

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.

February 10, 2019 **Science/Evolution Sunday** **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 Selections from the *Water Music* John Douglas and
By George Frederic Handel Jeffrey Segal

SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP Stephanie Brown, President

INTROIT *The Universe is Bending* Chancel Choir
By Jeremiah McCleod

CALL TO WORSHIP Michelle Linton, Liturgist

One: This year marks the 14th annual observance of Evolution Sunday, chosen as the closest day to Charles Darwin's birthday, February 12.

Many: Today is a great day to address the relationship between religion and science, and affirm the timeless truths of both.

One: While we take the Bible seriously, we do not always take it literally. We also affirm the theory of evolution as a foundational scientific truth.

Many: We believe that the timeless truths of the Bible and the amazing discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist.

One: Religious truth is of a different order from scientific truth. Its purpose is not to convey factual information but to transform human hearts.

Prayer: Still speaking, dynamic, Creator God! You form the Helix, the dance of life which builds and keeps creating! Continue to create in us Your divine image. You move through space and time at one with all You have made; making all things new. We cannot fully understand ultimate mystery, but we dance with You through life, taking a part in Your creative work which goes on and on. On this Science and Evolution Sunday, we covenant to serve boldly and dynamically sharing in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world as made manifest in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Amen.

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

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.

ANTHEM

Come to the Water Chancel Choir
By Mary Martin & Joseph Martin

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, God's light to be.

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 & Jacky, Rita, Lian, Kathy, Mike, Virginia, Phil & family. Susan Richardson: cousin Vicki - care needed for my aunt & uncle, cousin Becky & husband Calvin with health issues, good health for cousin Vickie & her dad, who both have shingles. Carol Wilson for Clara & her parents. Pastor Mike's mother. Pastor Kel's mother. Kathy Dunlap: friend Mary Staton & family on loss of husband Lee. Cindy Jayson for granddaughter Bethany. Elaine Bredenbeck for friend Stacey Paikoff. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim & sister-in-law Paula. Dale & Arlene Post for Betty Jansen. Suvan Geer for family: Phil Lamontagne, Terry Meer & friend Cameron. The Davenport for father, grandfather Bill Davenport on Hospice. For Bernie Davis & family on loss of Julia 2/3/19. Debby Riddick (Common Ground) for stepson Don who was burned on one arm, neck & side of face.

Quiet Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

THE PRAYER OF JESUS, based on Teilhard de Chardin's "Mass on the World"
Our Loving Creator, who is within and beyond; Whose spirit breathes through and makes divine all dimensions of the universe; Holy be Your name. Teach us to listen to Your breath within our hearts, that in ourselves and in communion one with another, we may become as You would have us be. Strengthen our endeavor to build this Your sacred earth in caring stewardship with people of all creeds and origins. Give us this day the bread of life, the opportunity to grow, the wisdom and honesty to face our shortcomings, the courage to confront our pain; that healed by Your love, we may heal the pain in others. Be with us when our lives are shattered by dark and disabling forces. Lead us from darkness to light, for Yours is the vision, the animating and transcendent power of love. Amen.

SONG *Change My Heart O God*

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MESSAGE *God Only Knows* Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand) *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Page 556

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

Sharing Our Faith Lara McKinley, Elder
 Offertory *How Beautiful* John Douglas and
 By Twila Paris 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)*

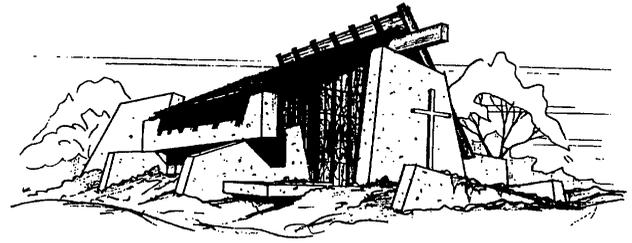
POSTLUDE *Sing to the Lord* John Douglas and
 By Rita Baloché Jeffrey Segal
*Anyone desiring to be a disciple of Christ and member of this church
 is encouraged to speak to the minister after the service.*

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)



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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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 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.

DEDICATION OF FELLOWSHIP HALL AS DAVIS HALL

The Church Cabinet recently voted to dedicate the Fellowship Hall in honor of Rev. Bernie and Julia Davis, for their many years of service to Church of the Foothills, and Camille Christian Church DOC and Global Ministries in the Congo before joining here. Bernie and Julia were active in the education, music and pastoral ministries of the church. Their PLAQUE for the Fellowship Hall will include a quote by Rev. Davis and be placed on the outside corner near the doors between the social hall and the kitchen. The cost of the plaque is \$750. Contributions can be made to Church of the Foothills and designated for the ***Davis Dedication***.



