

Whether you come as a searcher, stranger, faithful member or friend, your presence expands our faith community and enriches the fellowship of this church. We welcome you in friendship and in faith. We care for you in spirit and in deed, through Jesus Christ, the foundation of our faith and our window upon spiritual life.

**September 4, 2016     Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost     9:15 AM**

*As a courtesy to other worshippers, please turn your cell phone off or to vibrate. Thank you.*

**PRELUDE** John Douglas

**SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP** David Roger, President

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** Family Song

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Michelle Trumbo, Liturgist

- One: On this Labor Day weekend and unofficial ending of summer, we devote ourselves to the dignity of useful work and productive lives.
- Many: We are thankful for the gifts of every season, especially the change of pace and warm blessings that summer brings to us.**
- One: May we always remember that our worth is not determined solely by what we do for a living but by what we do with our lives and our gifts.
- Many: In the pulse of life, this season beats a little louder, a little faster. We gather to enjoy a Sabbath rest and the experience of worship.**
- One: May we enliven our imagination to find in our places of work and in our leisure all sorts of opportunities for works of compassion and love.
- Prayer: Creating Goddess, directing with wisdom the ongoing work of creation and recreation, we thank you for calling us to be coworkers with you in the making of community and the care of Earth, our home. Empower all in the struggle for equal opportunity and just compensation, and teach us the art of living with balance the twin gifts of labor and leisure. Amen.**

**OPENING SONG** (please stand) *Like a Healing Stream*  
Please greet those around you after this song, and then be seated. Thank you.

**WORDS OF WELCOME** Pastor Mike Holland  
*Please sign the blue Fellowship Tablet at this time, pass it to the person next to you and return it to the center aisle when everyone has signed. We invite guests to share addresses and phone #s.*

## Ministry Opportunities



**TODAY:**

**11:00 AM Adult Forum with Rev. Barbara Grear in Fellowship Hall.**  
You are invited to see Barbara's slide show of Rwanda and Uganda.

"Rwanda and Uganda 2016 with Masai Mara Connections"

**11:30 AM ONA Ministry (Open & Affirming) Brunch** at Rutabegorz, 158 W. Main St, Tustin, CA 92780, 714-731-9807. All are welcome!

**CHURCH OFFICE is closed tomorrow, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day.**



**JOIN CHURCH FRIENDS** at Ruby's Diner this **Tues., September 6, 4-7 PM** for a fun, tasty & enjoyable way **to raise funds for student scholarships to church camps.** Pick up a red flyer in the Narthex today. Dine-in or take-out! 13102 Newport Ave., Tustin, 714-838-7829. Invite family and friends.

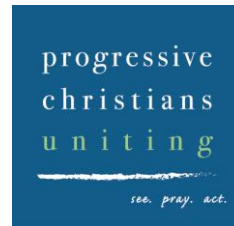
**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: FALL RALLY DAY:** New Sunday School Classes begin for Children and Youth! After worship, Hospitality Ministry will provide burgers & dogs and Christian Education Ministry will provide Ice Cream with Toppings. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to our fall season kick off.



**FAMILY PROMISE IS COMING SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 2: WE NEED GIFT CARDS TO STATER BROS. or TARGET.** Purchase them at the SCRIP table in Fellowship Hall. See Jack Provencio for more info

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 6:00 PM:** Jim & Jean Strathdee Sing-a-Long at First Christian Church of Orange, 1138 E. Walnut Ave., Orange 92867, 714-538-9681.

**ATTENTION NEWCOMERS:** Pastor Mike will be offering four "Inquirers' Classes" here at Church of the Foothills this fall for anyone interested in knowing more about the *Wisdom* of Jesus, the *Progressive Christian Movement*, and our church's mission and ministries. **Classes are held Sundays after worship, 11:00 AM to noon Sept 25 and Oct 2, 9 & 16,** in the Fireside Room of Fellowship Hall (ask anyone for directions). Take one or all four! Childcare is provided. See Pastor Mike for more information or just show up!





**September 16-17, 2016**

*The Secular Gospel of Jesus*

With Professors Joanna Dewey & Celene Lillie

Hosted by Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave., Redlands, CA 92373. To Register, please go to: [www.westarinstitute.org](http://www.westarinstitute.org)

The historical Jesus vision of the "Empire of God" addressed the present, not the future; his parables concerned life on earth, not a distant heaven. His wisdom to address the concerns of common life remains as significant today as it was then.

*Note: Pastor Mike will be attending, so check with him about a possible car pool.*

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PSWR Golf Classic

Fundraiser for Pacific Southwest DOC Ministries

Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the San Dimas Canyon Golf Course

Check-in at 9 AM with shotgun start for 11 AM.

Registration deadline Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.



