

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 2, 2018

Labor Day Weekend

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

INTROIT

As We Gather
By Mike Fay

John Douglas and
Jeffrey Segal

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pamela Galera, Liturgist

- One: We are a church that likes to promote the values of Economic Justice, but Economic Justice is complex and a difficult matter to define.
- Many: **And our idea of justice may well not be God's idea of justice; it's normal to assume people get what they deserve – no more or less.**
- One: Often we overlook economic injustice when it is happening to others but find it a very unpleasant when we experience it ourselves.
- Many: **Jesus' life and witness often challenged normative ethics. Maybe Divine Wisdom is different than we ever imagined.**
- Prayer: **Loving Goddess, you bless us with abundance and prosperity for which we are truly thankful. Today we acknowledge all people who work night and day to make our economy work. God of justice, we pray especially for any who toil in unsafe and unfair conditions. May their labors be safe from danger or fear. Sustain all families with equity and dignity. In the name of the carpenter of Nazareth we pray, even Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

OPENING SONG (please stand)

Joyful, Joyful
Words by Joshua Carr

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.

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SPECIAL MUSIC *When My Morning Comes Around*
By Iris DeMent

Michael Schaefer

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.

Joan Kaul for Judy, Kelly & family, Susan & Larry, Dave and Mary Lee, Melody Taylor & family, Rita, Kathy, Jerry Wolf & family & Paulie. Jim & Keni Cox for neighbor Christine. Carol Wilson for friends Clara & her parents. Kate McCloskey for daughter Sarah Tyler, Melody Taylor. Dale & Arlene Post for friend Betty Jansen. Dan & Lynn Stiegler for sister Joan, Rich & cousin Bob's family. Krista Owens for myself for having my gender affirming surgery on Sept. 12th. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim. The Erickson, Taylor and Wolf families & friends. Dr. Rev. Duane & Charmaine Day. Kathy & Jerry Dunlap for their neighbor Kurt Breuninger.

Quiet Meditation

Genesis 29:21-23, 25-27; Matthew 19:8-14

Insert

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

(Feel free to address God in the manner of your choosing: Father, Mother, Creator, etc.)

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SONG

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

MESSAGE

Work, Worry and Wonder

Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF COMMUNION (please stand)

*God, Whose Giving
Knows No Ending*

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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

Kevin Brewer, Elder

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

Pastor Mike

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, gracious God, for refreshing us at Christ's table, strengthen our faith, increase our love, and send us forth in peace and for justice. Amen.

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

Offertory

John Douglas

Receiving of Gifts and Prayer

Pamela Galera, Elder

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.

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.

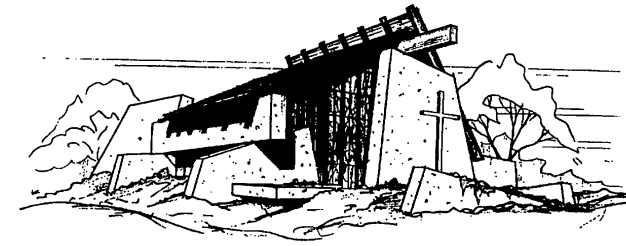
Interested in knowing more about "Progressive Christian" faith?

Copies of Dr. Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*, available at the Welcome Booth (\$10 donation)

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THE FAIR-TRADE CORNER in Fellowship Hall is open only the Third Sunday of each month now, for coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oil and other items.

Proceeds support indigenous producers around the world



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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John Douglas, Organist

Jeff Segal, Drummer

Marci Carey, Preschool Director

Kathy Vail, Office Manager

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, 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.



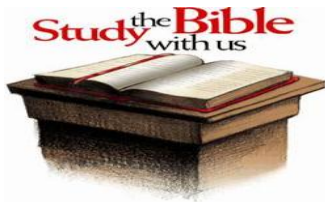
**14th Annual Pacific Southwest Region DOC
Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, September 17, 11:00 AM Start**

A Fundraiser To Support Six Ministries in the PSW Region
*All People’s Community Center LA, Chapman U DOC/UCC students, Project Impact
Disciple Seminary Foundation, Eastmont Community Center, Loch Leven Camp.*

**Church of the Foothills would like to register a team
See Pastor Mike if interested in playing. Entry fee is \$185 per person**

Opportunity Drawing: Tickets: 1/\$1.00; 6/\$5.00; 12/\$10.00; 25/\$20.00.
1st prize: Pantages Theater Pkg.; 2nd prize: iPad Mini; 3rd prize: 2 tickets to Rose
Parade; Grand Prize: 5 day/4 night Cruise. Need not be present to win. Purchase
your tickets Sunday at the Scrip table in Fellowship Hall.

If you are not playing, you, or the company for which you work, can be a sponsor,
at any level, from \$25 to \$10,000. **Make checks out or mark envelope to:
Church of the Foothills or Pacific Southwest Region, designated “Golf”**



O & A Bible Study, 2nd Monday evening of the month at
the home of Lara and Michelle McKinley, 937 S. Hedin
Circle, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807. At 6 pm, we will have a
potluck for those who wish to participate. Bring a dish to
share with others. At 7, we will begin Bible study and will
be finished no later than 8:15. If you can, bring a Bible

(better than using your phone!) You are welcome to come only for the Bible study.
Rev. Nancy Brink will lead the discussions.

Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13

This fall we will be looking at the “clobber” passages that are often quoted to damn
LGBTQ people. (Some have already done this—either come again as a refresher
or hold off until we move to the next topic!) Beginning in January, we will be
spending time with the parables of Jesus. Contact Rev. Nancy Brink for more
information.

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:

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| Bridge Club | Gloria Wildman |
| Chancel Choir | Tina Peterson |
| Christian Women’s Fellowship (CWF) | Lynn Stiegler |
| Family Promise (homeless families with children) | Rev. Kel Henderson |
| 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) | Sunny Erickson |
| Sacred Seasons Center | Rev. Susan Chamberlain |
| Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless) | Dan Grisct |

In addition to Small Groups, Church of the Foothills offers a host of Ministry Team
opportunities 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. Peace to you.

Flowers were brought today by Carol Wilson.

Greeter: Jeanne Davenport
 Elders for the week: Kevin Brewer and Pamela Galera
 Communion Preparation: Maureen Rosenquist and Maureen Provencher
 AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez, Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
 Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, September 2 -- 8, 2018

Today 9/2	9:45 AM Morning Worship, Communion
	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>
Mon. 9/3	
Tues. 9/4	4:00 PM Ruby's Night – Take a red flyer
	6:45 AM Christian Education Ministry Mtg. -- Library
Wed. 9/5	SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE
	10:00 AM CWF – Fireside Room
	7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Sat. 9/8	5:30 PM Mixed Media – Dunlap's home

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

ONA (Open & Affirming) Brunch will not be meeting today. The next brunch is Sunday, October 7 at Cafe Rio, 1140 Irvine, Tustin 92780.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 FOR LABOR DAY.



JOIN CHURCH FRIENDS at Ruby's Diner this **Tues., September 4, 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.



SEPTEMBER 9th is FOOTHILLS' FALL FESTIVAL / RALLY DAY! In addition to a new start for choir and classes for children and youth, we will barbecue hot dogs & hamburgers & vegetarian hot dogs & hamburgers following our regular Sunday service – so bring all your friends!!.

Side dishes are needed to complement the meal. Please sign up today after church.

ATTENTION NEWCOMERS! Pastor Mike will offer four **"Inquirers' Classes"** this fall here at **Church of the Foothills** for anyone interested in knowing more about the *Wisdom* of Jesus, the *Progressive Christian Movement*, and Church of the Foothills. **Classes are held Sundays Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11:30 AM to**



12:30 PM in the Fireside Room of the Fellowship Hall (ask anyone for directions). Childcare provided. See Pastor Mike for more information, or just show up!

INVITATION FOR ALL INTERESTED SINGERS, MUSICIANS AND SPIRITED PARTICIPANTS



All new, previous & retired choir members and musicians are invited to join the choir. First rehearsal is Wednesday, September 5th; first Sunday of singing is September 9th. A Choir Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 15th. If you sing or play an instrument, send Tina Peterson, Director of Music Ministries, a text, or call her.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 29:21-23, 25-27

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may be with her, for my time of service is completed.' ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening Laban took his other daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob instead; and Jacob was with her. ²⁵When morning came, Jacob said to Laban, 'What have done to me? I served you seven years for Rachel? Why have you cheated me?' ²⁶Laban said, 'In our country, the younger is not given in marriage before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete your time with Leah first, and then you can take Rachael in marriage also, if you work for me for another seven years.'

Matthew 19:8-14

⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard instructed the manager, "Call in the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last hired and then the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first hired came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?" ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to the last the same as I give to you.

Church of the Foothills would like to sponsor a couple of tables.
Please give your registration and donation to Tom Hunt.
Tom is on the board of Family Promise.



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Family Promise of Orange County
with
Family Promise National Celebrates its 30th Anniversary
Please join us with Family Promise founder
Karen Olson
For our Roaring 20's Gala for Families
Celebrity guests, live auction and ritzy surprises!
Early Bird Tickets: \$150
Standard Ticket after 8/15/18: \$175pp
September 15th, 2018
Cocktails 5:30pm Program 7:00 pm
Festhalle at the Phoenix Club
1340 S Sanderson Ave, Anaheim, CA
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Family Promise of Orange County P.O. Box 6225, Orange, Ca, 92863

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_____ Standard Ticket \$175pp = \$ _____	Name: _____
Sponsor Packages	Card # _____
_____ Presenting Sponsor \$10,000	CVV _____ Expiration _____
_____ Venue Sponsor \$5,000	Email _____
_____ Auction Sponsor \$3,000	_____ Table Sponsor \$1,500
_____ Entertainment Sponsor \$1,500	_____ Beverage Sponsor \$2,500
	_____ Decorations Sponsor \$1,000

Guest Names: _____
//We can't attend but please accept our donation = \$ _____ **RSVP BY SEPT 7th**