

Footprints



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Church of the
Foothills

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June 2020 - Mini Edition



- A Christ-centered church with a warm and friendly heart, an open mind, & an adventurous spirit!
- A Progressive, Peace & Justice, Open & Affirming, and Global Ministries Church.
- A successfully aligned congregation of two denominations, the United Church of Christ (UCC) and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) DOC.

Worship Schedule June 2020

Worship Services begin at 9:45 AM (on-line)

Website: www.churchofthefoothills.org

June 7 - THROUGH A WINDOW SUNDAY

Communion
Sermon by Pastor Kel



June 14 - GRADUATES/TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 59:14-15; John 16:13
Sermon: "In the Spirit of Truth"



June 21 - FATHERS' DAY SUNDAY

Communion By Intinction
Readings: John 17:1a, 9-11
Sermon: "A Family Prayer"



June 28 - INCLUSION SUNDAY (Pride Month)

Readings: I John 4:7-8, 11-12
Sermon: "Never Finished With Love"



Then stick around for **Fellowship Hour** via Zoom at 11:00
(If you need instructions on how to join in, contact the church office)

Note: All sermons and readings are subject to change at the leading of the Spirit, or the whims of the pastor.

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, disability, economic status or religious background.

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"Soul Food"



PASTOR MIKE'S MUSINGS



How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Psalm 13:1-2

These ancient words, first composed by Hebrew/Jewish voices, expressed deep sorrow of those experiencing injustice and violence by others. They could just as easily be spoken today: by many people of color, especially black men like Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd, killed by their greatest enemy: racist cops and ex-cops who believe they have the right to hunt down, arrest, and even execute BM.

The Psalm's lament is the song sung by citizens who have come out in droves to peacefully protest the systemic racism in our country that keeps a boot, literally at times, on the necks of the poor, marginalized minorities.

Yet, pain of the soul and sorrow of the heart must also be felt by legions of honest, just police who now must try to bring order to chaos in our streets.

It was bad enough when a hundred year pandemic exposed unimaginable fear and dread upon an entire planet, forcing us to shelter in place and wait for science and medicine to save us.

The coronavirus pandemic was immediately followed by an economic one. While the wealthier with resources and assets can ride it out, and even get richer, at least half of the country lives on the edge of financial insecurity and ruin, forcing a hard choice between safety and survival. Such anxiety and uncertainty is causing a third pandemic: a growing mental health crisis.

And now, the oldest virus in America is revealed once again: **racism**. Like all viruses, it continue to mutate into different forms of injustice and evil. Whatever else is said, these are the days that will affect our country for years to come. Again, I am reminded of ancient wisdom from our scriptures:

Our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil

Ephesians 6:12

I write as a white person of means and privilege to other mostly white people of means and privilege. As we discern how we as disciples of Christ should respond to the evils of our days, it is my responsibility to remind us that we follow one who was lynched by the power structure of that day. Lynching better portrays the violence done to Ahmaud, George and Jesus (*crucified* has lost its unjust, scandalous nature) and shocks us into hard truths about where we need to stand, and with whom. God grant us courage to do so.

Pastor Mike

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY...

KEL'S KORNER

"When someone asks for your shirt give them your coat as well." Matt 5:40

Chloe Pichon lived this scripture this week by taking our food collection drive for Western Service Workers into her neighborhood. Chloe created a flyer informing people about the church's food drive and asking them to participate with donations. She passed out approximately 200 flyers and had a wonderful response.

Her neighbors were happy to participate and donated approximately a carload of food which Paula and Chloe took to Western Service Workers.

Thank you to Chloe and Paula Pichon for your great work and loving hearts.

*Blessings,
Pastor Kel*



Even the mask cant hide Chloe's joy!!



Chloe and her masked friends, both serve and protect our common community!

Excerpt from the May 29th cabinet letter to the congregation:

Dear Church Family:

May peace be with you and yours as we enter the eleventh week of on-line church services and the fourth week of virtual fellowship time.

The business of Church of the Foothills continues. Church ministries, ministers and staff, choir, and Cabinet have been convening as scheduled via Zoom. And we will continue to keep you updated via email.

Cabinet met virtually on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and addressed the following items and motions:

Annual Elections of Church Officers: At the request of Dan Griset, President, all current leaders have agreed to remain in their positions for another year or until we are able to meet as a congregation.

Signed by :

Dan Griset, President

Keni Cox, Vice President

Maureen Rosenquist, Treasurer

Jerry Wolf, Finance Chairperson

Dad

Thanks for the love you have shown,
The words of encouragement
I have known,
Thanks for showing that you care,
That you are always willing to share.

Thanks for knowing just what to say;
When things were not going my way,
Thanks for being there for me,
We both know you didn't have to be.

May God bless and keep you
This Father's Day and always.

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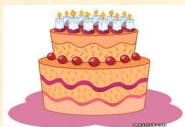




CELEBRATIONS!!



June Birthdays



6/04	Katy Black	6/16	Mae Parrett
6/04	Doug Temple	6/17	Charmaine Day
6/05	Eric Candias	6/18	Carol Rosholm
6/05	Luke Candias	6/21	Nhadia Ceballos
6/06	Sara Provencio	6/22	Kay Bourgeois
6/07	Sean Womack		Harris
6/08	Deb Holman-	6/23	David Van Dorn
	Romero	6/27	Mike Dann
6/09	Ian Arden	6/27	Kelly Holden
6/10	Brooklyn Rodriguez	6/28	Spencer Block
6/11	Susan Richardson	6/29	Karen Hawkins
6/12	Beatrice Acken	6/29	Muffy Pugliese

June Anniversaries



6/06	Russell Waddell & William Rodriguez
6/09	Jay & Claire Camaya
6/11	Bill & Susan Richardson
6/12	Kathy & Jerry Dunlap
6/12	Nhadia Ceballos & Jenna Aguilar
6/13	Tippy & Shep Sheppard
6/19	Doug & Jackie Stobo
6/21	Brett & Anna Smith
6/26	Donna & Jerry Martin
6/28	Nancy Brink & Maria Perez
6/30	Duane & Charmaine Day



If we missed (or "mixed-up") your special day, we're very sorry! Please contact the church office and we will correct our records.



NURSERY:

Dana Block and Jordan Block

KINDERGARTEN – 2nd GRADES:

Spencer Block, Marci Brezarich, Julietta Galera and Anthony Henderson

THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADES:

Gayle Hayashi, Mae Parrett and Chloe Pichon

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL:

Robbie Arevalos, Gary & Annie Haroldson and Brent Smith

MINISTER OF FAMILY LIFE:

Rev. Kel Henderson



Class of 2020

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Anna Beth Galera: Graduating from El Modena High School, attending Cal State Fullerton as a business major in the fall.

Kyle Jared Larson: (Jerry Dunlap's Grandson) is graduating from California High School in San Ramon, CA. He will be going to Sonoma or Humboldt State University in the fall, majoring in history.

Maria Helen Quisling: (Kathy Dunlap's granddaughter) graduating from St. Mary's Academy in Portland, OR. She will be attending UC Santa Barbara in the fall and is majoring in bio-engineering.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Sara Linton: Graduating from Chapman University with a BS in business Administration with emphasis in international business / minor in French.

Susanna Weller: (Stephanie Brown's daughter) Graduated from St. Louis University with a BSN degree.

