

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.

July 30, 2017 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 AM

As a courtesy to other worshipers, please turn your cell phones off or to vibrate.
Please do not take or post pictures and videos to media sites without permission first.
Thank you.

PRELUDE John Douglas

SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP Dan Griset, Vice-President

INTROIT *Soon and Very Soon* John Douglas
By Andrae Crouch

CALL TO WORSHIP Marcus Curtis, Liturgist

One: We gather in worship with thanksgiving, grateful that we are created spiritual beings capable of relating, communicating, and changing.

Many: **We remember Jesus, who in living life completely, showed us the way to be in right relationship with God and one another.**

One: May we continue to mature in faith that our thoughts, words, and deeds express our true identity and Christ's divinely implanted nature

Many: **We are blessed and joy is present; walk on in peace and beauty.**

One: Let us fling wide the widows of our beings and outstretch our spirits.

Prayer: **God of complexity, relationality, one in diversity, this is my prayer. In my prosperity, teach me generosity, for I need to care. When out of fear I sometimes flee responsibility, blast my banality, smash triviality, curb my conformity. Make me aware. Let possibility spur creativity and free me to dare. Now in community, use my ability for the good of all humankind. Amen.**

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) *Enter, Rejoice and Come In* Page 73
Please greet those around you after this song, and then be seated. Thank you.

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Kel Henderson

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Grace Was Greater
By Carol Joy Cymbala

Maren Eriksen

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.

Suvan Geer for family: Quinn, Drew & Gina, Paul & Christina, Mark & Brett & Robyn. Marion & Bill Barstow for Marion's brother-in-law Mark Schmidt. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim, sister Benita, friend Bonnie, niece Abby. Maren Eriksen for Colleen & Melody. Denise Womack for myself & my mom. Joan Kaul & Judy Campbell for Kelly & family, Susan & Larry, Karen & John, Colleen & Melody, Gemma & family, S.W., Dave & MaryLee, Jerry H., Julie & family, Belle & Jim, Martha & family, Kelsea, Nancy & Margie, Maren, Gibson family, Jim & family, Ruth, Sandra, Sebastian & family, Francisco/Pancho & family, Danny. Dale & Arlene Post for friend Walt Fredrickson for loss of his wife. Lisa Letourneau for Midge Torre. Jim & Keni Cox for neighbor Christine. Debbie Hollister for myself, co-workers Carol & Sue & their families. Marcus Curtis for brother Tom & family. Miguel Magana for my grandmother Maria Elena Roque. Elaine Bredenbeck for continued recovery from knee surgery & thanks for prayers for Sophia, the niece of a friend. Bruce Borden for niece Jessica Borden.

Quiet Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kel Henderson

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

SONG

The Gift of Love

READING Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 See Insert

MESSAGE *I've Heard of a City Called Heaven* Rev. Belva Brown Jordan

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand) *Like a Healing Stream*

A TIME FOR GIVING (Online giving is an option through churchofthefoothills.org)

Sharing Our Faith
Offertory

Heavenly Sunlight
Arr. by Mark Hayes

Marcus Curtis, Elder
John Douglas

Receiving of Gifts

BENEDICTION Rev. Belva Brown Jordan

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.

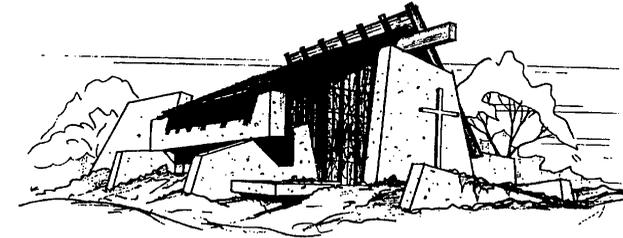
Interested in knowing more about "Progressive Christian" faith? Copies of Dr. Marcus
Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*, available at the Kiosk (\$10 donation)



Join Pastor Mike and
Robbie to help form a
COF team!
(See Pastor Mike)

This DOC Golf Tournament is a fundraiser for local ministries.

For more information, go to: www.disciplespswr.org



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.*



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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, 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.*

Where WE are From



Whether our family has been in the USA for one generation or 20, virtually everyone living in the US today has ancestral roots in other countries, other continents. Descendants of the First Nations, Native Americans, are the exception and have their own stories to tell. This, the second decade of the 21st Century, is an opportune time for us to remind ourselves and one another that we are all immigrants of different times and places. We are a nation of exiles, adventurers, refugees, servants, seekers of fortune, lovers of freedom, seekers of peace, of the disenfranchised, “the tired and the poor.” Yet, we must acknowledge and recognize that not everyone came by choice. We are a country built by slaves. VISIT THE MAP IN FRONT OF FELLOWSHIP HALL. SHARE YOUR STORY BY MARKING YOUR ANCESTRAL ROOTS.

