

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.

**March 17, 2019**                      **Second Sunday in Lent**                      **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. Thanks*

**PRELUDE**    John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

**SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP**                      Stephanie Brown, President

**INTROIT**                      *Come Ruah, Spirit Bring New Life*                      Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**    Pamela Galera, Liturgist

One:     The journey of Lent is a way of seeing that refuses to ignore the negative, the problematic, and the threatening parts of everything.

**Many:     Spirit Life does not divide the field of the Now, but receives all.**

One:     The contemplative mind holds truth humbly, knowing that truth is its own best argument. This requires some degree of detachment.

**Many:     Faith requires us to hold creative tensions, to live with paradox and contradictions, to not run from mystery, and to practice what all religions teach: mercy, kindness, patience, forgiveness.**

**Prayer:     Author of all stories, who imagined us into being, may we see You in each other's eyes, hear You in each other's words, learn of You as we learn to understand ourselves. Guide us to create a space where the words we speak will be heard with compassion, not judgment, so that we leave feeling whole, not broken; healed, not wounded; loved, not despised. Then we shall know the sacredness of communion. Amen.**

**OPENING SONG** (please stand)     *Let Your Spirit Come*     Sing! Prayer & Praise #17  
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.*

**COVENANT CEREMONY FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (See Insert)

**ANTHEM**    *Emerald Stream*    Chancel Choir  
By Seth Houston

**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    Jim Cox, Elder

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Blessed One, having partaken of the bread and juice, may we serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger.  
Give them this day, through our hands, their daily bread. 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: 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. Pastor Kel & Anthony in the loss of Mike Henderson. Kate McCloskey & Sarah Tyler & families in the loss of Bill Tyler. Thanya McClaskey for two missing students from Loara High School, Alondra and Max & families. Suvan Geer for family: Phil, Quinn, Mark & Robyn. Jim & Cindy Guziak for Jim's sister, Julienne Verbrick. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre for husband Jim & sister-in-law Paula, friend Char. Prayers for Fernando Iturralde. Maureen Rosenquist for her brother Ken.

**Quiet Meditation**                      Ezekiel 18:21-22; Luke 6:37-8, 41-42                      Page 3 of Insert

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer, Gospel of Luke**

**Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial. Amen.**

**SONG** (remain seated)    *Cares Chorus*

**MESSAGE** *Forgiveness: The Divine Plan for Recovery* Pastor Mike Holland

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** (please stand) *A Wilderness Wandering People*

**A TIME FOR GIVING** (Online giving is also an option through [churchofthefoothills.org](http://churchofthefoothills.org))

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

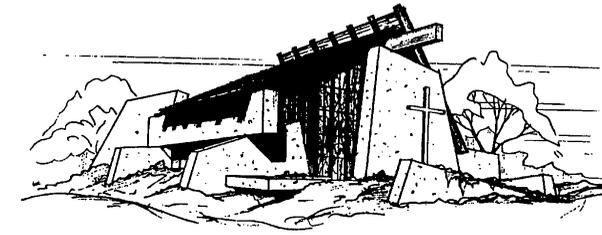
*Anyone desiring to be a disciple of Christ and member of this church  
is encouraged to speak to the minister after the service.*

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

**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  
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.*



**“On the Road”  
Getting Clear on Climate  
with Dr. Shahir Masri**

**Adult Forum, Sunday, March 31, 2019  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 PM  
Fellowship Hall**

We’ve heard a lot about climate change but it’s hard to sort fact from fake news. Our Adult Forum will feature UCI air pollution scientist and Harvard graduate, Dr. Shahir Masri discussing the world’s new climate reality. This young scientist is dedicating his career to making climate science understandable and resolving confusion around the issues global warming raises.

Last year Dr. Masri and educator Athina Simolaris went on a 12,000-mile road trip through 36 states. They spoke with over 800 school kids, scientists, workers and organizers about the climate reality in those parts of the country. This year they will visit more states, survey other groups and speak to more communities about the seriousness of global warming. Hear what they’ve learned on their travels and ask about OC’s climate reality for the foreseeable future.

Dr. [Shahir Masri](#) is the noted author of: *Beyond Debate: 50 Misconceptions on Climate Change*. Copies of the book will be available.

**Bio:** Dr Shahir Masri is an air pollution scientist at the University of California, Irvine. He has Doctoral of Science & Master of Science degrees in environmental health from the Harvard School of Public Health & a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science from UCLA. He is the author of: ***Beyond Debate: 50 Misconceptions on Climate Change***, available on Amazon or at our Adult Forum.

