

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 25, 2018 The Sunday after Thanksgiving 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 Stephanie Brown, President

INTROIT *Spirit Song* John Douglas
By John Wimber

CALL TO WORSHIP Lisa Letourneau, Liturgist

One: Christ brings us peace anchored on divine justice and genuine love, to offer us renewed vision of transformed persons and communities.

Many: With open eyes, let us perceive the challenges, aspirations, struggles and victories of people in all nations as our own.

One: Let every fiber in our body become a string of harmony, purpose, devotion and commitment to the dreams and visions of all people.

Many: Let us commit to the pursuit of God's promise of life abundant, life with dignity and worth, for our brothers and sisters abroad.

One: We offer ourselves to always seek peace and justice for all people.

Prayer: Make us keep the lantern of serenity burning; make us understand the secret of eternal life; make us not discriminate the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the learned and the unlearned, those we know well and those we do not know. Help us realize how lovely the burden of responsibility is. Amen.

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) *We Gather Together* Page 421
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 Gloria Wildman

SPECIAL MUSIC *Never Never Land* from *Peter Pan* Brittany Alvidres
By Jule Styne

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos, Youth Director

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. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim, in-law Paola, nephew & wife Adam & Ashley. Kathy & Barbara for friend Dan, Barbara's sister Margaret, all affected by fires. Sunny Erickson for cousins Art & Anthony. Dale & Arlene Post for Jean Park who lost her son Craig. Kathy Dunlap for friends Shoshana & Arne. For Robbie Arevalos having surgery

Quiet Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer, Gnostic Version

Our Father and Mother God, You are within us all, and You make all things holy and united, as You are holy and united, one God living and true. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, which is love to all that lives in the heavens and on the earth. Give us this day our daily bread, and let us give our daily bread to those who have none; and heal our broken spirits, as we heal and forgive others. And lead us, through the darkness of Your mystical love, to the light of the Christ, Amen

SONG *The Gift of Love*

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MESSAGE *Finding Your Tribe* Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand if able) *Here I Am, Lord*

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

Sharing Our Faith David Letourneau, Elder

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 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.*

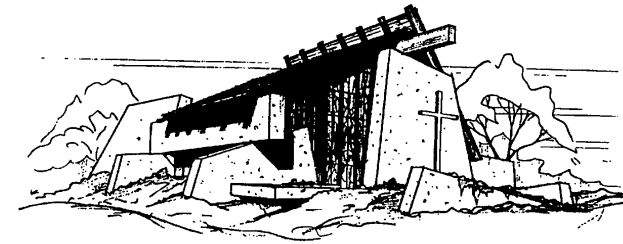
Be sure to place your food or cash donations for Southwest Community Center
in the shopping cart located in the fellowship hall.

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)

**THE FAIR-TRADE CORNER in Fellowship Hall is open only the Second
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

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Kathy Vail, Office Manager

Dana & Jordan Block, 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.*



WESTERN SERVICE WORKERS wish to **THANK YOU** for your donations of non-perishable items from our Harvest Table. They were here last Tuesday and were thankful for the many baskets they prepared for their membership of low-income families throughout Orange County Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR CHURCH HOLIDAY SPECIALS:

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
Church will be providing the main course and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share.
Sign-ups will begin December 2.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE For the Whole Family
Monday, December 24, 5:30 PM

Lighting the Christmas Candle, Children’s Story, Sacrament of Communion, Sacred Christmas Music by Chancel Choir and Soloists. Closing Candle Circle Outside. Be sure to invite friends!

Ruth 4:13-17

So Ruth and Boaz were married. And from their union, YHWH enabled Ruth to conceive, and she gave birth. ¹⁴Then the women of the village said to Naomi, ‘Blessed be YHWH, who has not abandoned you but has provided you with a redeemer. May the child’s name be remembered throughout Israel!’ ¹⁵May the child give you renewed life and support you in old age. For your daughter-in-law, Ruth, who loves you, and has been better to you than seven of your own children could ever have been, has given birth to a child.’ ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child into her lap and became his caretaker. ¹⁷The women of Naomi’s neighborhood named the child, saying, ‘A son has been born to Naomi.’ We will call him Obed.’ And Obed began Jesse, and Jesse begot David [king of Israel].

NRSV & Inclusive Bible

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) | 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 & OCICE | Rev. Susan Chamberlain |
| Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless) | Dan Grisot |

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 today were brought by Donna Martin.

Elders for the week: David & Lisa Letourneau
 AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez, Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
 Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, November 25 – December 1, 2018

Today 11/25	9:45 AM Morning Worship 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> 4:00 PM Chili Cook-off & Craft Workshop -- FH 6:30 PM Monday Night Study Group – Gloria Wildman's home 7:00 PM Preschool Mtg. -- Library
Mon. 11/26	SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE 10:00 AM CWF, Fireside Room 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary 11:00 PM California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser
Wed. 11/28	9:00 AM Set-up for Sugar Plum Fairy Tea - FH 9:30 AM Sugar Plum Fairy Tea - FH
Thurs. 11/29	
Fri. 11/30	
Sat. 12/1	

Ministry Opportunities

4:00 PM: CHILI COOK-OFF AND CRAFT WORKSHOP – 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 chilis. 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.



MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP, NOVEMBER 26: Meet with us to study “So you want to talk about race” by Ijeoma Oluo. It is not too late to join us 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!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 is our Church of the Foothills fundraiser at the California Pizza Kitchen at MainPlace Mall in Orange.



Anytime from 11 AM to 10 PM. Reminder Flyers in the narthex. Tell them you are with the church and they will credit us 20% of whatever you spend, including drinks.

So enjoy good food, good fellowship, and support good causes. Funds from the CPK fundraiser will be split between camperships for youth and our ONA ministry.

2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: received \$138,805.25; Giving Goal is \$240,000. Estimate of Giving Cards in Narthex. Place in offering plate, or mail to church office.

DON'T FORGET GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL: With the



holidays here 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.