

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 24, 2019 Last Sunday of Epiphany 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 and Jeffrey Segal

SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP Dan Griset, Vice-President

INTROIT *Marvelous* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Carmen Mercado, Liturgist

One: Spiritual people are history makers who break through small fiefdoms of this world to an alternate, much larger reality, God's full creation.

Many: **Those who live out of a false sense of self are history stoppers. They use God and religion to protect the status quo of the world.**

One: Jesus did not call disciples to be nice, proper, or moderate, but to believe in change, and then to claim the power to change things.

Many: **Without courage and faith, love and hope do not happen. It takes courage and faith to trust the ways of the Spirit.**

One: Our only safety net is the love, peace and justice of our Goddess. In our worship, let us fall into her arms thankfully and gracefully.

Prayer: **Holy One, we give thanks this day for bringing us together to experience the presence and power of Your Spirit. May we have the courage of faith to open our hearts and minds to forgiveness that we may be filled with compassion, generosity and wisdom, and then go forward from this place to spread seeds of hope and justice in our world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) *Like a Healing Stream*

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 *I Sing Because I'm Happy* Chancel Choir
By Rollo Dilworth

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, Jan, Jose, 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. Miguel Magaña for my very good friend Joseph Spaziano. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim & sister-in-law Paula. Arlene & Dale Post for close friend Gloria Bos & brother Don Berry. Elaine Bredenbeck for friend Stacey Paikoff. Suvan Geer for family: Terry Geer, James & Gayle Geer, Phil Lamontagne, Mike & Brett Thiffault.

Quiet Meditation Philipians 4:6-7 Page 3 of Insert

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Mike Holland

The Lord's Prayer, Gnostic Version (Unison)

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 *Cares Chorus*

MESSAGE

Making Amends

Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand) *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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

Sharing Our Faith

Lara McKinley, 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

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.*

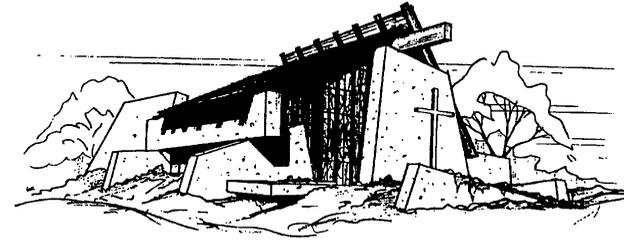
Be sure to place your food or cash donations for Southwest Community Center
in the shopping cart located in the fellowship hall.

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.

To learn more about "Progressive Christian" faith, copies of Dr. Marcus Borg's
book, *The Heart of Christianity*, available at the Welcome Booth (\$10 donation)

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY MARCH 17TH. Anyone interested in entering into
partnership as fellow disciples of Christ and members of Church of the Foothills is
invited to participate in a special **Covenant Ceremony** during morning worship
that Sunday. See Pastor Mike for more information or to let him know you plan to
join our church.



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

John Douglas, Organist

Jeff Segal, Drummer

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 ability, economic status or religious background.*



**Church of the Foothills is hosting Family Promise for two weeks!
March 24-31 & April 7-14**

So, we are already taking dinner signups.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR:

Overnight Stay

Do you have a camper/RV that you could stay overnight at church during Family Promise for 3 nights during the week? Or would you be willing to stay in one of the church rooms overnight? Staying overnight 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. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer and help this way! if you have any questions, 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 March 7. See full schedule and registration online at www.chapman.edu/founders-day. If unable to register online, 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!

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

NRSV and 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:

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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 (LGBTQ!) 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 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 Malia Cary.

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

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, February 24 – March 2, 2019

Today 2/24	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!)
	10:45 AM Hearts & Minds Ministry -- JR
	11:30 AM Inquirers' Class – Fireside Room
	4:30 PM Confirmation Class -- Library
Mon. 2/25	6:30 PM Monday Night Study Group – Gloria Wildman's home
Tues. 2/26	11:00 AM CPK Fundraiser
Wed. 2/27	SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE
	10:00 AM CWF, Fireside Room
	7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Fri. 3/1	6:30 PM JR & SR Movie Night -- SR
Sat. 3/2	3:00 PM Bill Davenport Memorial Service – Sanctuary & FH

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

10:45 AM Hearts & Minds Ministry, Jr. High Room
(safe, respectful listening and sharing) – led by Suvan Geer

11:30 AM Inquirers' Class led by Pastor Mike, for any newcomers interested in knowing more about the *Progressive Christian Movement*, and our church. **Classes are Sundays from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM (also March 3, 10 & 17)** in Fireside Room, Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided.

4:30 PM Confirmation Class for Senior High Youth -- Library

MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP, FEBRUARY 25: *Affirmative Action: What is it? Why so controversial? How does it fit progressive Christian ethics?* Join us Monday night as we continue to explore Dismantling Racism. Drawing from Chapter 7 of Ijeoma Oluo's *So you want to talk about race*, Michelle Linton and Miguel Magaña will facilitate the discussion. Don't have the book? Come anyway. Potluck: 6:30 pm; Discussion 7:15 pm. Gloria Wildman's home.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26: CPK FUNDRAISER: Main Place Mall in Orange.



Anytime 11 AM to 10 PM. Reminder Flyers are 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. Pastor Mike will be present around 6:00 PM for dinner.

DEDICATION OF FELLOWSHIP HALL AS DAVIS HALL

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, Camille Christian Church DOC, and Global Ministries in the Congo. Bernie and Julia were active in the education, music and pastoral ministries of the church. A PLAQUE being made for the Fellowship Hall in their honor includes a quote by Rev. Davis and will be placed on the outside corner near the two glass hall doors. **Thanks to all who donated toward the cost of the plaque; the full amount of \$750 has been raised.**

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: \$214,351.25 has been pledged toward \$222,000 needed to balance the budget. *Estimate of Giving Cards* are available in the Narthex. Place completed cards in the offering plate, or mail to church office. Thanks.