

# Welcome to our Worship Celebration

September 24, 2017 at 9:00 am

Walk in a manner worthy of the God Who  
calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:12



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

# Sunday Worship Gathering

## September 24, 2017

### God births hope in the midst of despair

### God gathers the church to worship

(based on Psalm 105)

Paula Ash

*Leader:* Give thanks to God and call on Christ's name.

***People:* We proclaim God's grace and sing God's praise.**

*Leader:* Seek the Lord, who is here with us now.

***People:* We rejoice in God's glory and strength.**

### Listening to God's Story

Paula

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (The Message)

<sup>1-2</sup> So, friends, it's obvious that our visit to you was no waste of time. We had just been given rough treatment in Philippi, as you know, but that didn't slow us down. We were sure of ourselves in God, and went right ahead and said our piece, presenting God's Message to you, defiant of the opposition. <sup>3-5</sup> God tested us thoroughly to make sure we were qualified to be trusted with this Message. Be assured that when we speak to you we're not after crowd approval—only God approval. Since we've been put through that battery of tests, you're guaranteed that both we and the Message are free of error, mixed motives, or hidden agendas. We never used words to butter you up. No one knows that better than you. And God knows we never used words as a smoke screen to take advantage of you.

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*scripture continued . . .*

<sup>6-8</sup> Even though we had some standing as Christ's apostles, we never threw our weight around or tried to come across as important, with you or anyone else. We weren't aloof with you. We took you just as you were. We were never patronizing, never condescending, but we cared for you the way a mother cares for her children. We loved you dearly. Not content to just pass on the Message, we wanted to give you our hearts. And we *did*. <sup>9-12</sup> You remember us in those days, friends, working our fingers to the bone, up half the night, moonlighting so you wouldn't have the burden of supporting us while we proclaimed God's Message to you. You saw with your own eyes how discreet and courteous we were among you, with keen sensitivity to you as fellow believers. And God knows we weren't freeloaders! You experienced it all firsthand. With each of you we were like a father with his child, holding your hand, whispering encouragement, showing you step-by-step how to live well before God, who called us into his own kingdom, into this delightful life.

**Prayer** (based on Exodus 16)

Paula

Mighty God, we thank you  
for your wondrous gifts  
and your constant love.

Guide us on the journey of faith,  
and feed us with your sustaining grace.

Live in us this day,  
that we might live in you  
and answer your call.

In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

## **Songs of worship**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*  
*Shout to the Lord*  
*Pour Out My Heart*

Christie & Todd  
Praise Songbook  
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## **Seeking God's forgiveness**

(based on Exodus 16)

Matt

Sustainer God, you nourish us in every way.  
Forgive us when we reject your love and care.  
Open our eyes when we neglect your gifts  
and ignore your presence.  
Draw close to us,  
that we may recognize your abiding presence  
and guiding love.  
Reclaim us as your own,  
that we might live for Christ  
and answer his call of discipleship.  
In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

## ***Silent confession***

## **Assurance of forgiveness**

(based on Psalms 105)

Matt

The living water of Christ rushes into our lives,  
bringing mercy and grace.  
In this living water,  
we are washed clean and made whole,  
we are forgiven and reclaimed by God!

## ***Pass Christ's peace to one another***

# Praying as a community—giving testimony of God’s beauty and love and hope in our lives and world

## The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our  
debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power,  
and the Glory, forever.  
Amen.

## Hearing God’s Story

Paula

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. *continued . . .*

*scripture continued . . .*

<sup>8</sup> So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. <sup>9</sup> You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup> urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

## **Hosting God's Story**

Pastor Matt

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

Everyone

## **Practicing generosity—giving our offerings**

### **Prayer** (based on Matthew 20)

Paula

Generous God, thank you for showering us  
with your abundance and your love.

Bless the gifts we bring before you now,  
that they may shower others

with your abundance and your love.

In your generous love, we pray. Amen.

## **Song**

*I Surrender All*

Christie & Todd

Praise Songbook

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

(based on Philippians 1)

Matt

Live as Christ in all that you say.

Love as Christ in all that you do.

Go forth as the children of God.

