

September 13, 2020 New Beginnings Sunday 9:45 AM

PRELUDE

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal
As the Deer
By Charles H. Gabriel

Welcome by Pastor Mike

CALL TO WORSHIP led by Gloria Wildman & Bruce Borden

One Today we give thanks, for the times of challenge and growth, for the times of worship and service, for the times of solidarity with justice and peace.

Many: **We give thanks for the times of caring ministry and courageous faith, for the times of praise and communion, as well as struggle and failure, for the times of birth and renewal, gains and losses.**

One: We give thanks for the times of joy and inspiration, for the times of mysticism and wonder, for the times of connection and community, wisdom and healing.

Many: **This is a time to remember, a time to invite Spirit, a time to celebrate life together, a time to shed tears and unlock hearts, a time to share new visions.**

One: This is a time to let go, a time move on, a time to trust, a time to breathe deeply, a time to learn, a time to retire.

Prayer (unison): led by Gloria Wildman & Bruce Borden
Thank you God for holding us gently and leading us boldly. For all services led, people visited, lives honored. For all births, baptisms, confirmations and graduations celebrated. For relationships blessed and marriages marked. For new members welcomed and ministries sustained. For sermons and prayers written, songs and hymns chosen, liturgies crafted, connections with news and everyday life woven together. For all communities and organizations supported, stories heard and held with care and confidence. For kindom work unnoticed and hard to measure. For all that has been in these full years of ministry and for all that will be, we say thanks. Amen.

OPENING SONG *Morning has Broken*

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Pastor Mike

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Mike Holland

UNISON PRAYER - Reinhold Niebuhr

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone, therefore we are saved by love. By sharing our stories, admitting our fears and failures, yet acting together once again, there is the real possibility that our spirituality will deepen and our world be transformed. Amen.

MEDITATION *Only Time*
By Enya

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 4:6-7

⁶ Do not forsake Wisdom, and Wisdom will keep you; love Wisdom, and Wisdom will guard you.

⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: acquire wisdom, even if it costs you everything.

Joel 2:28-29 (and Acts 2:17)

²⁸ Afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your elders will dream dreams, and your young people will see visions. In those days, I will pour out my Spirit ²⁹ even on those of low estate

The Eighth Principle of Progressive Christianity

We commit to a path of life-long learning, compassion,
and selfless love on this journey toward
a personally authentic and meaningful faith.

MESSAGE *Living with a Vision* Pastor Mike Holland

DISCIPLESHIP SONG *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

***We give thanks, gracious God, for refreshing us at Christ's
table, strengthen our faith, increase our love, and send us
forth in peace and for justice. Amen.***

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT by Pastor Mike Holland

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SPECIAL MUSIC John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal
In My Life
The Beatles

BENEDICTION Pastor Mike Holland

CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE

Abba teach me, day by day

Love's sweet lesson, to obey

Sweeter music, cannot be

Loving God who first loved me (Repeat)

Loving God who first loved me ... loved me

POSTLUDE John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
By Bach / Parker

*Special thanks to Tina, John and Jeff for accommodating my
special requests for music selections for today, my last Sunday.
Thanks to Kel and Robbie and all who assisted us in making these
weekly worship videos during the closure of the church buildings.
Special thanks to Kathy Vail for always being my trusted assistant.
Finally, my deepest appreciation to you, Church of the Foothills,
for twenty-three years of partnership in ministry and mission. I
will hold you forever in my heart. May grace be your guide.*

Rev. Dr. Mike Holland, retired pastor