

# Welcome to our Worship Celebration

November 11, 2018 at 9:00 am



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

# Sunday Worship Celebration

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The Holy Spirit guiding the church to share  
God's good news

### God gathers the church to worship

(based on Psalm 42)

Terri Louie

*Leader:* As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for God.

***People:* My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold God's face?**

*Leader:* My tears have been my food day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
"Where is your God?"

***People:* Why are you cast down, my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?**

*Leader:* I will place my hope in God,  
my rock and my redeemer.

***People:* I will praise the Lord,  
my help and my salvation.**

*Leader:* Come, let us worship.

### Hearing God's Story

Terri

Acts 14:21-28 (Message)

<sup>21-22</sup> After proclaiming the Message in Derbe and establishing a strong core of disciples, they retraced their steps to Lystra, then Iconium, and then Antioch, putting muscle and sinew in the lives of the disciples, urging them to stick with what they had begun to believe and not quit, making it clear to them that it wouldn't be easy: "Anyone signing up for the kingdom of God has to go through plenty of hard times."

<sup>23-26</sup> Paul and Barnabas handpicked leaders in each church.

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After praying—their prayers intensified by fasting—they presented these new leaders to the Master to whom they had entrusted their lives. Working their way back through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia and preached in Perga. Finally, they made it to Attalia and caught a ship back to Antioch, where it had all started—launched by God’s grace and now safely home by God’s grace. A good piece of work.  
<sup>27-28</sup> On arrival, they got the church together and reported on their trip, telling in detail how God had used them to throw the door of faith wide open so people of all nations could come streaming in. Then they settled down for a long, leisurely visit with the disciples.

## **Prayer**

(based on Mark 12)

Terri

God of Compassion, you love the world  
with a complete, joyful, and selfless love.  
You call us to love you and our neighbor  
in the same way.

Teach us to be generous in love and ready to serve.  
Inspire us to share our talents and our time.  
Help us to live with such passion and purpose,  
that we may one day look back and smile  
at what we have given to others  
in the name of your love. Amen.

## **Songs of Worship**

## **Confession** (based on Mark 12)

Pastor Matt

Gracious God, when we are cautious with our time,  
we miss the chance to give of ourselves  
to those in need.

When we are protective of our hearts,  
we miss the chance to make meaningful  
connections with those in pain.

Teach us to truly live and to fully love.

Let our faith be greater than our fears.

Guide us in your way, dear Christ,  
until we discover the abundant life  
that you desire for every person,  
and for every creature of the earth.

This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

## ***Silent confession***

## **Words of assurance**

Pastor Matt

*Leader:* As a loving parent, God love us completely.

***People:* God forgives us entirely.**

*Leader:* In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

***People:* In the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven.**

*Leader:* Glory to God.

***People:* Amen.**

## ***Passing the peace of Christ to one another***

# Praying as a church—giving testimony of God's hope and love in our lives and neighborhoods

*Your Kingdom Come* by the Iona Community

Lord, you know that we love you,  
and we know what you ask us to do—  
but for those times when we have been too busy,  
when we have been hard-hearted,  
when we have been lukewarm,  
we say sorry,  
and ask, for your forgiving love.

Prepare us for your way, Lord.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done.

Lord, you know our good intentions,  
and we know your will—  
but hold us back long enough to listen to those  
in need  
and to learn from them  
and to learn of our own need.

Where we think we are sent, make us ready to receive,  
where we are keen to teach, make us ready to learn.  
Prepare us for your way, Lord.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done.

Lord, you know our deepest desires,  
you know our deepest desires,  
and we know the vision of your kingdom—  
we bring before you those elements in our lives  
in need of your transforming power:  
that which we misuse or neglect,  
that which we most reluctantly let go of,  
that which we believe is not good enough.

Inspire us and disturb us to examine our deepest  
desires.

Prepare us for your way, Lord.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done.

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*prayer continued . . .*

Lord, you know our potential,  
but what is your purpose for our lives?  
In our uncertainty  
and in the knowledge of your faithfulness,  
prepare us for your way, Lord.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done.

