

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.

September 8, 2019 Rally Back After Summer Day 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 Keni Cox, Vice-President

INTROIT *God Has Done Marvelous Things* Chancel Choir and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP Michelle Linton, Liturgist

One: Something awakened us this morning—perhaps a new day’s dawning, the alarm on the shelf or a reminder that this is Rally Day!

Many: We gather with other awakened spirits to offer thanksgiving, build our community, and honor the source of all life and love.

One: Something moves us—we are led by a creative spirit of mystery and hope that urges us to grow, love, laugh, learn and share life together.

Many: We gather in the name of One whose Spirit still moves among us and leads us into deeds of peace, justice and compassion.

One: Ours is a faith that is both awake and growing as we continue the journey together this school year as disciples of the way of Jesus.

Prayer: God of Hospitality, we offer praise for the opportunity to welcome each other today. We give thanks for our life stories, our faith journeys, and our diversity of gifts. May we be zealous in our willingness to listen and to learn. May we be open to revised visions and new perspectives. Help us to provide a nurturing environment for the children and youth. Enable us to take time for one another as we establish a shared faith and a common history. Bless us all, O Goddess, as we worship together and seek to be Your servants in a needy world. Amen

OPENING SONG (please stand if able) *Celebrate Our Life Together*

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

Sisi Ni Moja (We Are One)

Chancel Choir

By Jacob Narverud

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Pastor Kel Henderson

Introduction of Teachers and Classes

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, Chace, Palbaum family, Weiglen family, Ted, Marni & family. Susan Richardson: Calvin Scott, cousin Becky & husband. Carol Wilson: friend Kyle Gamez. Pastor Kel & Anthony. Kate McCloskey: Sarah Tyler & family. Maria Pérez: Nancy Brink’s father Eugene Brink. Robbie Arevalos. Lynn & Dan Stiegler: niece Christy. Barb Gear: children held in cages and their families. Melody Taylor. Brenda: son Jesse. Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre: husband Jim, friends Char & Sandra. Anonymous: Michael Schaefer. Dale & Arlene Post: Glo Bos. Mary Carden: Gregg Gillen, a vet at VA Hospital in Long Beach.

Quiet Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

A Franciscan Prayer:

God bless us with Discomfort! Discomfort at easy, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts. Goddess bless us with Anger! Anger at injustices, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace. God bless us with Tears! Tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them, and to turn their pain into joy. And Goddess bless us with Foolishness! Enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.

SONG

READING

Luke 14:25-33

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MESSAGE

*The Cost (and benefits) of being
a disciple of Christ*

Pastor Mike
Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (please stand)

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

Sharing Our Faith

Malia Cary, 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 over to Davis Hall after worship for Ice Cream!

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

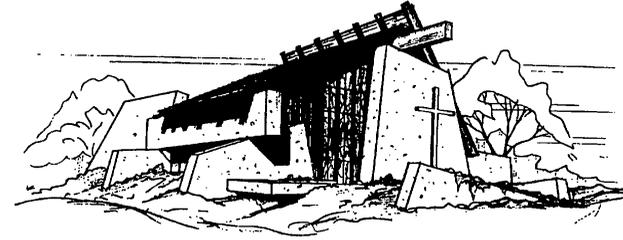
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Rev. Nancy Brink, Rev. Susan Chamberlain, Rev. Bernie Davis, Rev. Dr. Duane Day,

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*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.*

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
FAMILY PROMISE OC
GALA & AUCTION

Please join us for an evening of fine dining, a hosted bar, entertainment, exciting and unique auction prizes, and dancing!

To support Family Promise OC, please click the buttons at the bottom of the page to:

- ★ Buy Tickets (Early Bird By August 3, 2019 - \$150/pp; \$175 Thereafter)
- ★ Sponsor the Event (Several Packages Available)
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The families supported by Family Promise OC are deeply grateful for your compassion and generosity.

To learn more about Family Promise and its mission visit:
www.familypromiscoc.org



Event Details

September 21, 2019

The Villa
 510 E Katella Avenue
 Orange, CA

Cocktail Attire

Curtain Call 5:30 pm

**AC FUND UPDATE: GOAL TO REPLACE TWO SANCTUARY UNITS: \$13,600.
 GIVEN TO DATE: \$3730.00**

Anyone wanting to make a donation to help offset the cost of these and future repairs can give online at <http://www.churchofthefoothills.org/donate-online/>, write a check to *Church of the Foothills*, or give cash. Please indicate on your donation that the funds are to be used for the **Building Fund**. Thank you for your continued support of the church.

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.