Fees are: \$185 per golfer, \$100 for first timers, \$75 per golfer for Junior Golfers

**To join the Church of the Foothills Golf Team see Pastor Mike.**

The Opportunity Drawing prizes are as follows: •First Prize - Pantages Theater Package (7 Broadway shows); •Second Prize - Musco Center @ Chapman. 2 tickets—3 different Shows; •Third Prize - Apple iPad mini.

\*\* Don Shelton Scholarship Fund Grand Prize Drawing is a five-day/four-night cruise. Buy your Opportunity tickets at the Scrip table TODAY!!

Progressive Christians Uniting is transitioning to a volunteer-based advocacy organization on October 1. Come and celebrate our legacy, our achievements and our future.

Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 7 – 9 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30)  
Armory Center for the Arts  
145 N. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena




Wine & hors d'oeuvres with fun, interactive stations representing ongoing essential elements of PCU

\$50 to "Wine" and Unite for Change

Attire: Wear your best protest or tie dye shirt  
RSVP to 213-625-0149

Help us transition into this new phase—we need you! And our current national context needs PCU! If you can't come, please send a donation!

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*From a Distance*

Sarah Shimanek

By Julie Gold

### CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Pastor Mike

### CHURCH SCHOOL Children and youth are excused to Sunday School

*Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*

### MORNING PRAYERS

#### Sharing Joys & Concerns

The Congregation

**Cards are available in the pew racks; please fill out and place in offering plate.**

Elaine Bredenbeck for the family of Ken Philips. Russ Waddell for partner William Rodriguez. Joan Kaul & Judy Campbell for Claire, Susan & Larry, Karen & John, Jerry & Joella, Patti & Mike, MaryLee & Dave, Pat & Dan, Jim C., Gemma & Jerry, Ava & Family, Mario. Shirley Sullens for granddaughter Heidi. Dan & Lynn Stiegler for daughter & son-in-law Carol & Erik. Debbie Hollister for myself and my co-workers. Co-worker Sue Siegal & her husband "Teek". Bobbie Taylor for friend Ron Brideweser. Jim & Keni Cox for neighbor Christine & friend Terri. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim. Dale & Arlene Post for friend Marion Barstow. Suvan Geer for friends Jan Thompson, Myrna Friedman Family & Thiffault Family.

#### Quiet Meditation

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### UNISON PRAYER – Reinhold Niebuhr

**Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore, we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone, therefore, we are saved by love. By sharing our stories, admitting our fears and failures, yet acting together once again, there is the real possibility that our spirituality will deepen and our world be transformed. Amen.**

### SONG

*Sanctuary*

### READING

Genesis 2:1-3; Matthew 11:28-30

See Insert

### MESSAGE

Sabbath Magic  
& the Lessons of a Fairy Tale

Pastor Mike Holland

## **HYMN OF COMMUNION** (please stand) *One Bread, One Body*

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All worshipers are invited to participate. We partake of the bread as it is passed, then hold the cup so that we may drink as "one" at the direction of the pastor.*

Meditation & Prayer

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

Marcus Curtis, Elder

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Spirit of all life, we are grateful you meet us at this table and move among this bread and cup; make us mindful of our oneness with You and all creation, and make every tomorrow possible. Amen.***

## **A TIME FOR GIVING**

Offertory

John Douglas

Receiving of Gifts

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor Mike Holland

## **CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE**

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;***

***I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.***

***I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;***

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (Repeat)***

## **POSTLUDE**

John Douglas

***Anyone desiring to be a disciple of Christ and member of this church is encouraged to speak to the minister after the service.***

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Be sure to place your food or cash donations for Southwest Community Center in the shopping cart located in the fellowship hall.

You can hear today's service, and download an mp3 file, from our website at:  
[www.churchofthefoothills.org](http://www.churchofthefoothills.org)

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments.

Interested in knowing more about "Progressive Christian" faith?  
Copies of Dr. Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*, available at the Kiosk (\$10 donation)

## **In Need of Prayers?**

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or others, please contact the church office at [churchoffice@chotf.org](mailto:churchoffice@chotf.org) or 714-544-1319.

## **The Use of Inclusive Language**

Our church believes the Holy or Divine Spirit can be experienced as both male and female gender. We use inclusive language such as God, Goddess, Creator, Christ, Logos or Sophia to express the universal nature of this Spirit. Sophia (Greek word for Wisdom) is used for Christ in the New Testament.

## **Our Philosophy of Worship**

Recognizing the diversity of personal preferences, taste and interest in the people who worship here at Church of the Foothills, we are committed to a "blended" approach in our service that includes traditional, classical, contemporary, gospel, folk, modern, and other types of music. We hope the richness of the worship experience will enhance the spiritual life and faith of all who participate. Please address any suggestions, questions or concerns to Pastor Mike, the Elders or the Worship Committee. Thank you for participating in our worship service today.

