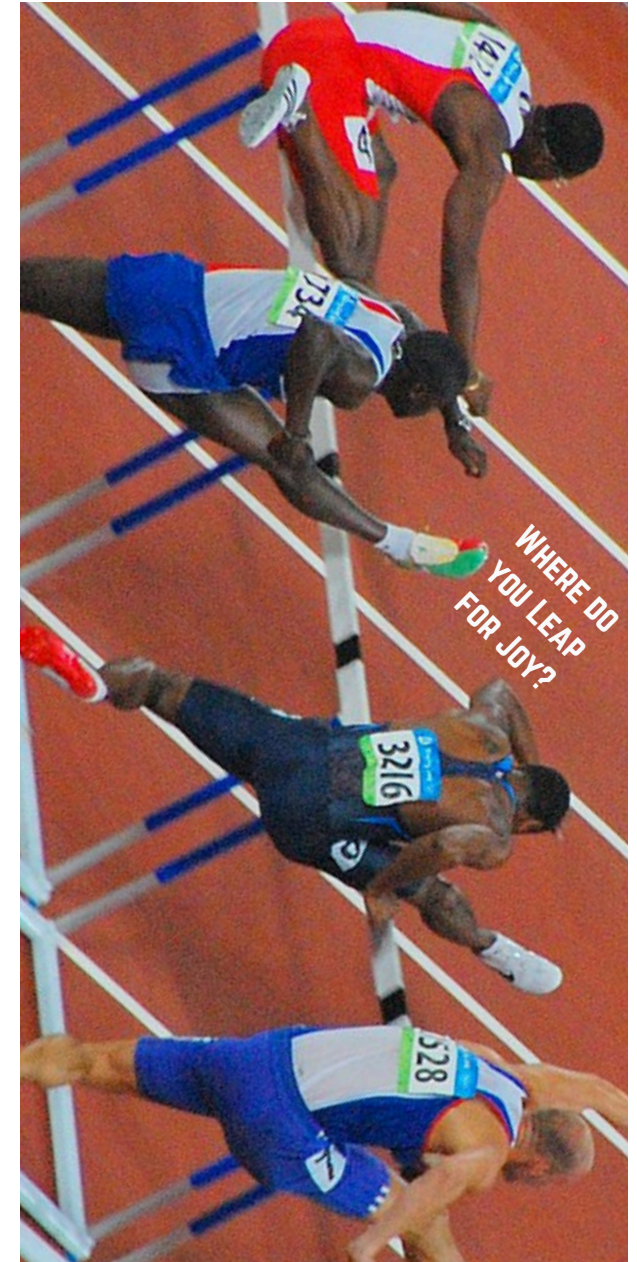
James Robinson grew up in the San Jose suburb of Campbell, the twelfth of thirteen children, and was inspired to learn classical piano at age eight and moving to guitar at the age of 12. James studied voraciously every imaginable kind of music 8-10 hours a day.

All manner of instruments and styles were played in the household, from jazz, classical piano, fusion, blues, country, rock, and the list goes on. The Robinson family home is always filled with every music style imaginable!

James is greatly inspired by the multi-cultural influences of his home. James blends these unique musical colors into a virtuosic exhibition, leaving listeners in awe of his talent.

James performs true musical fusion by integrating multiple genres and musical styles from around the globe and crafting these colorful sounds with musical artistry.

Robinson names Al Di Meola, John McLaughlin and Paco de Lucía as deeply influential in the development of his sound. Robinson expands on the Latin World Jazz blended acoustic genre (Santana), and adds Allan Holdsworth, Pat Metheny, and Robben Ford, and Jimmy Hendrix with screaming electric guitar.



10:30 AM  
**OCTOBER 5, 2025**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

II. Meditation, from *Arabic Suite* by Bálint Karosi  
Zerek Dodson, organ

## WELCOME

Rev. Mike Mather & Lynnette Li

## MUSIC FOR ENTERING

"Sunrise Raga" by James Robinson

## THE CALL

Rev. Mike Mather

## HYMN

#2035 "African Processional"

## SCRIPTURE READING & WITNESS

Luke 6:23a

Duncan Hutchins

## SERMON

Leap for Joy  
Rev. Mike Mather

## COMMUNION

A Sung Liturgy for World Communion Sunday  
To the tune of #92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Cuban and Andalusian Themes  
Traditional - Arranged by James Robinson

## HYMN

#2126 "All Who Hunger"

## BENEDICTION & PRESCRIPTION

Rev. Mike Mather

## MUSIC INTO LIFE

"Yuecel" by James Robinson

*A special thank you to our guest musician this morning, James Robinson.*

*Read more about James and his work on the back of the pew paper.*

## COMMUNION LITURGY

To the tune of #92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Gather, friends, from far and near  
Gather, friends - you are welcome  
Come to the table, join the meal  
God invites us, every one.

**Sing together, voices raise to our God this song of praise.**

God, you made us out of love,  
Each one different, yet like you  
We're one people, all the earth  
Many nations, many-hued

**Sing together, everyone! Tell the world what God has done!**

Though we are one, we've built up walls,  
Nurtured fears and pain and strife,  
In our anger, turned away  
From the gift of God-breathed life.

**Holy God, we turn to you. We repent and start anew.**

So you sent your holy child,  
Come to share your reign on earth  
Breaking all our barriers down  
Teaching us our sacred worth

**Jesus Christ, God's gift of grace! At the meal we take our place.**

Jesus shared a meal with friends  
Took and blessed and shared the bread  
"This, my life, I give to you  
Remember when you eat again"

**We remember, we give thanks, for the meal of love and grace.**

Jesus took a cup of wine  
Shared with friends fruit of the vine  
"In this cup forgiveness find,  
Gift of mercy, gift divine.

**We remember, we give thanks, for the meal of love and grace.**