**Pastor Mike will be away for two weeks, March 18 – 31**, first attending the Westar Scholars meeting (*ie.*, *Jesus Seminar*) in Santa Rosa, then visiting with his ailing mom and family in South Carolina. In his absence, **anyone in need of pastoral assistance during this time may contact Pastor Kel Henderson at:** 714-465-6991, [pastorkelhenderson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkelhenderson@gmail.com).

**Ezekiel 18:21-22, Matthew 7:4-5 NRSV**

<sup>21</sup> But if the wicked turn away from all their transgressions that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>22</sup>None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them; for the righteousness that they have done they shall live.

<sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your neighbor, “Let me take the speck out of your eye”, while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>Don’t be hypocritical, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to help take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

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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.

**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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| <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 Griset</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 brought today by Bobbie Taylor.

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| Greeter:               | Kurt Breuninger  |
| Elders for the week:   | Pamela Galera and Jim Cox  |
| Communion Preparation: | Maureen Rosenquist and Maureen Provencher  |
| AV Technicians:        | Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez,<br>Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens |
| Digital Recording:     | Justin Underwood   |

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, March 17 -- 23, 2019

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| <b>Today 3/17</b> | <b>9:45 AM Morning Worship, Communion</b>   |
|                   | <b>10:00 AM Sunday School</b> - Ages Pre-K through Senior High<br><i>(Nursery available for infants &amp; toddlers)</i>   |
|                   | <b>11:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee time</b> - Fellowship Hall <i>(remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)</i><br><b>Reception for New Members</b> -- FH |
|                   | <b>11:30 AM Inquirers' Class</b> – Fireside Room  |
|                   | <b>4:30 PM Confirmation Class</b> -- Library  |
|                   | <b>5:30 PM "Getting to Know You" Dinner</b> -- FH   |
|                   | <b>7:00 PM Property Ministry Mtg.</b> -- Library  |
|                   | <b>7:00 PM Nominating Committee Mtg.</b> -- Library   |
| <b>Mon. 3/18</b>  | <b>SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE</b>   |
| <b>Tues. 3/19</b> |   |
| <b>Wed. 3/20</b>  |   |
|                   | <b>10:00 AM CWF</b> – Fireside Room   |
|                   | <b>11:00 AM Rodrigo's Fiesta Fundraiser</b> – Take a flyer  |
|                   | <b>7:00 PM Choir Practice</b> - Sanctuary   |
| <b>Sat. 3/23</b>  | <b>8:00 AM CHURCH WORK DAY</b>  |

# Ministry Opportunities

## TODAY:

**NEW MEMBER COVENANT CEREMONY during worship** for anyone desiring to enter into our fellowship as fellow progressive Christians, disciples of Christ and members of Church of the Foothills. Pastor Mike will invite everyone to participate at welcome time. Just come forward then and be made a member of the church.

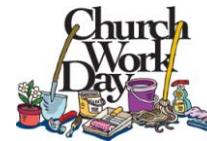
**11:30 AM Inquirers' Class led by Pastor Mike, Fireside Room, fellowship hall.** Today is the last class, Discover *Your Spiritual Gifts* using MBTI. Childcare provided.

**11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Confirmation Lunch and Class**

**5:30 PM DINNER in Fellowship Hall for New Members and Newcomers!**



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



## SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 8 AM – 12:00 PM

We will be cleaning our church in preparation for Easter. You are invited to bring tools to use. Many hands make lighter work for all. See Justin Underwood or Jim Rosenquist.

## FAMILY PROMISE IS COMING!

Church of the Foothills will be hosting families March 24-31 and April 7-14. Help is needed in the following areas:

**Dinner signups** - sign up to provide a meal for one night for the families **AND Scrip donation** - help cover the cost of groceries/supplies - Stater Bros is best for groceries.

Contact **Malia Cary** and **Andy Bartley** to sign up for dinner and/or drop off any donations. Thanks! Malia & Andy.

**MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP, MARCH 25, 2019:** What is the "School to Prison" pipeline? Why are children of color disproportionately in trouble and in prison? Drawing from Chapter 8 of Ijeoma Oluo's so *You Want to Talk about Race* and other resources, *Jim Guziak* and *Keni Cox* will facilitate the discussion. Don't have the book? Come anyway. Potluck: 6:30 pm; Discussion only, 7:15 pm. Susan and Bill Richardson's home.

