

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.

February 17, 2019 **Presidents Weekend** **9:45 AM**

*As a courtesy to other worshipers, please turn your cell phones off or to vibrate.
Be sure also not to 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 *Let Your Spirit Come* Page 17, Sing! Prayer and Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP Lara McKinley, Liturgist

One: The presence of the Divine unites us this day with all who celebrate the vision of an inclusive community of freedom, love and equality.

Many: People of all ethnicities, ages, abilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, religious backgrounds and political persuasions are all God's daughters and sons, and our sisters and brothers.

One: We thank Goddess for the beauty of diversity and the power of unity.

Many: May we know Christ's spirit of peace when we find ourselves facing walls that divide, which we are called to break down.

One: May love in this community help to heal and transform the world. May we choose the path of Jesus for justice, peace & abundant life.

Prayer: Gather us from our separate lives, Gracious Goddess, and unite us as people of the Way in the world today. Anoint the work of our church as we seek spiritual guidance and divine wisdom. Help us to perceive and experience Sacred Truth, and then to follow as faithful disciples of Jesus. Bind us together in worship and transform us into the body of Christ. Amen.

OPENING SONG (please stand) *One in Christ* Page 27, Sing! Prayer and Praise
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 *Tumekuja Kuimba (We Have Come to Sing!)* Chancel Choir
By Lynn Zettlemoyer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction

*All worshipers 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 Carmen Mercado, Elder

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious One, thank You for nourishing us at this table with holy food and drink.
Make us one in the body of Christ, and send us forth as followers of Jesus, 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, 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, Chuck, 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. Elaine Bredenbeck for friend Stacey Paikoff & her family. Dale & Arlene Post: families of Bill Davenport & Julia Davis. Miguel Magaña & Michael Schaefer for our friend Paul P. Kathy & Barbara for Kathy's uncle Darrell. Lianne Oakes for Jim & Susie Gottfurcht.

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 (Remain Seated) *We Shall Overcome* Page 570, Vs. 1 & 4

READING Luke 9:18-22 Page 3 of Insert

MESSAGE President Jesus? Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand) *I Am the Light of the World* Page 584
Vs. 2-4

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

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God. (Repeat)

POSTLUDE *The Name of the Lord* John Douglas and
By Clinton Utterbach Jeffrey Segal

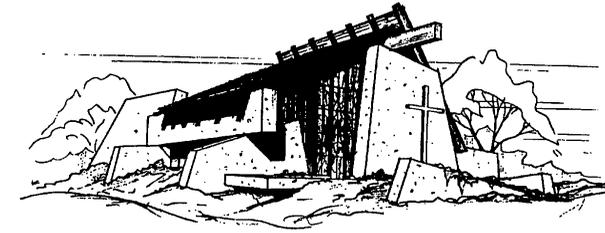
*Anyone desiring to be a disciple of Christ and member of this church
is encouraged to speak to the minister after the service.*

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)



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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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 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 disability, economic status or religious background.*



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATES

Thanks so much to everyone who helped out with meals, donations, overnight stays, and laundry while we hosted the families in need of housing from Family Promise last month! For those who took laundry to be cleaned, please leave it on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Church of the Foothills will be hosting Family Promise again for 2 weeks very close to each other, beginning next month - so we are already open to taking dinner signups for the following weeks. Check your calendars and let us know if you'd like to help out.

March 24-31
April 7-14

Also - **WE NEED OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS!** Do you have a camper/RV that you could stay overnight at church during Family Promise for 3 nights during the week? Or is anyone willing to stay in one of the church rooms overnight? This is a great way to really interact and get to know the families we host while they are with us. We are looking to get more overnight volunteers to help ease the workload for our current overnight people. Please reach out to us if you have any questions and let us know if you'd like to volunteer and help in this way!

See us, Malia Cary & Andy Bartley after worship in Fellowship Hall, thanks.

MARCH 9: CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY'S FOUNDERS DAY **Are YOU registered?**



Chapman University in Orange, CA is holding its 36th annual Founders Day. Come learn about the **Saint John's Bible**. This event is particularly designed for

Disciples and UCC church people to come to Chapman. The Saint John's Bible is the first hand written Bible created since the invention of the printing press. Written on calfskin vellum using medieval calligraphic techniques, the art of the Saint John's Bible seeks to awaking a biblical passion for social justice and appreciation for science, technology and discovery. Registration closes on March 7. A full schedule and registration is found online at www.chapman.edu/founders-day. If you cannot register online, please call the Office of Church Relations at 714.997.6760 for assistance. And we are serious—do not let the cost of registration keep you away. If you need a scholarship, please ask for it!

Luke 9:18-22

NRSV & Inclusive Bibles

One day when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples nearby, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹They answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and still others, one of the ancient prophets who has returned from the dead." ²⁰Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "God's Messiah." ²¹Jesus strictly forbid them to tell this to anyone, ²²"The Chosen One, Jesus said, must suffering greatly, be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and religious scholars, be put to death, and then be raised up on the third day."

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 Cary |
| 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 brought today by Jennifer Surges.

Greeter: Cindy Jayson
 Elders for the week: Lara McKinley and Carmen Mercado
 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, February 17 -- 23, 2019

Today 2/17	9:45 AM Morning Worship, Communion 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>
Mon. 2/18	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY
Tues. 2/19	7:00 PM Cabinet Mtg. -- Library
Wed. 2/20	SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE 10:00 AM CWF – Fireside Room 11:00 AM Rodrigo's Fiesta Fundraiser – Take a Flyer 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Thurs. 2/21	MARCH FOOTPRINTS DEADLINE
Fri. 2/22	2:00 PM Embracing the Divine Feminine – Sacred Seasons

Ministry Opportunities

TOMORROW, FEB. 18 CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY.



RODRIGO'S FIESTA FUNDRAISER for Youth, 14882 Holt Ave. Tustin 714-832-3280. Wednesday, February 20, 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).

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for SENIOR HIGH start Next Sunday, February 24.



Pastor Mike, Pastor Kel and Robbie Arevalos will lead confirmation classes for Sr High Youth, **4:30-5:30 PM**, from February 24 until **April 7**. Confirmation and Baptism Sunday will be April 14 (Palm Sunday).

ATTENTION NEWCOMERS! Inquirers' Classes start Next Sunday, Feb 24 for



anyone interested in knowing more about the *Spiritual Wisdom* of Jesus, the *Progressive Christian Movement*, and our church. **Classes are taught by Pastor Mike and 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!

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**. To date, \$495.00 has been donated.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: The 2019 Church Budget voted on at the December Congregational Meeting required pledges of \$222,000 to balance. To date, **\$213,991.25** has been received toward that goal. For those who have not turned in a pledge yet, or wish to increase or change earlier pledges, *Estimate of Giving Cards* are available in the Narthex. Place completed cards in the offering plate, or mail to church office. Thanks to all who support the ongoing ministry of our church. ~ Finance Ministry