

Welcome to our Worship Celebration

May 21, 2017 at 9:00 am



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Gathering

May 21, 2017

God invites us into God's redemptive work in the world

God gathers the church to worship

(based on Acts 17)

Kathy Youngson

Leader: From fire and storm, we come, God.

***People:* Gather us in, and make us whole.**

Leader: From suffering and pain, we come, Holy One.

***People:* Gather us in, and make us one.**

Leader: From the highways of life, we come, Great Spirit.

***People:* Gather us in, and make us your disciples.**

Listening to God's Story

Kathy

Jonah 1:17-2:10 (The Message)

¹⁷ Then GOD assigned a huge fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah was in the fish's belly three days and nights. ^{2:1-9} Then Jonah prayed to his God from the belly of the fish. He prayed: "In trouble, deep trouble, I prayed to GOD. He answered me. From the belly of the grave I cried, 'Help!' You heard my cry. You threw me into ocean's depths, into a watery grave, With ocean waves, ocean breakers crashing over me. I said, 'I've been thrown away, thrown out, out of your sight. I'll never again lay eyes on your Holy Temple.' Ocean gripped me by the throat. The ancient Abyss grabbed me and held tight.

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My head was all tangled in seaweed at the bottom of the sea where the mountains take root. I was as far down as a body can go, and the gates were slamming shut behind me forever— Yet you pulled me up from that grave alive, O God, my God! When my life was slipping away, I remembered God, And my prayer got through to you, made it all the way to your Holy Temple. Those who worship hollow gods, god-frauds, walk away from their only true love. But I'm worshiping you, God, calling out in thanksgiving! And I'll do what I promised I'd do! Salvation belongs to God!"
¹⁰ Then God spoke to the fish, and it vomited up Jonah on the seashore.

Prayer

(based on John 14)

Kathy

Refiner's Fire, purify our lives like precious silver,
that our hearts may glow with holy love
and leave the suffering of the past behind.
Holy flame, burn away our fears and regrets,
that our spirits may move boldly into your future
and shine with the luster of burnished gold.
Forge of truth, mold us into vessels of compassion,
that our lives may reveal your glory
and abide in your gracious love. Amen.

Songs of worship

Christie & Todd

I See the Lord

Praise Songbook

I'll Fly Away

" "

Pour Out My Heart

" "

Confession (based on 1 Peter 3)

Matt

Eternal God, in our quest to fulfill our lives,
we have abandoned your commandment of love
and turned our backs on pursuing what is right;
we have sought our own comfort and ease,
and turned away from easing the plight of others.

Forgive our failure to find ourselves in you.

Nurture the hope that is in us—
hope nurtured by our life in Christ,
hope found in your commandment of love—
that we may live as your children
and abide in your Spirit. Amen.

Silent confession

Forgiveness through Christ

Matt

(based on Psalm 66)

Even when we journey through fire and water,
and are tested like silver in the flame,
God sees us through to the other side
and brings us to a place of laughter and light.
The Advocate meets us in our suffering
and heals us in holy love.

Pass Christ's peace to one another

**Praying as a community—giving testimony of
God's hope & healing**

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

Kathy

Jonah 1:17-2:10 (NRSV)

¹⁷ But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ^{2:1} Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, ² saying, "I called to the LORD out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. ³ You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. ⁴ Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?' ⁵ The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head ⁶ at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O LORD my God. ⁷ As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. ⁸ Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. ⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the LORD!"¹⁰ Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

Hosting God's Story

Pastor Matt Prinz

Finding ourselves in God's Story

Everyone

Last Supper

Practicing generosity—giving our offerings

Prayer (based on 1 Timothy 3)

Kathy

Healing God, when we went astray,
you purified us with fire
and washed us clean
in the waters of our baptism.

In gratitude and thanks
for your constant care and your many blessings,
we return these gifts to you now,
that they may bring hope and light
to a world in need. Amen.

