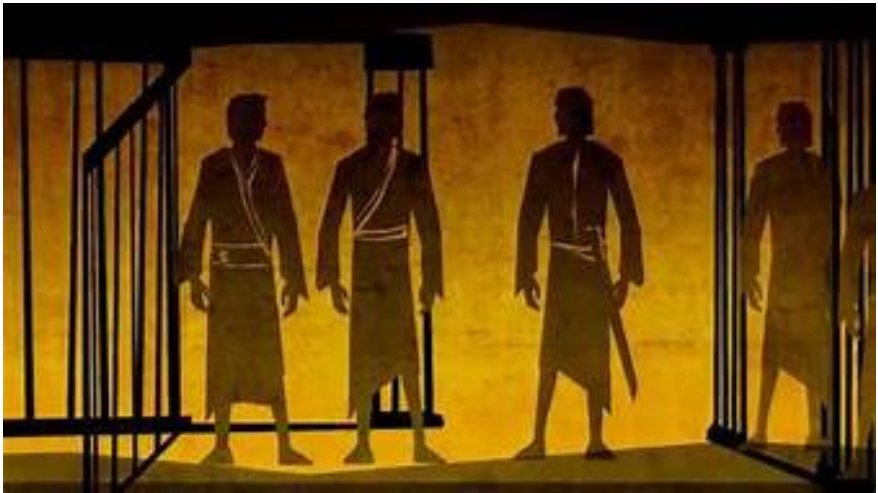


Welcome to our Worship Celebration

January 20, 2019 at 9:00 am



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Celebration

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God's redemption is reaching into every corner of the world

God gathers the church to worship

Stan

(based on Mark 1)

Leader: Jesus says, "Now is the time!"

***People:* Startle us, God, from our busyness and routines. Show us how very close your Kingdom is.**

Leader: Jesus says, "God's kingdom is at hand!"

***People:* Deliver us, God, from faith in our own strength. Free us from the traps of violence, dishonesty, and greed.**

Leader: Jesus says, "Receive the good news from God!"

***People:* Embolden us, God, to trust you anew. For we are as fragile as breath, and draw our strength from your mercy and compassion.**

Hearing God's Story

Stan

Acts 16:25-40 (Message)

²⁵⁻²⁶ Along about midnight, Paul and Silas were at prayer and singing a robust hymn to God. The other prisoners couldn't believe their ears. Then, without warning, a huge earthquake! The jailhouse tottered, every door flew open, all the prisoners were loose.

²⁷⁻²⁸ Startled from sleep, the jailer saw all the doors swinging loose on their hinges. Assuming that all the prisoners had escaped, he pulled out his sword and was about to do himself in, figuring he was as good as dead anyway, when Paul stopped him: "Don't do that! We're all still here! Nobody's run away!" ...

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29-31 The jailer got a torch and ran inside. Badly shaken, he collapsed in front of Paul and Silas. He led them out of the jail and asked, "Sirs, what do I have to do to be saved, to really live?" They said, "Put your entire trust in the Master Jesus. Then you'll live as you were meant to live—and everyone in your house included!"³²⁻³⁴ They went on to spell out in detail the story of the Master—the entire family got in on this part. They never did get to bed that night. The jailer made them feel at home, dressed their wounds, and then—he couldn't wait till morning!—was baptized, he and everyone in his family. There in his home, he had food set out for a festive meal. It was a night to remember: He and his entire family had put their trust in God; everyone in the house was in on the celebration.³⁵⁻³⁶ At daybreak, the court judges sent officers with the instructions, "Release these men." The jailer gave Paul the message, "The judges sent word that you're free to go on your way. Congratulations! Go in peace!"³⁷ But Paul wouldn't budge. He told the officers, "They beat us up in public and threw us in jail, Roman citizens in good standing! And now they want to get us out of the way on the sly without anyone knowing? Nothing doing! If they want us out of here, let them come themselves and lead us out in broad daylight."³⁸⁻⁴⁰ When the officers reported this, the judges panicked. They had no idea that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens. They hurried over and apologized, personally escorted them from the jail, and then asked them if they wouldn't please leave the city. Walking out of the jail, Paul and Silas went straight to Lydia's house, saw their friends again, encouraged them in the faith, and only then went on their way.