Southwest Community Center's PARTY WITH A PURPOSE ~Gala 2017 WHY ATTEND?

**Your generous presence allows us to continue feeding
1,000's & giving hope.**



Southwest Community Center
3rd Annual Gala Fundraiser~ Dinner, Music & Dancing
SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 6-10pm
Historic Ebell Clubhouse~ 625 French St. Santa Ana 92701
\$125 PER PERSON; LIVE MUSIC, DINNER & DANCING
PATIO RECEPTION 6PM, DINNER 7PM
Mail RSVP or visit swcommunitycenter.org for Tickets & Sponsorship info
Questions: Rich at (949) 394-1555

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

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) Ministry

PB&J (Peace, Benevolence & Justice)

Sacred Seasons Center

Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless)

Gloria Wildman

Tina Peterson

Lynn Stiegler

The Provencio’s

Jennifer Surges

Colleen & Melody Taylor

Suvan Geer

Kathy Dunlap

Lianne Oakes

Carmen Mercado

Rosadelia Mercado

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 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: Marcus Curtis and Michelle Trumbo
AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez,
Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, July 30 – August 5, 2017

Today 7/30
9:45 AM Morning Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High
(Nursery available for infants & toddlers)
11:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee time - Fellowship Hall (remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)
11:30 AM CPR & Defibrillator Training – Fireside Room
1:00 PM 5th Sunday feeding at Southwest Community Center
3:30 PM Casey Crosbie's going away party – Santa Ana
4:00 PM Ruby's Night – Take a red Flyer

Tues. 8/1
Wed. 8/2

SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE

**LGBTQI OPEN & AFFIRMING
MINISTRY EVENT**

Pool Party! BBQ & POOL PARTY
August 26th - Noon to 5:00 PM
at Fred Kilby's place in Tustin.

Patties (beef, turkey, vegi) will be provided. Please bring a side dish such as salads, fruits and desserts to share. And, don't forget your favorite beverage.

Come and join us for a fun day in the pool!
To sign up and for more information, contact Carmen Mercado or Fred Kilby

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

WE WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER BELVA BROWN JORDAN. The Reverend Belva



Brown Jordan serves as the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Assessment, associate professor of the practice of ministry at Claremont School of Theology; and Dean of Disciples Seminary Foundation (Claremont). Rev. Jordan's ministry and service with the church, and in higher education, spans thirty-plus years. She began her ministerial career as a denominational executive for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with the Division of Homeland Ministry (Indianapolis, IN) as the director of racial/ethnic ministry. Before making the transition to theological education, she also served as the denomination's director of youth ministry focusing on leader development with youth. Jordan's first full-time faculty appointment was with Lancaster Theological Seminary (Lancaster, PA). Field Education and the practice of ministry were her primary areas of responsibility. After eight years at Lancaster, having earned tenure and served as dean of the faculty for one year, she moved on to Harvard University Divinity School (Cambridge, MA). For seven years Rev. Jordan served as the assistant dean for student life at Harvard Divinity, always seeking to build a bridge of support for students beyond the classroom. When the opportunity presented itself to serve in a Disciples of Christ affiliated seminary, Rev. Jordan became the associate dean for admissions and student services at Phillips Theological Seminary (Tulsa, OK). During the summer of 2013, Jordan made the move to Claremont, CA to join the academic administrative team at Claremont School of Theology.

11:30 AM CPR & Defibrillator Training – Fireside Room

1:00 PM 5th Sunday feeding at Southwest Community Center, Santa Ana – See Dan Griset or Carmen Mercado

3:30 PM Casey Crosbie, Executive Director of Family Promise's going away party -- Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Prospect Ave., Santa Ana.

PASTOR MIKE is away for continuing education and vacation July 30 - Aug 15. Anyone needing Pastoral care during this time, call Rev. Kel Henderson 714-465-6991.

NEW AV SOUND SYSTEM IS TOP CHURCH PRIORITY. Cost: \$60,000, given to date: \$21,824.53. Mark envelope: AV Sound System.



JOIN CHURCH FRIENDS at Ruby's Diner this **Tues., August 1, 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.