Luke 14:25-33 (a paraphrase)

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus so he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes with me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see if you have enough resources to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, if the foundation is laid and you are not able to finish, all will ridicule and say, ³⁰“This person began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether his ten thousand can oppose the one who comes with twenty thousand? ³²If not, then, while the other king is still far away, will send a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you are not willing to sacrifice all your possessions.

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.

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**
- Chancel Choir**
- Christian Women’s Fellowship (CWF)**
- Family Promise (homeless families with children)**

- Gloria Wildman**
- Tina Peterson**
- Lynn Stiegler**
- Andy Bartley**
- Malia Cary**
- Suvan Geer**
- Kathy Dunlap**
- Lianne Oakes**
- Carmen Mercado**
- Rosadelia Mercado**
- Sunny Erickson**
- Rev. Susan Chamberlain**
- Dan Grisot**

- Hearts & Minds (compassionate listening)**
- Mixed Media (arts, plays, movies)**
- Monday Night Study Group**
- ONA (LGBTQI) Ministry**

- PB&J (Peace, Benevolence & Justice)**
- Sacred Seasons Center & OCICE**
- Soup Kitchen (feeding the homeless)**

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 Jeanne Davenport

Greeter: Kurt Breuninger
 Elders for the week: Malia Cary and Michelle Linton
 AV Technicians: Justin Underwood, Dean Delgado, María Pérez,
 Anthony Henderson & Krista Owens
 Digital Recording: Justin Underwood

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES, September 8 -- 14, 2019

Today 9/8	<p>9:45 AM Morning Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School - Ages Pre-K through Senior High <i>(Nursery available for infants & toddlers)</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee time - Davis Hall <i>(remember to bring goodies to share during the month of your birthday!)</i></p>
Mon. 9/9	<p>11:00 AM Interfaith Council – Davis Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM Preschool Mtg. -- Library</p> <p>7:00 PM Property Meeting</p>
Tues. 9/10	7:00 PM Finance Ministry Mtg. -- Library
Wed. 9/11	<p>SUNDAY BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-REMINDER ARTICLES DUE</p> <p>10:00 AM CWF NOT MEETING</p> <p>11:00 AM XPLOR Mtg. – FCC Orange</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice - Sanctuary</p>
Sat. 9/14	5:30 PM Mixed Media – Dunlap's home

Ministry Opportunities

MIXED MEDIA: Please join us on **Saturday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m.** for Mixed Media at the Dunlap's. Host will provide fried chicken and baked beans, so please bring a side dish to share and your own beverage, unless you would like water or decaf coffee. After dinner, we will be watching a movie that Bobbie Taylor suggested.

CWF IS TAKING A BREAK AND WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, 11:15 AM, Training for Ministry Chairs & interested persons: *How to provide Hospitality when it is your ministries turn!* Gather in the Kitchen. Training will be led by Michelle Trumbo and Sunny Erickson; see them for more info.

Monday, Sept. 16 is the DOC Regional Golf Tournament to support Six Ministries: *All People's Community Center LA, Chapman U DOC/UCC students, Project Impact, Disciple Seminary Foundation, Eastmont Community Center, and Loch Leven Camp.* Five folks from Church of the Foothills are participating; see Pastor Mike for more info. Or donate to the Opportunity Drawing for an iPad Mini and four Tickets to Magic Castle that supports the Don Shelton Scholarship Fund. One ticket \$10, Three for \$25. Tickets are available at the SCRIP table in Fellowship Hall today and next Sunday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, DAVIS HALL
We need a minimum of 40 sign ups. Contact Pastor Kel. Sign up today in Davis Hall.



Foothills Preschool

Members and friends of Church of the Foothills are invited to help Foothills Preschool celebrate their **50th Anniversary, Friday, September 27, 5:30-7:30 PM.** Bring a picnic dinner and the preschool will provide the dessert.

ATTENTION NEWCOMERS! Pastor Mike will offer four "Inquirers' Classes" this fall here at Church of the Foothills for anyone interested in knowing more about the *Wisdom of Jesus, the Progressive Christian Movement,* and Church of the Foothills. **Classes will be Sundays Sept. 29 & Oct. 6, 13 & 20 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in the Fireside Room of Davis Hall (ask anyone for directions). Childcare provided. New Member Sunday is Oct 27. See Pastor Mike for more information, or just show up!

FAMILY PROMISE HERE AT THE CHURCH SEPT. 29 – OCT. 6:

Help welcome our guest families. Volunteer signups for meals, setup, cleanup, and overnights begin Sunday, Sept. 8th. SCRIP donations accepted now! STATER BROS & TARGET best for groceries and essentials. Please give all SCRIP to Malia & Andy.