Prayer (based on Mark 1)

Stan

Loving God, in this season of Epiphany,
your kingdom has drawn close—
so close we can almost touch it.

Help us see that we already live
under your rule of peace.

May our worship today draw us closer to you
and to one another.

When we measure greatness by status and success,
you challenge us to find true greatness
in following Jesus.

You call, and like Jonah, we often run away
in our unwillingness to preach mercy to others.

You call, and like the disciples, we often rush after you,
only to falter and fall away
when the shadows deepen.

Yet your strength and kindness never falter,
even for the resistant Jonah
or the enthusiastic fishermen.

And your strength and kindness never abandon us.
Loving God, it is you we worship this day. Amen.

Songs of Worship

Linda & Matthew

Confession (based on Psalm 62)

Pastor Matt

God alone offers strength and hope.

Let us welcome God's kingdom, making it our refuge.

Pour out your hearts, trusting God with everything,
even your failings and your deepest concerns.

God, we know that you alone are unshakable.

You alone are our stronghold and our refuge.

You deliver and glorify us,

yet we fail to love and glorify you in return.

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**We live as if we can save ourselves,
as if we can be our own stronghold
and fortress against the storm.**

Yet we are fragile as breath.

**We are consumed by our desires
to succeed and dominate.**

**We blindly strive to get our way,
and are greedy for all sorts of wealth.**

And so, we confess our failing to you
and to one another, trusting in your forgiveness
and your grace. Amen.

Silent confession

Words of assurance

Pastor Matt

(based on Mark 1)

Beloved, God repays us according to our deeds,
and yet in Jesus Christ, we have nothing to fear.

Trusting God with everything,
we rest in God's faithful love.

Allowing Christ to change our hearts and our lives,
we find God's strength and hope.

Pass the peace of Christ to one another

**Praying as a community—giving testimony of
God's love and hope in our lives and neigh-
borhoods**

Listening to God's Story

Stan

Acts 16:25-40 (NRSV)

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. ³⁵ When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go." ³⁶ And the jailer reported the message to Paul, saying, "The magistrates sent word to let you go; therefore come out now and go in peace." ³⁷ But Paul replied, "They have beaten us in public, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they going to discharge us in secret?"

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³⁸ The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens; ³⁹ so they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. ⁴⁰ After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters here, they departed.

Hosting God's Story

Pastor Matt Prinz

Finding Ourselves in God's Story

Everyone

Coming to the Lord's Table

Practicing generosity—giving our offerings

Prayer (based on Psalm 62)

Stan

God, may these gifts and our very lives be a YES!
to follow Christ's call.

Use us and the offerings we bring this day,
that your peace, your strength,
and your loving-kindness
may be made more visible in the world.

Song

Linda & Matthew

God sends us to be the church in the world

(based on Mark 1)

Pastor Matt

Leader: Go forth and share the good news from God.

***People:* God rewards us and our deeds,
not with doom, but with mercy.
In circumstances both difficult and joyful,
God remains our place of safety.**

Leader: Go forth and proclaim God's kingdom.

***People:* The world as we know it is passing away.
We belong to God's kingdom,
which is coming and now is.**

Leader: Now is the time to be the good news.

***People:* We go forth to tell the world the good news
of the strength and mercy of our God.**

Visitors: Welcome to Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian

We are glad that you have joined us for worship and want you to feel warmly welcomed to this community of faith. It is our prayer that you will experience God's presence in our worship and fellowship. We would be delighted for you to join us for a cup of coffee or tea and refreshments in the fireside room (right next to the sanctuary) following the service. Our pastor is always available to talk or answer questions, just leave your name and phone number or email address with a church member.

Special note to children and their parents:

We welcome all children and families in our worship gatherings and provide books and coloring materials on the kid's table as you enter the sanctuary. We believe that children are an essential part of our church community. We have designed our worship services to include times of interaction, response, and movement to invite the participation of younger members. Please talk with Pastor Matt about creative ways that your children can be involved in our worship services. We also have a nursery available.

Ushers: Carrie & Terri

Coffee Hour: Appetizers

Nursery Attendant: As Needed

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Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship after this morning's worship celebration.

