

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.

April 23, 2017 **Earth Day 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 *Sister, Brother, Peaceful Spirit* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Nancy Brink, Liturgist

One: The first Earth Day was held in 1970, giving voice to an emerging consciousness, channeling energy toward environmental issues.

Many: **We are now entering our 47th year of a movement that continues to inspire, challenge ideas, ignite passion and motivate action.**

One: As followers of the Way of Christ, let us continue to lead with groundbreaking ideas and by the power of our example and ministry.

Many: **Care for the Earth and all creatures is more than just a single day. It's bigger than attending a rally and taking a stand.**

One: Let's make big stuff happen. Let's plant billions of trees, make our cities 100% renewable, and create a sustainable economy.

Many: **Let's build on momentum from the Paris Climate Summit. And let's not stop until we have healed our planet and world.**

Prayer: **Ever Creating Goddess, your divine love extends through time and space, to all of creation which You call good. You invite us to enter into communion with all who seek to care for the world. As people of faith, we hear Your call to a covenant of love and justice that extends to the whole of the Earth. Today we pray for the healing of our planet that present and future generations may enjoy the fruits of creation. Amen.**

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Page 31

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:

5:00 PM Growth Ministry Dinner for New Members & Visitors

Gloria Wildman's home. Please let Gloria or Pastor Mike know if you are planning to attend, thanks.

WORLD RELIGIONS Class with Pastor Mike, Monday April 24, 7-9 PM Sanctuary

Please let Pastor Mike know if you need Child care. Any donations go toward the Pastor's Sabbatical Fund. This week's class will explore Buddhism. All are welcome.

HELP US PREPARE FOR MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY BY SENDING PHOTOS

of your parents to Robin Underwood for a special visual presentation in worship. Include identifying information: name and whose mother/father. Photos can be old or new, young or young-at-heart mothers and fathers. Either Email to Robin Underwood, hand an envelope to Robin, David, Justin, Daniel or Jami Underwood or Robin's dad Jim Swander, or mail to Robin Underwood. All photos will be returned. All photos turned in last year will be used again unless replaced by you. Thank you, Robin.

A NEW AV SOUND SYSTEM IS A TOP PRIORITY. FUNDRAISER goal: \$60,000.

Given to date: \$12,806. Mark envelop: "AV Sound System". Thank you!



FRIDAY & SATURDAY

APRIL 28 & 29

7:00 AM — 2:00 PM

We are ready to receive your donations of clothing, household, automotive, children, yard and sporting goods... Items can be placed on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Please wait to bring large items the week of April 23rd.

THE SCRIP PROGRAM here at Church of the Foothills can help with many of



your everyday needs. Whether shopping, cooking, or traveling, every purchase using SCRIP cards from the church gives a percentage back to the church, so stop by the Scrip table in fellowship hall and place your holiday orders today.

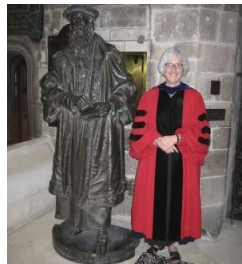
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Sign up for "Church of the Foothills Santa Ana" on Facebook and stay connected to church friends and keep up with what's going on.

ADULT FORUM: *Celtic Christian Spirituality*

NEXT SUNDAY, April 30 - 11:15 AM

Led by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Prichard



A revival of interest in Celtic art, history, and culture has led to the rebirth of a spirituality that is rooted in the sacred geography of these Celtic peoples. “New” Celts such as John Philip Newell and John O’Donohue can teach us a spirituality that is creation-centered and embodied, that nurtures connection and community, and that draws wisdom from many sources. This session will introduce us to the key values of Celtic Spirituality.

Dr. Prichard is an ordained Presbyterian minister, former pastor of Tustin Presbyterian Church, and former professor at the DOC seminary in Indianapolis. She is currently teaching a class at Chapman University. A graduate of Occidental College and Claremont Graduate University, Prichard received her doctorate from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She was ordained in 1988 to serve as assistant minister at St. Giles’ Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland.