Dear YVPC Family,

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! My pastoral sabbatical from June 5<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup> was amazing. It was a perfect space for renewal and refreshment for me. The prayer retreats at the beginning and end of the time were ideal spaces to be quiet, to read, and to reflect on my life, our family, and our church community. The space of a sabbatical allowed us as a family to spend lots of time together, filled with adventures, laughter, learning, and memories—from swimming in Lake Tahoe, to visiting the former Japanese internment camp at Manzanar, to taking a camping road trip in a VW van to Vancouver and Yellowstone, to running through the fog on the Oregon coast, to learning to surf, and spending time with good friends; we will not forget this time together. It seemed like the perfect timing for our family to have this extended time together. What a blessing. I went to museums, read poetry, and soaked up the beauty of creation to give me more creative ideas. The prayer retreats, reading, backpacking, quiet spaces, and separation from everyday church life allowed me to experience deep spiritual and emotional rest. Thank you all for the gift of this space and time for a sabbatical. Thank you to everyone who took on new roles and extra work while I was gone. Thank you for the gift that allowed Monrovia and Ruby many fun adventures from a high tea in Victoria to renting a rowboat in Yellowstone to surf lessons in Tofino, bike rentals on Stanley Island, and a stay at the Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! I cannot say it enough. Truly a blessing to me and to my family.

Pastor Matt



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

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Ushers: Paula & Todd

Coffee Hour: Bob Bailey

Nursery Attendant: As Needed

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## Calendar and Announcements

September 24, 2017

THIS MORNING	after worship 11:00 am	Coffee Hour Session Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

### Upcoming Events

*All Church Retreat at Zephyr Point*—Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>—Join us for a time of prayer, rest and community. RSVP to Sylvia .

Cost \$165 (Shared Double Room), includes meals  
\$265 (Single Room), includes meals

No Church Service on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

*Winter Nights*—Thursday, October 26<sup>h</sup> & Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
(New Dates)

*Annual Crab Feed*—Saturday, February 10, 2018

### Join Us!

Studying the Scriptures and other stories of faith can help us reflect upon our own lives, to be encouraged and to be guided to new steps of faithful living. Come and join the many opportunities for study and reflection.

The Presbyterian Women (10:30am), the **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month**, visiting church members for lunch—come and join them.

**Wednesdays**—Bible Study (7pm)—Reading *9 Beats*, by Mark Scandrette. Come for prayer, study, reflection and community.

### 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.

## **Ongoing Church Experiments 2016 & 2017**

- 1) Community Meals— Potluck 5/10; Ribs on 5/28; BBQ on 7/26
- 2) Learning Trips—Global Immersion Trip to Mexico/U.S. border (May 4<sup>th</sup> –7<sup>th</sup>) Sylvia Chatagnier and Inhabit Conference on Neighborhood (April 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>) Mike & Kim Thompson, Matt & Susannah Prinz
- 3) Grapevine project—Soil preparation & Irrigation—April 1<sup>st</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Planting
- 4) Faith and Culture classes—music & faith—TBA
- 5) Church Retreat—Lake Tahoe—October 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
- 6) New Songs—ongoing, putting together new song book
- 7) Pastoral Sabbatical—June & July & August

## **Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers**

### **Ushers**

### **Coffee Hour**

#### **OCTOBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Kathy & Sylvia  
8<sup>th</sup> Retreat-No Service  
15<sup>th</sup> Kim & Mike  
22<sup>nd</sup> Bob & Terri  
29<sup>th</sup> Carrie & Dee

Sylvia  
Retreat-No Service  
Ruth Graham  
Terri  
Carrie

# 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**

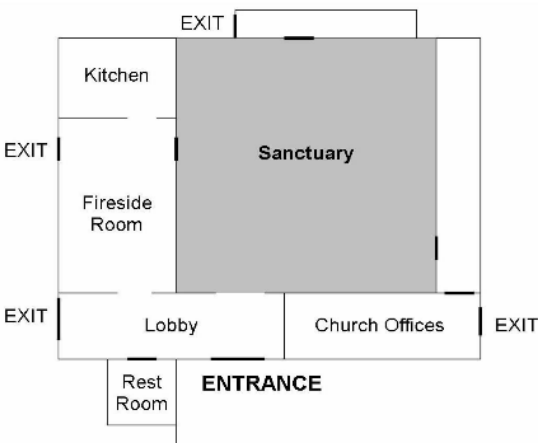
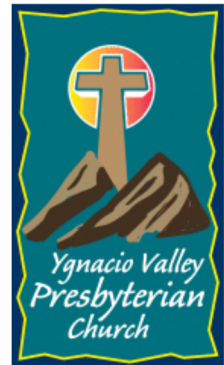
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &  
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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