

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.

November 11, 2018

9:45 AM

*As a courtesy to other worshippers, 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** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Page 565, vs. 4  
*Please bring forward food donations for baskets during singing of song*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Michelle Linton, Liturgist

One: Philosophers look for absolute truth; lovers look for a perfect union; scientists look for a universal theory; and believers look for God.

**Many: We are all on the same quest. We are all looking for something eternal, something lasting and true, something dependable.**

One: *There is a truth that lives within us and will be with us forever* (2 John)

**Many: In our worship we desire to know more about this kind of truth. Let us enter more fully into the mystery for which we were born.**

One: We are participating in something larger and greater than ourselves. May we just allow it and trust it for the pure gift that it is.

**Prayer: Amazing God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we give thanks for the sustaining hand of life and for the many and diverse people who live in this wondrous village we call mother earth. We give thanks for the gift of the Christ who entered our village, spoke words of truth, revealed Holy Love, and offered self as a living sacrifice. Blessed by the presence of your Spirit we offer ourselves. Amen**

**OPENING SONG** (please stand if able) *A Wilderness Wandering People*  
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.*

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT with Bob Goodrich

**ANTHEM** *I'll Make the Difference* Chancel Choir  
By Moses Hogan  
Soloists: Stephanie Brown, Monty Linton, Carol Rosholm

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Rev. Kel Henderson

**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. Susan Richardson: cousin Becky & Calvin Scott & family. Carol Wilson: friends Clara & her parents. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim & friend, Char. Fred Kilby for friend Jeff. Suvan Geer for sister-in-law's successful surgery; gratitude that Supreme Court will hear young people's trial for a climate they can live in. Dale & Arlene Post for friend Glo Bos. Elaine Bredenbeck for Marvin & Ziegler. Kate McCloskey for Ruth Bader Ginsburg for her fall and broken ribs.

## Quiet Meditation

## 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** *Cares Chorus*

**READING** 1 Corinthians 9:1-27 Insert

**SERMON** *Syncretism...For Christ's Sake* Rev. Harry (Kip) Kipp

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** (please stand) *There's a Spirit of Love in this Place*

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

Sharing Our Faith

Dennis Parrett, Elder

Offertory

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

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**

Rev. Harry "Kip" Kipp

**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 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.

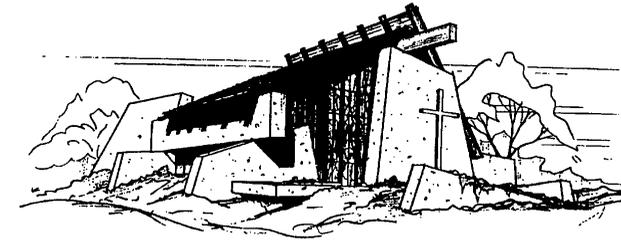
You can hear today's service, and download an mp3 file, from our website at:  
[www.churchofthefoothills.org](http://www.churchofthefoothills.org)

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)

**THE FAIR-TRADE CORNER in Fellowship Hall is open TODAY** 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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Tina Peterson, Director of Music Ministries

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Marci Carey, Preschool Director

Kathy Vail, Office Manager

Dana & Jordan Block, Childcare Personnel

Rev. Nancy Brink, Rev. Susan Chamberlain, Rev. Bernie Davis, Rev. Dr. Duane Day,

Rev. Barbara Gear, 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!***

**PBJ will be collecting gift card (Smart & Final) donations for our friends at Southwest Community Center. PBJ will have a table set up for donations after service today and the 18th. We will shop on November 19th. 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!



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

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

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting the 3rd annual Chili Cook off and Craft Workshop. We will have a fun evening of making holiday crafts for both children and adults and sampling a variety of homemade chilies.

Volunteers are asked to assist at a table and help with the craft. Also there is an open invitation to our cooks to make a batch or 2 of their secret chili recipes and bring it down for all to sample and share. If you are interested in helping with the event or entering your chili please contact Robbie or Pastor Kel.

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9** our children and youth will be participating in the Sunday morning service and help bring their own holiday magic into the worship service. Everyone is invited to participate and we will be practicing in Sunday School during the month of November.

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

### **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.

### **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:

<b>Bridge Club</b>	<b>Gloria Wildman</b>
<b>Chancel Choir</b>	<b>Tina Peterson</b>
<b>Christian Women’s Fellowship (CWF)</b>	<b>Lynn Stiegler</b>
<b>Family Promise (homeless families with children)</b>	<b>Andy Bartley</b>
	<b>Malia Carey</b>
<b>Hearts &amp; Minds (compassionate listening)</b>	<b>Suvan Geer</b>
<b>Mixed Media (arts, plays, movies)</b>	<b>Kathy Dunlap</b>
<b>Monday Night Study Group</b>	<b>Lianne Oakes</b>
<b>ONA (LGBTQI) Ministry</b>	<b>Carmen Mercado</b>
	<b>Rosadelia Mercado</b>
<b>PB&amp;J (Peace, Benevolence &amp; Justice)</b>	<b>Sunny Erickson</b>
<b>Sacred Seasons Center</b>	<b>Rev. Susan Chamberlain</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless)</b>	<b>Dan Grisct</b>

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

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Flowers today were brought by Bobbie Taylor.

Greeters: Joyce Luis  
Elders for the week: Michelle Linton and Dennis Parrett  
AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez,  
Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens  
Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, November 11 -- 17, 2018

Today 11/11	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!)
	6:00 PM Friends Giving -- FH
Mon. 11/12	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERAN'S DAY</b>
	11:00AM Interfaith Council Mtg. -- FH
	7:00 PM LGBTQI Bible Study – McKinley home
Tues. 11/13	7:00 PM Finance Ministry Mtg. moved to November 19
Wed. 11/14	<b>SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE</b>
	10:00 AM CWF, Fireside Room
	7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Fri. 11.16	7:00 PM TG Rainbow -- SR
Sat. 11/17	6:15 PM Church Mice Square Dance Club -- FH

# Ministry Opportunities

## WE WELCOME OUR GUEST SPEAKER, *REV. HARRY (KIP) KIPP*



Kip was born in Baltimore and educated at the University of Delaware (BA Psychology and Communications) and Fuller Theological Seminary (MDiv). A twenty-three year resident of Newport Beach, Kip and Kathy have four children ages 28, 26, 24, and 17 (three girls, one boy). They have been active members for twenty-three years of Corona del Mar Community Church, Congregational UCC. Kip has held a variety of board and committee leadership positions and served as Moderator for five years. Kathy is the Minister of Youth and Family at the church. "I have a strong resonance with one of the central tenants of the Protestant faith: 'The Priesthood of All Believers,' and with that resonance comes a deep desire to facilitate and nurture environments for each of us to live into God's calling for our lives individually and collectively as faithful communities. Through this belief, I know I have been in ministry for a long time, but the call to vocational ministry led to Fuller Theological seminary and the 'Member In Discernment' process leading to ordination in the UCC in the near future."

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

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 12 FOR VETERAN'S DAY.

**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.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20:** CHOTF will be supporting **Western Service Workers** by providing them a location for their **"Thanksgiving Turkey Basket Distribution"** to their membership of low-income families throughout Orange County. They are asking for volunteers to help sort through the donated goods, including turkeys, stuffing, chicken broth, canned yams, canned vegetables, and fresh produce such as carrots, potatoes, and onions. They also need assistance in delivering the baskets at members' homes on the day! If you are interested in assisting WSW please contact Pastor Kel.

**2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:** To date we have received **21 pledges for \$87,880.00.** Place **Estimate of Giving Cards** in the offering plate, or mail or bring to the church office. **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.