Song

Christie & Todd

The Wonderful Cross

Praise Songbook

God sends us to be the church in the world

(based on Acts 17)

Matt

Leader: Once we searched and groped for God in
darkness.

***People:* Now we reside with Christ in glorious
light.**

Leader: Once we worried that God was far from us.

***People:* Now we rejoice that God is closer to us
than our very breath.**

Leader: Once we yearned for God's love and
acceptance.

***People:* Now we dwell in communion with God
and with one another.**



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.

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

Ushers: Bob & Terri

Coffee Hour: Ash & Skourup Families

Nursery Attendant: As Needed

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Calendar and Announcements

Week of May 21, 2017

THIS MORNING	after worship	Coffee Hour
<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

Community Meal on May 28th

We will be having a community meal on Sunday, May 28th at 5pm at the Prinz house, located at 5177 Fairfax Ave., Oakland. Moni Waters will be making his awesome ribs. Please RSVP to Pastor Matt.

Special Reading & Worship with Author Kristen Kludt

Local author Kristen Kludt will be sharing from her new book, *A Good Way Through*, about her journey through grief and disappointment with God on Wednesday, June 28th from 6-8pm. Come share a meal, listen to Kristen's journey and participate in a creative time of sharing and creating. Please contact Kathy Youngson with any questions or if you are in need of a ride.

Ongoing Church Experiments 2016 & 2017

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

Financial Report

March was a rough month for our finances. Our income was approximately 10K, while our expenses were in excess of 13K. Your prayers & any additional contributions to help us get back on track are always appreciated. Thank you!

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.

Slow Church

Our session is reading 'Slow Church—cultivating community in the patient way of Jesus' by Christ Smith and John Pattison. We are discussing a chapter each month and using it to reflect upon our church and neighborhood. We want to invite church members to join us in reading, reflecting, and praying through this book. Want to read along with us? Ask Pastor Matt and he can get you a copy.

New Members Class

Interest in becoming an official member of Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church? Do you worship, pray and participate in our church life but haven't taken the formal step of membership? Our membership class involve three conversations and meals connected with key ministries of our church. Sign up with Pastor Matt.

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 **1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month**, visiting church members for lunch—come and join them.

Wednesdays—Bible Study (7pm)—Reading *Exodus*. Come for prayer, study, reflection and community.

Kiva Loans Repaid!

Our first Kiva loans to cooperatives in Guatemala were repaid. We added additional funds from our Advent giving and are taking part in loans in Guatemala, Palestine & Congo. Obtaining a loan is very difficult if not impossible if you are poor. Micro lending is one way of helping our most vulnerable neighbors to start and maintain small businesses. Check out longer descriptions of these loans on our bulletin board near the women's restroom.

Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers

Ushers

MAY
28th Sylvia & Todd

JUNE
4th Christie & Corazon
11th Mike & Todd
18th Kathy & Sylvia
25th Dee & Terri

Coffee Hour

Barcelon & Luthy Families

Acedo & Jacoban Families
Thompson Family
FATHER'S DAY
Louie 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

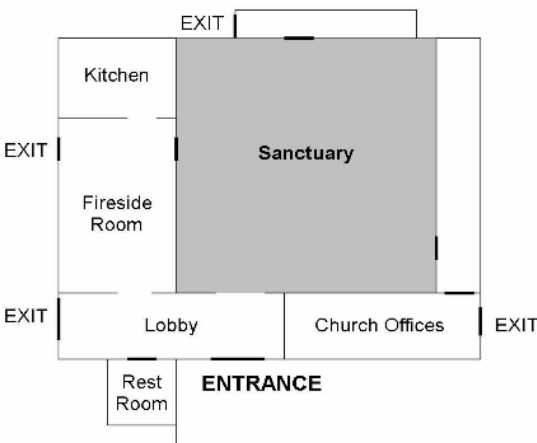
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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