

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.

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**November 4, 2018**      **Reformation & Stewardship Sunday**      **9:45 AM**  
**Covenant for New Members**

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*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 and Jeffrey Segal

**SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP**      Stephanie Brown, President

**INTROIT**      *Called As Partners in Christ's Service*      Page 495  
*Please bring forward food donations for baskets during singing of song*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Lisa Letourneau, Liturgist

One: Can you imagine a place where diversity is celebrated and not feared?

**Many: Can you imagine a place where hatred and prejudice are no more?**

One: Can you imagine a place where all religious traditions are respected?

**Many: Can you imagine a place of peace, security, justice and harmony?**

One: Can you imagine a place that affirms everyone's right to well-being?

**Many: Can you imagine a place where everyone is loved and valued?**

One: Can you imagine a place where care of earth is part of stewardship?

**Unison: We commit to making this church just such a place. Why Not!?**

**Prayer: We give thanks, Goddess, for all the good gifts around and within us; for the partnership of minds and hearts working in common cause; for words of wisdom and experience that call us to new insight and ideas; for the struggles and joys to build a church wide of heart as its founder. We pray for our Church of the Foothills, and for all who love and sustain us. Amen.**

**OPENING SONG** (please stand)      *Great Is the Lord*

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.*

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT with Raul Rodriguez**

**COVENANT CEREMONY FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (See Insert)

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *Trading My Sorrows*      Jamie Dann & Pastor Kel  
By Israel Houghton      Jim Rosenquist, Guitar

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Pastor Mike**

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

**Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here the Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you. Go, our children, with our blessing, you are our own.**

**MORNING PRAYERS**

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**      The Congregation

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

Joan Kaul: Kelly & family, Susan & Larry, Dave & family, Melody Taylor & family, Tom, Margaret, Lian, Kathy, Jerry Wolf & family, Eriksen family. Jim & Keni Cox for neighbor, Christine's family & friends; she passed away October 30. Susan Richardson: cousin Becky & Calvin Scott & family. Carol Wilson: friends Clara & her parents. Dale & Arlene Post: Elean Halcraf. Miguel Magaña & Mike Schaefer: those dealing with anxiety & depression. Panusis family on death of father & husband Charles. Katy Black for spouse, Joe Black, health concerns. Jim & Cindy Guziak: Jim's sister Juliene. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre: husband Jim, friend Char, me, soul of friend Cheri Johnson & her parents. Michelle Linton; friend Rachel Wolf & family on sudden loss of their aunt Roneet Carmell.

**Quiet Meditation**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer (unknown source)**

**God, lover of us all, help us to create what You want for us here on Earth. Give us today enough for our needs. Forgive our weak and deliberate offences just as we must forgive others when they hurt us. Help us to resist evil and to do what is good. For we are Yours, endowed with Your power to make the world whole. Amen.**

**SONG** (remain seated)      *Make Me a Servant*

**READING**      Galatians 3:25-29      Page 3 of Insert

**MESSAGE**      *Investing in a Progressive Reformation*      Pastor Mike Holland

**HYMN OF COMMUNION** (please stand) *Sister-Brother, Peaceful Spirit*

**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 David Letourneau, Elder

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***O Giver of love and source of peace, thank You for refreshing us at this table. Open our hearts in generosity as we give thanks for Your Presence and blessing. Amen***

**A TIME FOR GIVING** (Online giving is also an option through [churchofthefoothills.org](http://churchofthefoothills.org))

Offertory John Douglas

Receiving of Gifts (please stand if able)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks for the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given so much love to us. (repeat)  
(ending) Give Thanks!**

**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 and Jeffrey Segal

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

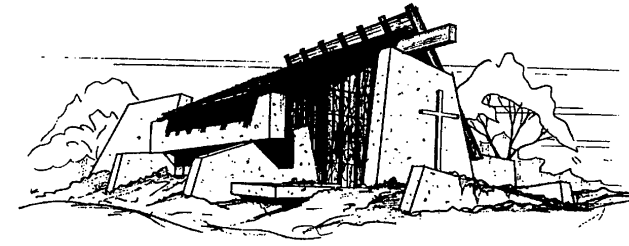
Be sure to place your food or cash donations for Southwest Community Center in the shopping cart located in the fellowship hall.

Hear today's service, and download an mp3 file, from [www.churchofthefoothills.org](http://www.churchofthefoothills.org)

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

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)

**THE FAIR-TRADE CORNER in Fellowship Hall is open only the Second Sunday of each month now.** Proceeds support indigenous producers around the world.



**United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ  
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*...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. Barbara Grear, Rev. Dr. Jerry D. Martin, Ministers in Residence*

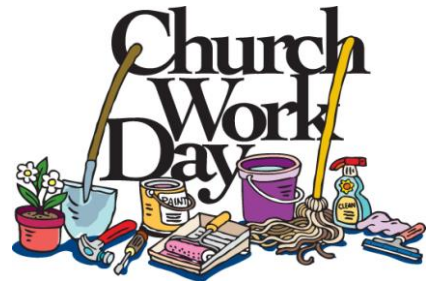
*Church of the Foothills is an accepting, caring, open and affirming Christian congregation, that welcomes and includes all people of every ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, different ability, economic status or religious background.*

It's time to be thankful!

