

August 9, 2020

9:45 AM

## Blessing and Moving Forward

### PRELUDE

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal  
*Sweet Peace, The Gift of God's Love*  
By Peter B. Bilhorn

Welcome by Pastor Kel Henderson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

led by David and Lisa Letourneau

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer written by Rev. Nancy Brink

One In a month from now, Church of the Foothills will be in a huge transition.

**Many: We are blessing Pastor Mike so that he may flourish in retirement.**

One: Leave-taking is never easy---

**Many: Some of us hurry through goodbyes. Some of us run away altogether.**

One: Today's service will help us be thoughtful about what we need in this time of change.

Let us pray together:

#### Opening Prayer:

**God of today, tomorrow and always, we ask your blessing on this congregation. We bless Mike Holland and all that he has shared with us that has shaped us. We know that you walk with us in this time of transition and ask that you give us hearts shaped by your wisdom and grace. Let us feel your presence. Amen.**

### OPENING SONG

*Spirit of Gentleness*

### CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos

### SPECIAL MUSIC

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal  
*Simple Gifts*  
Arr. by Mark Hayes

### MORNING PRAYERS with Pastor Kel Henderson Pastoral Prayer

Nancy Brink's reflection on the Lord's Prayer:

**Giver of light, source of life, You are all and in all, opening our hearts in praise. May Your way of peace with justice become our way in our hearts, in our homes, in our cities, in our nation, in our world. Even as we ask for bread we open our hands to share. Even as we seek forgiveness we bring Your spirit of reconciling grace to others. Open our eyes to rightly see deceptive paths and help us choose with wisdom and courage. Yours is the way, the creative energy and breathless beauty in this day and all our days. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

by Krista Owens

John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. NRSV

**MESSAGE** *Blessing and Moving Forward* Rev. Nancy Brink

### DISCIPLESHIP SONG

*Great is the Lord*

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT by Jack and Sara Provencio

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## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor Kel Henderson

## **CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL 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  
*He is Our Peace*  
By Kandela Groves