

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.

February 12, 2017 **Science / Evolution Sunday** **9:45 AM**

As a courtesy to other worshipers, please turn your cell phones off or to vibrate. Thank you.

PRELUDE John Douglas

SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP María Pérez, President

INTROIT *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Chancel Choir
by Jim Strathdee

CALL TO WORSHIP Michelle Trumbo, Liturgist

One: Beneath the mists of time, before the world was formed, beyond our understanding, in the beginning was the Divine, Mothering creation, Fathering history, Parenting earth's creatures, from the beginning.

Many: **God who called all life into being, the earth, sea and sky, is present all around us, in and through all things, including us.**

One: Every atom is full of divine energy. Goddess's Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth, with her we yearn for universal justice to be done.

Many: **We gather in the presence of God whose wisdom is revealed in the works of science and in the world of creature life known to us.**

One: Mindful of all that is still unknown and mysterious, we communion with a Goddess who seeks to know and to be known by us.

Prayer: **Gardener God, Creator of all things, living and inanimate, You evolve with us today, shining like the February sun, promising a tomorrow. The wind tells us You are near, and the rain makes vows You alone can keep. May we find You in every blooming tree and in the brightness of the morning streaming through windows, and know Your presence as becoming, always. Amen.**

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) *This is My Father's, Mother's World*

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:

Joe Black will take pictures of anyone or family for the Church Directory.

11:15 AM Hearts & Minds Ministry (safe, respectful listening and sharing), Junior High Room, led by Suvan Geer

11:30 AM Confirmation Welcoming & Introductory Gathering for all SR High youth and their parents & guardians. Come and learn about Confirmation Classes that begin Feb. 26. Classes begin Sunday, February 26 and will meet on Sundays, **4:30-5:30 PM**, and last until April 2. Confirmation Sunday is April 9 (Palm Sunday).



TOMORROW, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 12 – 1:30 PM All are invited to attend a special Seder celebration of the Jewish Holiday at Temple Beth Sholom, 2615 N. Tustin Ave., Santa Ana 92705. Sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Central Orange County. In the Jewish calendar this is the time of year to celebrate and honor the sacred and unique connection that exists between people and nature. Fruits from the vine and tree will be present, and a light luncheon provided with a suggested **donation of \$10 / person.** If you plan to attend, Please RSVP / ASAP to brendadavis15@att.net

FIESTA FUNDRAISER AT Don Jose Mexican Cafe, 14882 Holt Ave., Tustin, 714-832-3280, Wed., February 15, 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM ALL DAY! Join your friends and help raise funds for student scholarships for camps. Pick up a flyer in the narthex.

NEWCOMERS! We Have Inquirers' Classes Just for You! Led by **Pastor Mike** for anyone interested in knowing more about *Progressive Christianity*, being a disciple of Christ, and what it means to be a member of our church, *four Sundays after worship, Feb 26, March 5, 12, & 19.* Take one or all four. Child care provided. See Pastor Mike for more information, or just show up for class. **New Member Sunday is March 19!**

A STUDY OF WORLD RELIGION: You can still join Pastor Mike's class of A Study of World Religion on **Monday nights Feb 13, Feb 27 to Mar 13, April 3 to 24, and May 8-22** in the Sanctuary. The goals of the class are:



(1) To identify the relationship between history, geography, culture and the emergence of religious thought and practice; (2) To describe the basic beliefs, practices and values of the major world religions; (3) To discern the importance of religion in society today, analyzing its impact upon ethics, social trends and politics. All are welcome, and any donations for the class go toward the Pastor's Sabbatical Fund.

STEWARDSHP UPDATE: 68 PLEDGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR \$204,286. Our goal is \$205,000. Help us go over our goal!! Have you turned in an Estimate of Giving Card yet? 2017 pledge cards are available in the narthex. Thanks for your support!



PASTOR - JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT Friday night and Saturday, March 3-4



Local DOC ministers will lead a Retreat and Pastor's Class at First Christian Church of Orange. Workshops include: Lord's Supper, Baptism, Spiritual Practices, Faith Statements. Cost: \$6. Bring Bible, pencil, sleeping bag & pillow, toiletries, pajamas, snacks. If interested in attending, please see Pastor Mike or Rev. Kel.



ANTHEM

Abba, Teach Me
By Mark Clark, Arr. Brad Nix

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos, Youth Director

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.