Calendar and Announcements

January 20, 2019

THIS MORNING	after worship	Coffee Hou
MONDAY		HOLIDAY-Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

2019 Congregational Meeting

Please plan on attending our congregational meeting after our worship service on Sunday, January 27th. We will be receiving our 2019 budget and sharing how we saw God's work in 2018.

Tickets Now on Sale! 2019 Crab Feed Fundraiser

This year's annual Crab Feed Fundraiser will be held at 6pm on Saturday, February 9th at the Walnut Creek Elk's Lodge, located at 1475 Creekside Drive in Walnut Creek. Any questions, see Terri or Pastor Matt. No chicken this year, Brisket (most likely)!

Ways to get involved—

1. **Invite your family & friends!** — Tickets on sale for the low price of \$45. To purchase tickets, please see Terri Louie this morning or Cherie in the church office during the week.

2. **Dessert Auction** — We will be having the very popular Dessert Auction, so dust off those special recipes.

3. **Wall of Soda** — Once again we will be building a "Wall of Soda/Water" which will be used during our crab feed. We appreciate donations of cases of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, 7-Up and bottled water.

4. **Set-Up and Clean-Up** — We are asking for volunteers to help with setting up and cleaning up after the event.

2019 All Church Retreat

Mark your calendar—This year's Church Retreat will be held on September 13th-15th at Zephyr Point in Tahoe.

Interested in Meeting with Pastor Matt?

Pastor Matt is available to meet, talk and pray when and where it is convenient for you. Please call him at 510-856-7434.

New Kiva Loans!

Our loans were recently repaid and we were able to re-lend and help others. We lent money to an Indonesian woman to install a water pump to get clean water for her family, to a group of female farmers in Sierra Leone for improve seed and tractor rental, to collective in Guatemala for corn, firewood, and fuel, and to a farmer in Tanzania for seed and fertilizer for her maize cultivation. We love this opportunity to empower women around the world. For more info, check out longer descriptions on our bulletin board.

Enneagram Follow-Up

Susannah shared several books during her Enneagram workshop that were helpful to go deeper and learn about this spiritual formation tool. We have several copies to share within our church community. Please chat with Susannah and figure out which one would best suit you.

Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers

Ushers

Coffee Hour

JANUARY 2019

27th Bob & Christie

Swick Family

FEBRUARY

3rd Penny & Roy

Oliver Family

10th Carrie & Sylvia

Chatagnier Family

17th Ruth B. & Juanita

Barcelon Family

24th Terri & Todd

Louie Family

MARCH

3rd Christie & Nick

Jacoban Family

10th Pam & Tom

Prinz Family

17th Bob & Paula

COFFEE CAKE

24th Lucie & Sylvia

Skourup Family

31st Carrie & Kathy

Waters' Family

APRIL

7th Bob & Todd

Youngson Family

14th Carrie & Sylvia

Graham Family

21st Paula & Lucie

COOKIES

28th Kim & Mike

Thompson Family

Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

is a community faith that:

- **Accepts Jesus as the clearest revelation of the God of the Old and New Testament**
- **Is open to all who are on a journey of faith seeking truth and meaning for their lives through a relationship with God**
- **Will respect each person's journey of faith**
- **Believes our mission is: *To Love, Obey, and Glorify God by Making and Being Disciples of Jesus Christ, and by Loving All***

Matt Prinz—Pastor

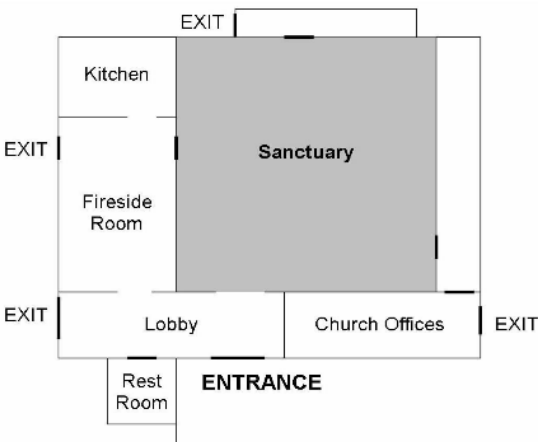
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

Cherie Trautz—Office Manager

Sylvia Chatagnier-Clerk of the Session

Paula Ash, Bob Bailey, Linda Kost, Laura

Wilson & Kathy Youngson—Elders



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