## **Listening to God's Story**

Terri

Acts 14:21-28 (NRSV)

<sup>21</sup> After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. <sup>22</sup> There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God." <sup>23</sup> And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. <sup>24</sup> Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. <sup>25</sup> When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Atalia. <sup>26</sup> From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had completed. <sup>27</sup> When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. <sup>28</sup> And they stayed there with the disciples for some time.

## **Hosting God's Story**

Pastor Matt Prinz

## **Finding ourselves in God's Story**

Everyone

# **Practicing generosity—giving our offerings**

**Prayer** (based on Mark 12)

Terri

Dear Lord,  
you give to us generously and joyfully.  
In loving response, we offer these gifts  
and our hearts back to you.  
May we seize the opportunity to befriend the lonely,  
provide for the needy, and rejoice together,  
each and every day we are blessed to live.  
Amen.

## **Song**

**God sends us to be the church in the world**

(based on Ruth 3)

Pastor Matt

Having received the love of God,  
go into the world following the way of Christ.  
Share the gifts of the Spirit with a weary world,  
today and always. Amen.

# **Sermon Notes:**



## 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.

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Ushers: Carrie & Paula

Coffee Hour: Salads

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

November 11, 2018

THIS MORNING	after worship	Coffee Hour
WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm	Dinner & Sympathy Class
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

### **Sympathy-*The Lost Aspect of Love* by Tom Prinz**

Learn how to give and receive sympathy. Come for dinner, a class and discussion on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please invite friends & neighbors. Get a free book to pass out from Tom this morning.

### **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.

### **Financial Update**

We were able to invite Rev. Kim Dawsey-Richardson to guide our retreat in Tahoe, provide space to a group working on the housing crisis in Concord, host a spiritual formation workshop, and continue to support the Hispanic church plant. Our offerings were less than anticipated in September. Thanks for your continued support and any help you can give.

### **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.

## **Peace Making/Bridge-Building**

We saw from our scripture last week the importance of reaching out to others across difference. Check out 10 practices for having hard conversations created by the Global Immersion project. Copies in the church office.

## **Winter Nights—December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

Once again this year we will supply dinner for the Winter Nights Family Shelter at Lafayette United Methodist Church. There are currently 9 families with 28 families to feed. If you are interested in helping to supply food and/or volunteer your time, there is a sign-up sheet in the office. Thank you in advance.

## **Coffee Hour**

Once a month we schedule a “potluck style” coffee hour whereas our entire congregation is invited to participate, such as; coffee cake, cookies, appetizers, salads, etc. Please take note of this special Sunday Coffee Hour. Thank you from Paula Ash.

## **Mark your Calendar**

December 5th & 6th—2018 Winter Nights

February 9th—2019 Crab Feed Fundraiser

September 13th-15th—2019 All Church Retreat—Zephyr Point

## **Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers**

### **Ushers**

#### **NOVEMBER**

18<sup>th</sup> Bob & Terri  
25<sup>th</sup> Christie & Nick

#### **DECEMBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Carrie & Terri  
9<sup>th</sup> Kim & Mike  
16<sup>th</sup> Paula & Juanita  
23<sup>rd</sup> Bob & Todd  
30<sup>th</sup> Penny & Roy

### **Coffee Hour**

Louie Family  
Jacoban Family

Waters' Family  
Bailey Family  
**CHRISTMAS COOKIES**  
Graham Family  
Oliver Family

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*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

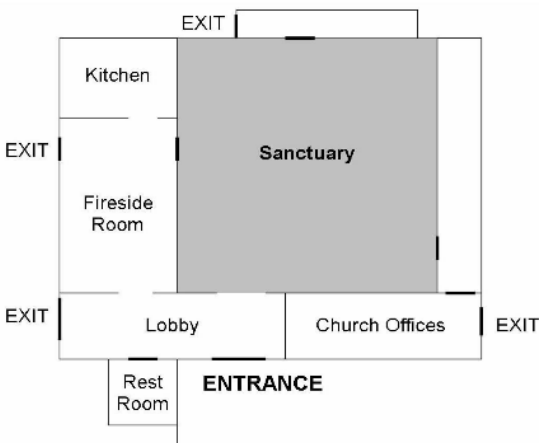
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &  
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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