

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.

March 10, 2019

First Sunday in Lent

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. Thanks*

## PRELUDE

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

## SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP

Dan Griset, Vice-President

## INTROIT

*Freedom Come*  
By Ben Allaway

Chancel Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pamela Galera, Liturgist

One: The ability to stand back and calmly observe our inner dramas, without rushing to judgment, is foundational for spiritual growth.

**Many: This is the form of dying to the self that Jesus lived personally and the Buddha taught experientially, to which Lent invites us.**

One: Whatever we call it, such calm, egoless living is characteristic of people at the highest spiritual levels of knowing, doing and loving.

**Many: They are the ones we call sages, wise women, or holy men. They are the ones who moved from belief to inner experience.**

One: All spiritual traditions agree that such movement is possible, desirable, and available to everyone, even to us, even now.

**Prayer: Mysterious God, our desire daily is to become more Christ-like in our hearts, minds and spirits. Give us listening hearts, wisdom to know the right thing to do, and hands open to extend grace and mercy to others. Empower us with boldness in the struggle for peace and justice for all. Let our faith result in affirmation of the common good – that what is good and available for one will be good and available to all. Amen.**

## OPENING SONG (please stand if able) *If My People*

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.*

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## Introduction of Confirmands and Sponsors

### ANTHEM

*I Dream A World*

Chancel Choir

Poetry by Langston Hughes

Music by André Thomas

### 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, 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: Kelly & family, Susan & Larry, Dave & family, Tom & Jacky, Kathy, Mike, Palbaum family, Natalie & family. Susan Richardson: cousin Becky & husband Calvin. Davenport family. Carol Wilson for Clara & her parents. Pastor Mike's mother. Pastor Kel's mother. Elaine Bredenbeck for friend Stacey Paikoff & family and Alexander Bredenbeck. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre: husband Jim & sister-in-law Paula. John Swank: dad Robert Swank. Dale & Arlene Post: Glo Bos moving to a new senior home. Lianne Oakes for cousin Sophie. Dan & Lynn Stiegler for grandson Jeremy. Our churches heartfelt prayer to the families of Pastor Kel & Anthony Henderson in the loss of Mike Henderson, and to Kate McCloskey & Sarah Tyler & families in the loss of Bill Tyler.

#### Quiet Meditation

#### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mike Holland

#### The Serenity Prayer (Unison)

**God, grant us the Serenity to accept things we cannot change, Courage to change the things we can, and the Wisdom to know the difference, Patience for the things that take time, Appreciation for all that we have, and Tolerance for those with different struggles, Freedom to live beyond the limitations of our past ways, the Ability to feel your love for us and our love for each other and the Strength to get up and try again even when we feel it is hopeless. Amen.**

### SONG

*Come, Just As You Are*

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**MESSAGE** *Sweet Surrender* Pastor Mike Holland

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** (please stand) *Called as Partners* Page 495  
(verses 2 & 3)

**A TIME FOR GIVING** (Online giving is also an option through [churchofthefoothills.org](http://churchofthefoothills.org))  
Sharing Our Faith Keni Cox, 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)*

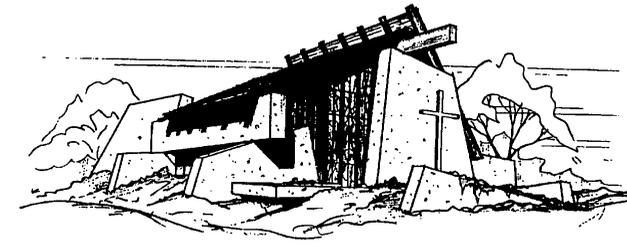
**POSTLUDE** John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal  
*Anyone desiring to be a disciple of Christ and member of this church  
is encouraged to speak to the minister after the service.*

Check the Kiosk outside for more info about our Progressive Christian faith.

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments.

Please place food or cash donations for those in need in the shopping cart.

Hear today's service from our website at: [www.churchofthefoothills.org](http://www.churchofthefoothills.org)



Church  
of the  
Foothills

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Marci Carey, Preschool Director  
Kathy Vail, Office Manager  
Dana & Jordan Block, Childcare Personnel  
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Rev. Barbara Gear, 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.*



## SUPPORTING OUR UCC & DOC GLOBAL MINISTRIES



Two Special Offerings each year help financially support our Global Ministries: The United Church of Christ's **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) **Week of Compassion** offering. ChOTF is aligned with both denominations and collects both offerings today to be split evenly. Please use the envelope in this week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity and support of UCC & DOC ministries!



### INTERFAITH COUNCIL ROAD TRIP to: Episcopal Church of the Messiah, Santa Ana 614 N. Bush St, Santa Ana, 92701. Monday, March 11th, from Noon to 1:30

One of the oldest churches in Orange County, Messiah Episcopal Church was built 1888 - 1889. Father Abel Lopez will speak about the church, the Episcopal and Lutheran alliance and his recent trip to Cuba. And of course, there will always be time for questions and answers. It should be a very interesting lunch.

