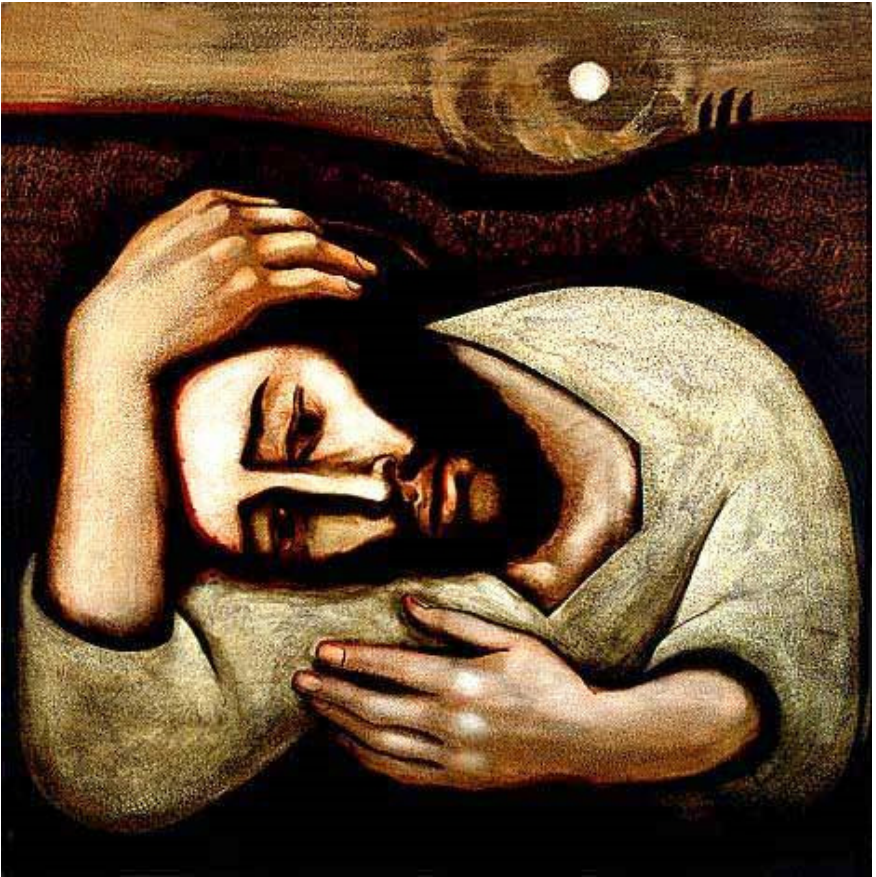


# Welcome to our Worship Celebration

June 25, 2017 at 9:00 am



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

# Sunday Worship Gathering

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

**God gathers the church to worship with all that we are** (based on Psalm 86)

Terri Louie

*Leader:* People of God, incline your ear and listen to the word of God.

***People:* We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's word of forgiveness and love.**

*Leader:* Call on the One who abounds in steadfast love.

***People:* We are ready to proclaim the good news of God in this place and throughout the earth!**

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

Terri

Matthew 5:1-13 (The Message)

<sup>1-2</sup> When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said: <sup>3</sup>“You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule. <sup>4</sup>“You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

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<sup>5</sup>“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought. <sup>6</sup>“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat. <sup>7</sup>“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for. <sup>8</sup>“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world. <sup>9</sup>“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family. <sup>10</sup>“You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom. <sup>11-12</sup>“Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don’t like it, / do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble. <sup>13</sup>“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

## Prayer

(based on Matthew 10)

Terri

God of love and grace,  
we gather in thanksgiving and praise.  
Reassure us once more,  
that you never leave us or forsake us.  
Empower us by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may live faithfully as people of Christ.  
Help us leave behind the things that weigh us down,  
that we may find new life in Christ. Amen.

## Songs of worship

*Shout to the Lord*  
*Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
*Rain Down*

Christie & Todd  
*Praise Songbook*  
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## **Confession** (based on Genesis 21)

Terri

Compassionate God, we come before you  
with humble hearts.

