

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

Sharing Our Faith

Offertory

Songs Without Words

By Mendelssohn

Lisa Letourneau, Elder

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.

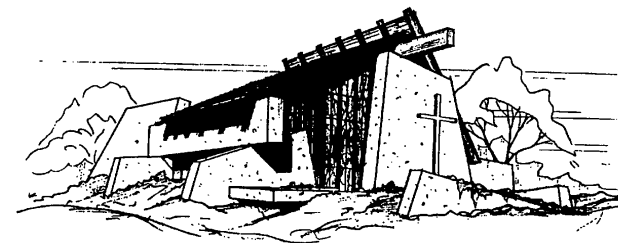
Hear today's service from our website at: www.churchofthefoothills.org

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.



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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Rev. Dr. Michael Holland, Pastor

Rev. Kel Henderson, Minister of Family Life

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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.



Haroldson Wedding
12:00 Noon at
Church of the Foothills
RSVP:

The Haroldsonfamily@gmail.com
 Registry can be found at:
[Amazon.com/wedding/Shore/Haroldson](https://www.amazon.com/wedding/Shore/Haroldson)

PAUL TURNER Returns to COF on SUNDAY, MAY 26

Paul, our appointed DOC & UCC Global Ministries Partner to the Republic of Congo, will share his experiences during worship and Adult Forum. He was last with us February 22, 2015.



Paul Turner serves as the Development Co-Worker with the Community of Disciples of Christ in Congo (CDCC). He works directly with CDCC pastors and church leaders in their efforts to sustain and expand programs in the areas of community development, women's empowerment, economic development, education and public health.

Prior to his appointment in Democratic Republic Congo, he was a leader in faith-based community development, building affordable housing, creating social enterprises and advocating for greater community reinvestment in low-income communities from financial institutions. He has also been an adjunct professor in Azusa Pacific University's Masters of Transformational Urban Leadership Program (MATUL). While in DR Congo, he trained church volunteers to observe the election process.

Paul served three years as President of Save Africa's Children (SAC), a faith-based, non-profit organization with a mission to expand the scope of care for orphan and vulnerable children impacted by HIV-AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to SAC he directed community reinvestment activities in low-to-moderate income communities in Southern California for Citigroup. And at the Greenlining Institute, Paul worked to advance civil rights, equal opportunity and diversity in California and across the country.

Paul was appointed to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission by Mayor Villaraigosa in recognition of his efforts to get comprehensive campaign finance reform passed in 2002. He is a member of Abundant Life Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Los Angeles, served on the PSWR Board as Chair of the Finance Committee and Treasurer before departing for Africa. He received a BA in Political Economy from Bethany College, and a Master of Science in Global Economic Development from Eastern Univ. Welcome Paul!

Selections of Luke 10:25-37

²⁵An expert on the law stood up to put Jesus to the test. "Teacher, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" ²⁷The man answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your strength, and all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But self-justification, the expert in law pressed Jesus further: "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell to robbers; they stripped and beat him, and went off, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road; who saw the traveler lying beside the road, but passed by on the other side. ³²Likewise a Levite came the same way and saw the one, but passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan traveling the same road came upon the man; saw him, and was moved with compassion. ³⁴The Samaritan bandaged the man's wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, brought him to an inn, and looked after him. ³⁵The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Look after this person; and if there is any extra expense, I will reimburse you when I come back." ³⁶Now, which of these three people, do you think, was a neighbor to the one who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷The lawyer said, "The one who showed compassion." Jesus replied, "Then go and do the same."

NRSV and Inclusive Bibles

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 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 today were brought by Judy Campbell and Joan Kaul in honor and memory of our mother.

Greeters: Denise and Sean Womack
Elders for the week: David and Lisa Letourneau
AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez, Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, April 28 – May 4, 2019

Today 4/28	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!)
	11:30 AM	Adult Forum with Pastor Mike -- FH
Mon. 4/29	6:30 PM	Monday Night Study Group – Gloria Wildman's home
Wed. 5/1		SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE
	10:00 AM	CWF, Fireside Room
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Fri. 5/3	8:30 AM	Life Screening -- FH
Sat. 5/4	12:00 PM	Haroldson Wedding – Sanctuary & FH
	5:30 PM	Mixed Media – Dunlap's home

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved with Family Promise the last two months! Everyone who helped out with providing meals, staying overnight, donating scrip, and helping to set up/clean up, and doing laundry - Family Promise would not be able to be successful at our church without your wonderful support. So THANK YOU!

Mark your calendars! Our next hosting week will be **September 29 - October 6**. Also a reminder - if you took home laundry, you may return it to the church office or to the Fellowship Hall stage. Thanks! Malia & Andy

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ADULT FORUM: *The Latest in Scholarship.* Pastor Mike will share some of what he learned at the Westar Scholars Meeting in Santa Rosa in March. Come hear the latest findings in biblical studies, church history, and theology, if you dare! Progressive Modern Scholarship undergirds our ministry.

MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP, April 29, 2019: *Dismantling Racism* continues with “*What is cultural appropriation?*” Chapter 10 of Ijeoma Oluo's book: *So You Want to Talk about Race*. Suvan Geer will facilitate the discussion. Don't have the book? Come anyway. Potluck: 6:30 pm; Discussion only, 7:15 pm. Gloria Wildman's home.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM LIFE LINE SCREENING is pleased to offer

preventive health screenings at Church of the Foothills. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and bone density screening for men and women used to assess risk of osteoporosis. **To register:** <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle>, 888-653-6450.



SUNDAY, MAY 5: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 11 AM, Fellowship Hall, Agenda includes election of new Officers and Ministry Chairs and approval of Leadership Annual Reports. **Any other motions or agenda items must have been submitted in writing to the Cabinet by last Tuesday, April 16.**



OUR MARKETING TEAM HAS REQUESTED THAT ALL OF US CAREFULLY READ AND CONSIDER SIGNING THE MEDIA RELEASE FORM before pictures or videos can be posted to our church's website or other social media sources. This form gives options for how and to what extent you are willing to allow the church to share photos and videos of you and/or your children. Please read the Release Form thoroughly, and decide what if any of the options you choose. As always, everyone is free to opt out of any and all photos and videos if they choose. And with videos, even if permission is granted to share, every attempt will be made to let those in the video know in advance of posting. After checking your options, be sure to fill out and sign the Release Form at the bottom of the page, then either bring to church with or mail to the church office.

Forms are available in the narthex and on our website:

www.churchofthefoothills.com