CLIMATE MARCH – OC
Irvine UCC Church iucc@iucc.org
4915 Alton Pkwy Irvine CA 92604
Saturday April 29, 2017



- 9:00 am - 12:00pm Speakers and Panel Discussion
- Noon - 2:00pm Cooking & Compost Demo, Book Signing & Lunch
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm People’s Climate March - Orange County

FREE ADMISSION -- all day -- includes lunch

Register for 9a-4p “Crises in the Ocean” on eventbrite at: <http://bit.ly/2mp259F>

To attend the 2p-4p People’s Climate March ONLY, register: <http://bit.ly/2mrtNUZ>

For complete event details and updates: occlimateaction.org

Hosting Committees & Organizations: • IUCC Green Faith Committee, • Living Ubuntu, • Orange County for Climate Action, • Plant Powered OC, • SoCal VegFest • Farm Sanctuary, • (949) 733-0220; www.iucc.org [@iucc](https://www.facebook.com/iucc)

House of Worship Tour 2017

Sat, April 29, 2017, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, a Hindu Temple
15100 Fairfield Ranch Rd., Chino Hills 91709.

REGISTER : www.houseofworshiptour.com



ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Chancel Choir

by John Rutter

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.

Debbie Hollister for Bree Turner and her brother and friend Raul Fernandez. The Davenports for father & grandfather Bill Davenport, Sr. Wendy Kotan for grandson Ramon, mom-in-law Cynthia McCarthy, daughters Samantha, Crystal & Emily, & for our wedding May 6th. Lisa & David Letourneau for sister Midge. Jim & Keni Cox for neighbor Christine. Dale & Arlene Post for friend Paul Bos. Colleen & Melody for Tara B. Joan Kaul & Judy Campbell for Claire, Kelly & family, Susan & Lary, Karen & John, Colleen & Melody, Gemma & Family, Alan H., S.W., Ava, Aunyx, Dave & MaryLee, Jerry H., Baby Peter & Family, Jerry & Family, Stu & family, Debbie C., Talia & family, Eve & family. Alina for cousin Margaret and friend Lisa. Jocelyn G. Ursell for my girlfriend’s mother. Interfaith Council: Ayshegul Ashti’s husband Kaan. Jack Provencio for Hugo Castro.

Quiet Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer: 23rd Psalm, an adaptation by Jeanyne B. Slettom

Lord, You are our shepherd; we have all that we need. You created the green fields of this Earth, life-giving waters and pure, clean air. Lord, You are our shepherd; we follow where Your Spirit leads. But earth itself needs reviving and we are called as stewards to its care. The Earth is Christ’s table; everyone is called to the feast. We see there are enough resources for all, when distribution is equitable and fair. Goodness and mercy fill all of creation, for You created this planet as our home; it is for us to enjoy, but also to share and to protect. Amen.

SONG

A Wilderness Wandering People

READING

Beatitudes for Earth Sunday

Insert

MESSAGE *Climate Change and a Changing God* Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand) *God of the Sparrow* Page 32
God of the Whale Vs. 1 & 2

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

BENEDICTION Pastor Mike Holland

CONGREGATIONAL 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.*

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)

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.

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	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 Griset
	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.**

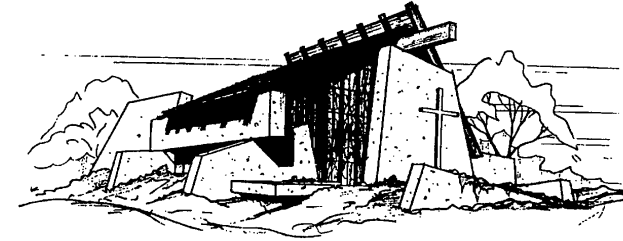
Infant & Toddler care is offered in the nursery.

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: Rev. Nancy Brink and Claire Camaya
AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez,
Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, April 23 -- 29, 2017

Today 4/23	9:45 AM Morning Worship
	10:00 AM Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High (Nursery available for infants & toddlers)
	10:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee time - Fellowship Hall (remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)
	5:00 PM Growth Dinner – Gloria Wildman's home
Mon. 4/24	4:00 PM Rummage Sale Sorting -- FH
	6:30 PM Monday Night Study Group
	7:00 PM World Religion Class -- Sanctuary
Tues. 4/25	7:00 PM Property Committee Meeting -- Library
Wed. 4/26	SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE
	10:00 AM CWF, Fireside Room
	7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Thurs. 4/27	4:00 PM Rummage Sale Sorting -- FH
Fri. 4/28	7:00 AM Rummage Sale -- FH
	5:00 PM Preschool "Kids Nite Out" – Preschool
Sat. 4/29	7:00 AM Rummage Sale -- FH



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**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.



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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. Dr. Jerry D. Martin, 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.