David & Lisa Letourneau for sister Midge Torre & neighbor Jackie Ward. Dale & Arlene Post for friend Mary Jane Boyer. Colleen & Melody for sister Marcia, niece Nicki, friend Rod. Jim & Keni Cox for neighbor Christine & friend Terri. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim, sister Benita & husband Roland. Inge Winbigler for daughter's friend Sidney Sigefus. Underwood's for Stephen & Kristine Underwood & friend Christy Clark and her family. Debbie Hollister for good friend Judy Strother. Joan Kaul & Judy Campbell for Claire, Kelly & family, Susan & Larry, Karen & John, Colleen & Melody, Heim family, Gemma & family, Boelart family, Alan H. S.W., C.W., Ava, Julie, Aunyx, Liz, Dodie, Yolanda, Bartlow family, Margit, Jim & Belle. Annette Duarte for my mom.

Quiet Time *Meditation on the Astral and Ancestral, by Rev. Jessica Purple Rodela*
Mary Carden, Reader

Pastoral Prayer

THE PRAYER OF JESUS, based on Teilhard de Chardin's "Mass on the World"

Our Loving Creator, who is within and beyond; Whose spirit breathes through and makes divine all dimensions of the universe; Holy be Your name. Teach us to listen to Your breath within our hearts, that in ourselves and in communion one with another, we may become as You would have us be. Strengthen our endeavor to build this Your sacred earth in caring stewardship with people of all creeds and origins. Give us this day the bread of life, the opportunity to grow, the wisdom and honesty to face our shortcomings, the courage to confront our pain; that healed by Your love, we may heal the pain in others. Be with us when our lives are shattered by dark and disabling forces; Lead us from darkness to light, for Yours is the vision, the animating and transcendent power of love. Amen.

SONG

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

Page 32, vs 1,2 & 6

SCRIPTURE A Responsive Reading based on the Psalms See Insert

MESSAGE *The Evolution of God, and Us* Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand) *For the Beauty of the Earth* Page 28

A TIME FOR GIVING (Online giving is an option through churchofthefoothills.org)
Sharing Our Faith Patrick Nailon, Elder
Offertory
Receiving of Gifts

BENEDICTION Pastor Mike Holland

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *You Are!*

You are the essence of creation.
You are stronger than the walls we build to keep us apart.
You are! You are beyond our words to hold you.
You are beyond our understanding, yet known within our hearts.
(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.*

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

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)

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.

In Need of Prayers?

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

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	Gloria Wildman
Chancel Choir	Tina Peterson
Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)	Esther Gressard
Family Promise (homeless families with children)	Jack Provencio
Foothills Fellowship	Jennifer Surges
	Colleen & Melody Taylor
Hearts & Minds	Suvan Geer
Mixed Media (arts, plays, movies)	Kathy Dunlap
Monday Night Study Group	Lianne Oakes
ONA (LGBTQI) Ministry	Carmen Mercado
	Rosadelia Mercado
PB&J (Peace, Benevolence & Justice)	Keni Cox
	Sunny Erickson
Sacred Seasons Center	Rev. Susan Chamberlain
Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless)	Dan Grisct
	Carmen Mercado

In addition to Small Groups, Church of the Foothills offers a host of Ministry Teams 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.**

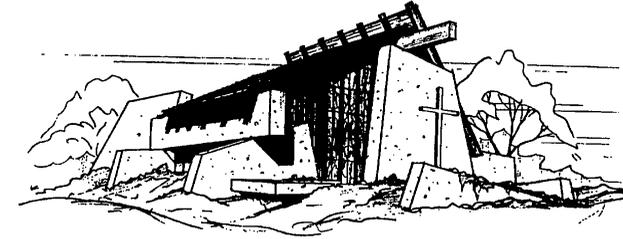
Infant & Toddler care is offered in the nursery.

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 for more info. Peace to you.

Elders for the week: Patrick Nailon and Michelle Trumbo
AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez,
Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, February 12 -- 18, 2017

Today 2/12	9:45 AM	Morning Worship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High <i>(Nursery available for infants & toddlers)</i>
	11:00 AM	Fellowship/Coffee time - Fellowship Hall <i>(remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)</i>
	11:15 AM	Hearts & Minds Ministry -- JR
Mon. 2/13	4:30 PM	Confirmation & Introductory Gathering
	11:00 AM	Interfaith Council to Temple Beth Shalom
	7:00 PM	Study of World Religion - Sanctuary
Tues. 2/14	7:00 PM	Preschool Mtg. - Library
	7:00 PM	Finance Ministry Mtg. -- Library
Wed. 2/15	SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE	
	10:00 AM	CWF, Fireside Room
	11:00 AM – 9:00 PM	Don Jose Fiesta Fundraiser – take a flyer with you
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Fri. 2/17	7:30 PM	TG Rainbow -- SR
Sat. 2/18	6:00 PM	Sweetheart Dance & Dinner -- FH



Church
of the
Foothills

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



19211 Dodge Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92705
(714) 544-1319 Fax (714) 573-7722
Website: www.churchofthefoothills.org E-mail: churchoffice@choff.org

Rev. Dr. Michael Holland, Pastor
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, Preschool Director
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.