

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.

May 12, 2019 **Festival of the Home Sunday** **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.
Thank you.*

PRELUDE John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

SHARING OF OUR FELLOWSHIP Stephanie Brown, President

INTROIT *Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You* Chancel Choir
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CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Cox, Liturgist

One: God speaks to us as mothers and fathers, guardians and grandparents and we all respond to the call to nurture our young.

Many: **God speaks to us as a church to offer ministries of extravagant welcome, informed faith, and heart-felt passion for inclusion.**

One Goddess speaks to us as faithful people bound in common cause across identities, ages, cultures, continents, religions and traditions.

Many **Christ calls us to share the cost and joy of discipleship and receive courage in the struggle for justice for all. O God, we are listening, and we give thanks. Help us now to act on our faith.**

Prayer: We give thanks for families of all shapes and sizes, which provide an important basis for our society. We give thanks for children, whom Jesus said we should strive to be like and learn from. We give thanks for parents who give so much of themselves to ensure children feel loved and valued. We give thanks, too, for grandparents and other family members, who so often help share in the responsibilities and joys of parenting. We pray for families that are struggling to cope with life's pressures, may they find courage and the support they need. We pray for those who feel damaged or excluded from family life that they may know friendship and love to feel included and supported. We pray for those who work with and support children and parents. And we pray for support and guidance in helping us all to be better family members. Amen.

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) *One In Christ* Sing! Prayer and Praise pg 27
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 *In This Very Room* Chancel Choir
By Carol and Ron Harris

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: Judy, Kelly & family, Susan & Larry, Dave & family, Kathy, Palbaum family, Patti, Cody. Susan Richardson: cousin Becky & husband Calvin. Carol Wilson: Clara & her parents. Pastor Kel & Anthony. Kate McCloskey, Sarah Tyler & family. Dan & Lynn Stiegler: niece Christy & family. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre: husband Jim, sister-in-law Paula, friend Char. Suvan Geer: friends Lee & Kate Willmore & Flynn family. Provencher & Rosenquist families on loss of son & brother Leo, in Arizona. Lara McKinley. Mary Carden: Bob will have surgery 9/14; sister Bootie had surgery 5/9.

Quiet Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer, by Dale Allen
Our mother who art within us, each breath brings us to You. Thy wisdom come, as we honor Your presence within us. You give us this day all that we need. Your bounty calls us to give and to receive all that is loving and pleasurable. You are the courage that moves us to be true to ourselves and we act with grace and power. Your love nurtures us and unites us all. Now and forever more. So be it, Amen.

SONG *Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You* Page 510
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MESSAGE *A Woman's Choice* Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand) *Celebrate Our Life Together*

A TIME FOR GIVING (Online giving is also an option through 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.*

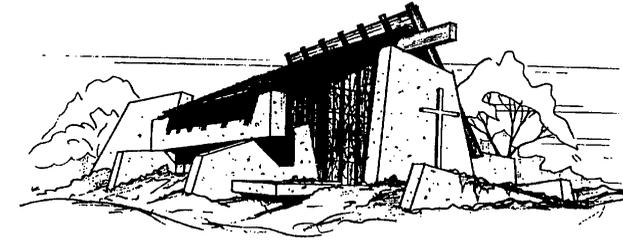
Check the Kiosk outside for more info about our Progressive Christian faith.

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

**COPIES OF CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT and XPLOR PROGRAM MATERIALS
available in the Narthex, or contact the Church Office.**



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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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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.*

PAUL TURNER Returns to COF on SUNDAY, MAY 26

Paul, our appointed DOC & UCC Global Ministries Partner to the Democratic 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 of 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!

The Use of Inclusive Language in our worship services.

Our church believes the Holy or Divine Spirit can be experienced and described in a variety of ways, 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.

NRSV and Inclusive Bible Readings:

Proverbs 31:10-12:

¹⁰A strong, capable, loving woman (wife, mother, grandmother) is more precious than jewels. ¹¹The heart of her family trusts in her, from which much gain is drawn. ¹²She brings good and not harm to her house all the days of her life.

Luke 10:38-41:

³⁸As they traveled, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at Jesus' feet and listened to what was being said. ⁴⁰Martha, busy with all the details of hospitality, came to Jesus and asked, "Rabbi, don't you care that my sister has left me alone to do all the household tasks? Tell her to help me." ⁴¹Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and upset by so many things, but only a few things are necessary—really only one. Mary has chosen the better part (for her) and she won't be deprived of it."

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.

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:

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 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:00

- 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 Carol Wilson.

Greeters: Javier Mendez and Ryan Wilson
 Elders for the week: Jim and Keni Cox
 AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez, Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
 Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, May 12 -- 18, 2019

Today 5/12	9:45 AM Morning Worship 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> Western Service Workers -- FH
Mon. 5/13	10:45 AM Hearts & Minds Ministry -- JR 12:00 PM Interfaith Council Meeting 7:00 PM LGBTQI, O & A Bible Study – McKinley's home 7:00 PM Property Mtg. 7:00 PM Preschool Meeting -- Library
Tues. 5/14	7:00 PM Finance Ministry Mtg. -- Library
Wed. 5/15	SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE 10:00 AM CWF , Fireside Room 11:00 AM Rodrigo's Fiesta Fundraiser – Bring a Flyer 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Fri. 5/17	7:30 PM TG Rainbow -- SR
Sat. 5/18	9:00 AM Center of New Beginnings --- Library 10:00 AM Julia Davis Memorial Service – Sanctuary & FH

Ministry Opportunities

TODAY:

Western Service Workers are returning today to help us celebrate Mother's Day with home-made flower bouquets that may be purchased as a fundraiser. WSW is an association of low-income workers of Orange County who help each other meet daily needs, while advocating for government policies that assist basic family needs.

11:00 AM Hearts & Minds Ministry, -- Junior High Room (safe, respectful listening and sharing) – led by Suvan Geer

11:15 AM Adult Forum in Fireside Room: Kris Erickson, attorney, daughter of Sunny Erickson, church member, and now on the Orange Unified School District Board. She will share how we can help support LGBTQI inclusion in our schools.



Wed. May 15, 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM ALL DAY! Take a flyer. RODRIGO'S FIESTA FUNDRAISER for Youth, 14882 Holt Ave. Tustin 714-832-3280. This fundraiser goes to our Campership Fund, which helps our youth go to camp at Loch Leven (DOC) or Pilgrim Pines (UCC).

MEMORIAL FOR JULIA DAVIS, Saturday May 18, 10 AM, Church of the Foothills. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Monday Night Study Group is moving to Tues. May 28 this month in recognition of Memorial Day. "WHY CAN'T I SAY THE 'N' WORD?" is the topic as we continue to discuss the challenges of **Dismantling Racism**. Miguel Magaña & Keni Cox facilitates the conversation, drawing from *So You Want to Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. **Potluck: 6:30 pm; Discussion only, 7:15 pm.** Gloria Wildman's home.



June 2, Sunday: This year the church picnic will be on campus! Tables and chairs will be set up on patio and playground, and burgers and hot dogs barbecued. Sign up to bring side dishes to share. There will be music and games, so plan to stay after worship for fun and fellowship.

JUNE 2, SUNDAY: DEDICATION OF DAVIS HALL: Just before the picnic we will be dedicating our Fellowship Hall in memory of Julia and in honor of Rev. Bernie Davis.

MEDIA RELEASE FORMS are available in the narthex and on our website: www.churchofthefoothills.com. 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 thoroughly, and decide what if any of the options you choose. After checking your options, be sure to fill out and sign the Release Form at the bottom of the page. Place forms in or mail to the church office. Thank You!