Starting Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>, PBJ will be collecting gift card (Smart and Final) donations for our friends at Southwest Community Center. PBJ will have a table set up for donations after service on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We will shop the week of 12<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to join in the shopping trip let us know. Any questions, please contact Sunny Erickson, 714-873-7746 or Susan Richardson, 510-506-2590.



In addition, this season we are inviting the congregation to bring non-perishable items each Sunday throughout the month of November. Items may be placed in baskets around the communion table. We hope the blessings of this table will grow each week and the donated items will be shared with Western Service Workers. Thank you!



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10  
8 PM – 12:00 PM**

We will be primarily cleaning windows, gutters, the area in front of the sound booth in the sanctuary, and basic grounds work, including minimal tree trimming. You are invited to bring tools to use. Many hands make lighter work for all.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR CHURCH HOLIDAY SPECIALS:**

**CHILI COOK-OFF AND CRAFT NIGHT, Sunday, November 25, 4:00 PM  
Crafts, 6:00 PM, Chili Cook-off – Fellowship Hall**

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR, Sunday, December 2, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM –  
Fellowship Hall**

**ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS CHOIR PROGRAM, FOLLOWED BY DINNER,  
Saturday, December 15, 5:00 PM – Fellowship Hall**

**Galatians 3:25-29**

<sup>25</sup>Now that faith is here, we are no longer subject to dogma, <sup>26</sup>for each of you is a child of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup>All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, which means you inherit all that has been promised. NSRV & Inclusive Bibles

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)**

**Hearts & Minds (compassionate listening)**

**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**

**Andy Bartley**

**Malia Carey**

**Suvan Geer**

**Kathy Dunlap**

**Lianne Oakes**

**Carmen Mercado**

**Rosadelia Mercado**

**Sunny Erickson**

**Rev. Susan Chamberlain**

**Dan Griset**

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 are brought today by Donna Martin.

Greeters: Kathy Alexander and Barbara Austin  
 Elders for the week: David and Lisa Letourneau  
 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, November 4 -- 19, 2018

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| Today 11/4 | 9:45 AM Morning Worship, Communion<br>10:00 AM Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High<br><i>(Nursery available for infants &amp; toddlers)</i><br>11:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee time - Fellowship Hall <i>(remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)</i><br>11:00 AM Adult Forum -- FH<br>11:15 AM Hearts & Minds Ministry --JR<br>11:30 AM ONA Brunch – Café Rio, Tustin |
| Mon. 11/5  | 7:00 PM PB&J -- FH  |
| Tues. 11/6 | 4:00 PM Ruby's – Take a red flyer   |
| Wed. 11/7  | SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE<br>10:00 AM CWF – Fireside Room<br>6:00 PM Christian Education Ministry Mtg.<br>7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary   |
| Sat. 11/10 | 8:00 AM Church Work Day<br>4:00 PM Panusis Memorial Service – Sanctuary & FH  |

# Ministry Opportunities

## TODAY:

**NEW MEMBER COVENANT CEREMONY during worship** for anyone desiring to enter into our fellowship as fellow progressive Christians, disciples of Christ and members of Church of the Foothills. Pastor Mike will invite everyone to participate at welcome time. Just come forward then and be made a member of the church.

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

**11:30 AM LGBTQI OPEN & AFFIRMING (ONA) Ministry BRUNCH:**  
 Cafe Rio, 1140 Irvine, Tustin 92780. **EVERYONE INVITED!**

**2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY.** Place *Estimate of Giving Cards* in the offering plate, or mail or bring to the church office. **Our Giving Goal is 240,000.** **Our theme is: Supporting our church, a peaceful, safe place for all.** Pledge cards, and pledges of time and talents, are available in the narthex. Commitments to the ministries and ministers of our church make a difference in the world and people's lives.

**Pastor Mike will be on vacation November 6-13.** For pastoral assistance, contact Rev. Kel Henderson, 714-465-6991, [pastorkelhenderson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkelhenderson@gmail.com).



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

**MONDAY, November 12: LGBTQI OPEN AND AFFIRMING MINISTRY** Bible Study, at the home of Lara and Michelle McKinley, **7:00 - 8:15 pm.** If you can, bring a Bible (better than using a phone!). Discussion led by Rev. Nancy Brink, Chapman University.

**DON'T FORGET GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL:** With the holidays approaching we have a wide variety of cards which can be purchased at the Gift Card table for use at your favorite department, discount or grocery store. Gas station, restaurant and movie theater tickets are also available. Gift cards are always welcome! Remember, each card generates from 5% to 10% in income to ChOTF. Check the full list at the Gift Card Table in Fellowship Hall after church.

