

Whether you come as a searcher, visitor, 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 18, 2018 Thanksgiving Sunday 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

CALL TO WORSHIP David Letourneau, Liturgist

- One: For the Spirit which challenges us to love all, we give thanks this day.
Many: **For the light which drives away the darkness of fear and selfishness, and inspires us to hope for a better world, we give thanks each day.**
One: For the wisdom of Jesus that all are in God's reign of peace and justice, and endless possibilities are always before us, we give thanks every day.
Many: **For the promise that there is plenty enough for everyone and that all might all share in Earth's blessing if we share, we give thanks.**
One: Day by day we offer our thanksgiving and our gratitude for life's grace.
Prayer: **Abundant Provider, joyful Creator, You bless us with good gifts from the earth and you spread out goodness enough for all to partake. Bend our wills and fill our hearts toward gratitude. Open our hands so each may know abundant living and how to share. Touch our lips so that we may praise the evolution of life and taste the wonder of sun and rain transformed into life-giving food. Abundant Provider, may we receive all good gifts with graciousness. Amen.**

OPENING SONG (please stand) *Celebrate Our Life Together*
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 Kevin Brewer

ANTHEM *For the Autumn Sky* Chancel Choir
By Ruth Elaine Schram

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction

All worshippers are invited to participate. Please come forward down the center aisle, row by row. Break off a piece of bread, or take a gluten-free wafer, and either dip in chalice and eat, or, eat piece of bread or gluten-free wafer, and then take a grape and eat. When finished, please return to your seat by the outside aisle. Those unable to come forward will be served where they are.

Meditation and Prayer Lisa 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 Peace and blessing. Amen.

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 for Kelly & family, Susan & Larry, Dave & family, Tom, Margaret, Lian, Kathy, Jan. Susan Richardson for cousin Becky & Calvin Scott & family & cousin Beverly Nichols on the death of her husband Jerry. Carol Wilson for friends Clara (4 yrs. old) & her parents. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim & friend Char. Jim & Cindy Guziak for Jim's sister Julianne Verbrick. Cindy Jayson for daughter & granddaughter Valerie & Bethany. Lara McKinley recovering from surgery.

Quiet Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer: Kalidasa, 4th Century, Sanskrit Hymn
Look to this day for it is life; the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the realities and truths of existence – The joy of growth, the splendor of action, the glory of power. For yesterday is but a memory, and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes every yesterday a memory of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day, for it is life; the very life of life. Amen

SONG (remain seated)

Sanctuary

READING

Psalm 67

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MESSAGE *Thanksgiving as a Communal Responsibility* Pastor Mike Holland

DISCIPLESHIP HYMN (please stand) *Now Thank We All our God* Page 419

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

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

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 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

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 only the Second
Sunday of each month,** for coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oil and other items.

Proceeds support indigenous producers around the world

DURING THE THANKSGIVING SEASON the congregation is invited 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!



Thank you!

Thanks to the great generosity of our congregation, PB&J has reached our goal for gift card donations to Southwest Community Center.

We will be shopping for food and taking it to Southwest Community Center this week. Any questions, please contact Sunny Erickson (714-873-7746) or Susan Richardson (510-506-2590)



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. This event has grown out of our Advent workshops and will be a fun evening of making holiday crafts for both children and adults and sampling a variety of homemade chilies. The craft workshop will start at 4pm and the chili cook-off will begin at 6pm.

Volunteers are needed 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

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

Psalm 67 NRSV

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God’s face to shine upon us, that divine ways may be known upon earth, and transformation among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise Goddess; let all the peoples praise her.

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise God; let all the peoples praise him.

Unison: The earth has yielded its increase; our God has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere YHWY.

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.

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:

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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) | Andy Bartley |
| | Malia Carey |
| Hearts & Minds (compassionate listening) | 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 Griset |

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.

Flowers brought today by Joan Kaul in honor & memory of a very special wedding anniversary.

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 18 -- 24, 2018

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| <p>Today 11/18</p> <p>Mon. 11/19</p> <p>Tues. 11/20</p> <p>Wed. 11/21</p> <p>Thurs. 11/22</p> <p>Fri. 11/23</p> <p>Sat. 11/24</p> | <p>9:45 AM Morning Worship, Communion</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High <i>(Nursery available for infants & toddlers)</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee time - Fellowship Hall <i>(remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)</i></p> <p>3:00 PM Sierra Club -- Library</p> <p>7:00 PM Finance Ministry Mtg. -- Library</p> <p>9:00 AM Western Service Workers -- FH</p> <p>7:00 PM Cabinet Mtg. -- Library</p> <p>DEC/JAN FOOTPRINTS DEADLINE</p> <p>SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE</p> <p>11:00 AM Rodrigo's Fiesta Fundraiser – Take a flyer</p> <p>THANKSGIVING – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING</p> <p>7:00 PM Bridge Small Group Ministry</p> |
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Ministry Opportunities

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.



RODRIGO'S FIESTA FUND RAISER (formerly Don Jose's), 14882 Holt Ave. Tustin 714-832-3280. Wednesday, November 21, 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM ALL DAY! Take a flyer. This fundraiser goes to our Campership Fund, which helps our youth go to camp at Loch Leven (DOC) or Pilgrim Pines (UCC).

MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP, NOVEMBER 26: Join in the study of the book: **“So you want to talk about race”** by Ijeoma Oluo. It's never too late to start since the chapters are short! Keni presented short Chapters 2 & 3 in Oct. In Nov, Susan will lead discussion on Chapter 4, with Jim Cox leading Chapter 5. Potluck is at 6:30 pm with study group at 7:30 pm. See you at Gloria Wildman's on Nov. 26, the Monday after Thanksgiving. Feel free to bring your holiday leftovers to share!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9: Our children and youth will be participating in the Sunday morning service and help bring their own special holiday magic into worship. Every child and youth is invited to participate, and practice will take place in Sunday School during the month of November. See Pastor Kel for info.



2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN Pledges: To date we have received **\$100,120**. Place your **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. Thanks for your support.

REMINDER: The Church Office will be closed Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22-23 for Thanksgiving. Pastor Mike and Pastor Kel are on call for any ministry need.