Chapman University's Founders Day

Chapman University will hold our 36th Annual Founders Day, **March 9, 2019**. The **one day** event held on the Orange, CA campus has many strong events for participants to enjoy:

- The beautiful and inspiring art of the Saint John's Bible, the first hand written and illuminated Bible since the invention of the printing press. We will hear Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, from Saint John's University, speak on *The Artist as Preacher*.
- Preaching by the Rev. Dr. Suzanne Castle, creative worship designer and consultant, from Texas.
- A luncheon celebrating the Disciples Church Leader of the Year, the Rev. Dr. Bill Thomas.
- Worship featuring DOC students and the Chapman University Singers.

Ministers needing CEU's can earn .4 hours for full participation. Scholarships are available by contacting Nancy Brink at churchrelations@chapman.edu. No one is turned away because of finances!

Online registration can be found at www.chapman.edu/founders-day. You are invited to come for both days, but you may also elect only a single option. Questions or needing assistance with online registration? Please call the Office of Church Relations at 714.997.6760. And we are serious—do not let the cost of registration keep you away. If you need a scholarship, please ask for it!

2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: received \$213,991.25 toward \$240,000 Goal. *Estimate of Giving Cards* in Narthex. Place in offering plate, or mail to church office. Thanks to all who have already turned in pledge cards. ~ Finance Ministry

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning Goddess created the heavens and the earth. ² But the earth was chaos and emptiness, and darkness covered the face of the deep, yet the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then Goddess said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and Goddess separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness Goddess called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. NRSV & 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 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:

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 & OCICE

Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless)

Gloria Wildman

Tina Peterson

Lynn Stiegler

Andy Bartley

Malia Cary

Suvan Geer

Kathy Dunlap

Lianne Oakes

Carmen Mercado

Rosadelia Mercado

Sunny Erickson

Rev. Susan Chamberlain

Dan Grisct

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 Cindy Guziak

Greeter: Cindy Jayson
 Elders for the week: Lara McKinley and Michelle Linton
 AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez, Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
 Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, February 10 -- 16, 2019

Today 2/10	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>
	11:30 AM Confirmation Pre-Meeting -- SR
Mon. 2/11	12:00 PM Interfaith Council to Temple Beth Sholom – Santa Ana
	7:00 PM LGBTQI ONA Bible Study – McKinley's home
	7:00 PM Preschool Mtg. -- Library
	7:00 PM Property Ministry Mtg.
Tues. 2/12	7:00 PM Finance Ministry Mtg. -- Library
Wed. 2/13	SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE
	10:00 AM CWF, Fireside Room
	7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Fri. 2/15	7:00 PM TG Rainbow - SR
	7:00 PM Bridge Small Group Ministry – Wenonah Sheehan's home
Sat. 2/16	10:00 AM Memorial Service -- Sanctuary
	3:00 PM Stage Door -- FH

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

11:30 AM CONFIRMATION PRE-MEETING: All interested high school youth and their parents/guardians are invited to an **introductory & information gathering** in Senior High Room. Pastor Mike, Kel and Robbie will share about confirmation.

SCIENCE/EVOLUTION SUNDAY: Church of the Foothills is part of a huge movement of over 1,000 participating Christian, Jewish and Muslim congregations in all 50 states that seek dialogue and understanding between science and religion.

FAIR-TRADE CORNER in Fellowship Hall open TODAY for coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oil and other items. Proceeds support indigenous producers around the world

FEBRUARY 11, Noon to 1:30: Interfaith Council of Central OC (ICCO) will meet at Temple Beth Sholom, 2625 N. Tustin Ave, Santa Ana 92705. Rabbi Heidi will share with the group stories of our history as well and some of our practices including a hands on opportunity to view and learn about our oldest Torah, over 300 years, from the Czech Republic.

R.S.V.P Brenda Davis: brendadavis15@att.net (H) 714-665-9591 (C) 714-865-4009

MON., FEB. 11: LGBTQI OPEN & AFFIRMING MINISTRY Bible Study 7:00 - 8:15 pm at home of Lara and Michelle McKinley, 937 S. Hedin Circle, Anaheim Hills 92807. Using the book, Short Stories by Amy-Jill Levine, this monthly Bible study focuses on some of the most beloved (and challenging) parables of Jesus. Bring a Bible with you! Discussion led by Rev. Nancy Brink, Chapman University. Contact Nancy at 402-312-0409.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:00 PM: Bridge Small Group Ministry at Wenonah Sheehan's home. All are welcome!! Contact Gloria Wildman.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for SENIOR HIGH starting Sunday, February 24.

 Pastor Mike, Rev. Kel Henderson, Robbie Arevalos and the Education Ministry will offer confirmation classes to all Sr High Youth, Classes will meet on Sundays, **4:30-5:30 PM**, from February 24 until **April 7**. Confirmation Sunday will be April 14 (Palm Sunday).

ATTENTION NEWCOMERS! Pastor Mike offers Inquirers' Classes starting Feb 24 for anyone interested in knowing more about the *Spiritual Wisdom* of Jesus, the *Progressive Christian Movement*, and our church. **Classes are held Sundays from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM (also on March 3, 10 & 17)** in Fireside Room, Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. See Pastor Mike for more information, or just show up!