**Small Group Ministries** provide opportunity to share spiritual fellowship, activities, support and mission projects with others. For more information about the following Small Group Ministries, please contact:

### **Bridge Club**

### **Chancel Choir**

### **Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)**

### **Family Promise (homeless families with children)**

### **Foothills Fellowship**

### **Hearts & Minds**

### **Mixed Media (arts, plays, movies)**

### **Monday Night Study Group**

### **ONA (LGBTQI) Study Group**

### **PB&J (Peace, Benevolence & Justice)**

### **Sacred Seasons Center**

### **Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless)**

### **Gloria Wildman**

### **Tina Peterson**

### **Esther Gressard**

### **Jack Provencio**

### **Jennifer Surges**

### **Colleen & Melody Taylor**

### **Suvan Geer**

### **Kathy Dunlap**

### **Lianne Oakes**

### **Rev. Nancy Brink**

### **Keni Cox**

### **Sunny Erickson**

### **Rev. Susan Chamberlain**

### **Dan Grisct**

### **Carmen Mercado**

In addition to Small Groups, Church of the Foothills offers a host of Ministry Team as a way to be involved in church, community and around the world for peace, love and justice. Just complete and turn in the **Passion and Gifts Survey on the table in the Narthex**. Thanks.



# WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us this morning. Please use the blue Friendship Booklet from the pew rack:

- To include your name, address and phone number
- To get a message to the minister
- To indicate your interest in church membership

If you are a visitor, please take one of the name badges (located in the Friendship Booklet) write your name on it and wear it so that we may recognize you as our guest, greet you by name and extend to you our hand of friendship. Packets for visitors are available outside the sanctuary at the Information Booth and by the board for name tags. **Telex Sound Enhancement receivers are available in the narthex for the convenience of the hearing impaired.**

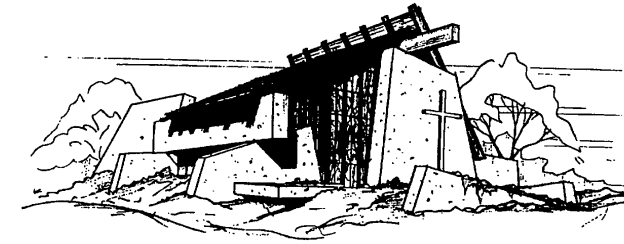
Infant & Toddler care is offered in the nursery.

**Need someone to talk with about life and faith? For pastoral assistance: Pastor Mike is available during office hours of 9-2, M-T-Th; for other times call 714-423-0182. For an Elder, call the church office at 714-544-1319. For a trained Stephen Minister, call 714-798-4479 or visit [http://www.fcco-doc.org/ministries/stephen\\_ministry.php](http://www.fcco-doc.org/ministries/stephen_ministry.php) for more info. Peace to you.**

Elders for the week: Marcus Curtis and Michelle Trumbo  
Communion Preparation: Maureen Rosenquist  
AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez,  
Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens  
Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, September 4 -- 10, 2016

<b>Today 9/4</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Morning Worship, Communion</b>
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> - Ages Pre-K through Senior High <i>(Nursery available for infants &amp; toddlers)</i>
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Fellowship/Coffee time</b> - Fellowship Hall <i>(remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)</i>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Adult Forum with Rev. Barbara Grear</b> -- FH
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>ONA Brunch</b> - Tustin
<b>Mon.9/5</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> in observance of Labor Day
<b>Tues. 9/6</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Ruby's Night</b> – Take a Red Flyer
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Christian Education Ministry Meeting</b> - Library
<b>Wed.9/7</b>		<b>SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE</b>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>CWF</b> – Fireside Room
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b> - Sanctuary
<b>Thurs.9/8</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Life &amp; Times of Jesus</b> - Sanctuary
<b>Fri.9/9</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Bridge on the Go</b> - FH
<b>Sat. 9/11</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Choir Retreat</b> – First Christian Church, Orange
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Mixed Media Welcome Back</b> – Dunlap-'s home



Church  
of the  
Foothills

**United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ**  
**A Progressive, Open and Affirming and Global Mission Church**

*...with God's help, we seek to keep this a Christ-centered church with a warm and friendly heart, an open mind and an adventurous spirit.*



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Rev. Kel Henderson, Minister of Christian Education & Family Life  
Robbie Arevalos, Director of Youth Ministries  
Tina Peterson, Director of Music Ministries  
John Douglas, Organist  
Jeff Segal, Drummer  
Marci Carey & Lindsey Eidsvold, Preschool Co-Directors  
Kathy Vail, Church Secretary  
Dana Block & Jami Underwood, Childcare Personnel  
Rev. Nancy Brink, Rev. Susan Chamberlain, Rev. Bernie Davis, Rev. Dr. Duane Day,  
Rev. Barbara Grear, Rev. Adelia Sandoval, Ministers in Residence

*Church of the Foothills is an accepting, caring, open and affirming Christian congregation, that welcomes and includes all people of every ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, different ability, economic status or religious background.*