The congregation is providing the lunch. Please RSVP to [brendadavis15@att.net](mailto:brendadavis15@att.net) so we can get an accurate count. Hope you can join ICCOC on the 11th.



### Church of the Foothills Host Family Promise March 24-31 & April 7-14 Currently 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.

## Luke 9:23-25

Then Jesus said to all of them, "You who wish to be my followers must deny your very self, take up the cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for their Christ-Self will save it. <sup>25</sup> What profit is there in gaining the whole world if you lose or forfeit yourselves in the process?"

NRSV and Inclusive Bibles

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#### In Need of Prayers?

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or others, please contact the church office at [churchoffice@chotf.org](mailto: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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| <b>Bridge Club</b>                                      | <b>Gloria Wildman</b>         |
| <b>Chancel Choir</b>                                    | <b>Tina Peterson</b>          |
| <b>Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)</b>               | <b>Lynn Stiegler</b>          |
| <b>Family Promise (homeless families with children)</b> | <b>Andy Bartley</b>           |
|   | <b>Malia Cary</b>             |
| <b>Hearts &amp; Minds (compassionate listening)</b>     | <b>Suvan Geer</b>             |
| <b>Mixed Media (arts, plays, movies)</b>                | <b>Kathy Dunlap</b>           |
| <b>Monday Night Study Group</b>                         | <b>Lianne Oakes</b>           |
| <b>ONA (LGBTQI) Ministry</b>                            | <b>Carmen Mercado</b>         |
|   | <b>Rosadelia Mercado</b>      |
| <b>PB&amp;J (Peace, Benevolence &amp; Justice)</b>      | <b>Sunny Erickson</b>         |
| <b>Sacred Seasons Center &amp; OCICE</b>                | <b>Rev. Susan Chamberlain</b> |
| <b>Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless)</b>              | <b>Dan Grisct</b>             |

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.**

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Flowers today were brought by Bob Goodrich.

Greeter: Kurt Breuninger  
Elders for the week: Keni Cox and Pamela Galera  
AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez, Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens  
Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, March 10 -- 16, 2019

Today 3/10	9:45 AM Morning Worship
	10:00 AM Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High <i>(Nursery available for infants &amp; toddlers)</i>
	11:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee time - Fellowship Hall <i>(remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)</i> Interfaith Youth Forum – Newport Beach
	10:45 AM Hearts & Minds Ministry -- JR
	4:30 PM Confirmation Class - Library
Mon. 3/11	11:00 AM Interfaith Council Mtg. Church of the Messiah, SA
	7:00 PM O & A Bible Study – McKinley's home
	7:00 PM Preschool Mtg. - Library
	7:00 PM Property Mtg.
	7:00 PM Worship Team Mtg.
Tues. 3/12	7:00 PM Finance Ministry Mtg. -- Library
Wed. 3/13	<b>SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE</b>
	10:00 AM CWF, Fireside Room
	7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Fri. 3/15	9:00 AM Preschool Spring Show -- FH
	7:00 PM Bridge Small Group Ministry – Gloria Wildman's home
	7:30 PM TG Rainbow -- SR
Sat. 3/16	4:00 PM Men Alive Concert -- Sanctuary
	6:00 PM Church Mice Square Dance Club -- FH

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# Ministry Opportunities

## TODAY:

**Interfaith Youth Forum:** Lunch in Fireside Room and then carpool with Robbie to Mormon Temple, Newport Beach. Return around 5:30 PM.

**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, Fireside Room, fellowship hall**  
Today's class will feature church leaders sharing about the ministries of the church.  
**Last Class March 17, Discover *Your Spiritual Gifts* using MBTI.** Childcare provided.

**STILL TIME TO JOIN THE LGBTQI Open & Affirming Ministry Bible Study!**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 11, 7 PM,** led by Rev. Nancy Brink at home of Lara and Michelle McKinley, 937 S. Hedin Circle, Anaheim. Study of the parables of Jesus to find the wisdom and challenge they offer. There is a small book we will be using: *Short Story by Jesus Participant Guide: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine. Please read the INTRODUCTION for March 11. Order from Amazon

**BRIDGE GROUP Friday, March 15 at Gloria Wildman's house. All welcome.**  
(meeting date moved to third Friday of the month) Call Gloria to join.

***MEN ALIVE FUNDRAISING CONCERT for our Church, Saturday March 16, 4 PM***  
The Gay Men's Chorus of Orange County that rehearses here at our Church offers us a sneak preview each year of their spring concert. No tickets will be sold this year, but an offering will be collected at the concert to support all church ministries. This is a great opportunity to invite others to our church and enjoy a wonderful music show.

## TWO SPECIAL INVITATIONS TO NEWCOMERS TO OUR CHURCH

***NEW MEMBER SUNDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>***. 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.

***"Getting to Know You" DINNER Sunday, March 17 at 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall***  
Enjoy an informal and casual setting for church visitors and new members to meet with the Church Growth Ministry and Pastor Mike. **Please R.S.V. P. by letting Pastor Mike know today if possible, or call his cell at 714-423-0182 this week. Thank you!**