There are times in our lives:

when we stray from your ways;

when we bring conflict to our loved ones;

when we become lost in the desert

as we flee from your presence;

when we allow fear to govern our decisions  
and our actions;

when we choose the ways of the world  
instead of the ways of Christ.

Forgive us, God of life.

Bless us with faithfulness and courage,  
that we may walk in the ways of Christ.

We ask these things in your holy name. Amen.

## ***Silent confession***

## **Forgiveness through Christ**

(based on Matthew 10)

Terri

Brothers and Sisters, hear the good news!

God forgives, redeems, and restores.

Believe in the good news

and dwell in the promises of Christ.

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

# Praying as a church—asking for God’s hope and justice, giving testimony of God’s goodness and forgiveness in our lives and neighborhoods

Matthew Kost

## Hearing God’s Story

Terri

Matthew 5:1-13 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

## **Hosting God's Story**

Kristen Kludt

*Blessed are Those Who Mourn...*

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

Everyone

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

### **Prayer**

(based on Psalm 86)

Terri

Generous God, as we offer these gifts to you,  
we offer ourselves as well.

May these gifts help our brothers and sisters,  
both near and far.

And may they be a sign of our steadfast faithfulness,  
as we seek to live in your ways. Amen.

### **Song**

Christie & Todd

*The Wonderful Cross*

Praise Songbook

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

Kristen



### **Today's Guest Speaker**

Local author, Kristen Kludt, a contemplative Christian writer and spiritual guide who lives, works & plays in the San Francisco East Bay with her husband Dave, & their two sons, Everett (4 yrs.) and Asher (1 yr.). Please join us this Wednesday, from 6-8pm, when Kristen will be sharing from her new book, "A Good Way Through", about her journey through grief and disappointment with God. Come share a meal, listen to Kristen's journey and participate in a creative time of sharing & creating.



## 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:** Dee Graham & Terri Louie

**Coffee Hour:** The Louie Family

**Nursery Attendant:** As Needed

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## Calendar and Announcements

Week of June 25, 2017

THIS MORNING	after worship 11:00 am	Coffee Hour Session Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:00pm	Workshop with Kristen
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

### Sabbatical Information

Pastor Matt is on sabbatical from June 5<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. We believe that a time of Sabbatical benefits him, his family and our church community. This time away from vocational ministry is allowing Pastor Matt to seek spiritual and emotional rest, to cultivate creativity, and to strengthen his marriage and family. He is going on prayer retreats, spending time in creation, visiting art museums, reading, and spending time with family. Please ask for one of our prayer cards to give ideas of how to pray for Pastor Matt and his family during this time. Our members are overseeing the various ministries at YVPC. Please contact them with any questions.

- Worship Services—Christie Jacoban (925-586-6093)
- Bible Studies—Terri Louie (925-395-3524)
- Visitation—Stan Wilson (925-768-1723)
- Building Liaison—Todd Swick (925-286-0555)
- Homeless Feedings—Paula Ash (925-435-2859)
- Sabbatical Coordinator—Sylvia Chatagnier (925-447-3461)

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Backpack Drive 2017-18: Equipping Students for Success!

Once again, YVPC will be helping Contra Costa Interfaith Housing provide backpacks & school supplies to formerly homeless and low-income children for the upcoming school year. There is a list of needed supplies in the church office. Terri Louie has volunteered to lead this mission, so if you have any questions, feel free to contact her. Please leave your donations in the church office by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **BBQ—Saturday, August 26th**

Mark your calendars! The Wilson's will be hosting a BBQ. More information to follow.

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

- 1) Community Meals— Potluck 5/10; Ribs on 5/28
- 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

### **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.

### **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.

### **Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers**

#### **Ushers**

JULY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Carrie & Todd  
9<sup>th</sup> Dee & Ruth  
16<sup>th</sup> Sylvia & Terri  
23<sup>rd</sup> Bob & Mike  
30<sup>th</sup> Laura & Stan

#### **Coffee Hour**

Bailey & Waters' Families  
Graham Family  
Chatagnier Family  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
Wilson 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**

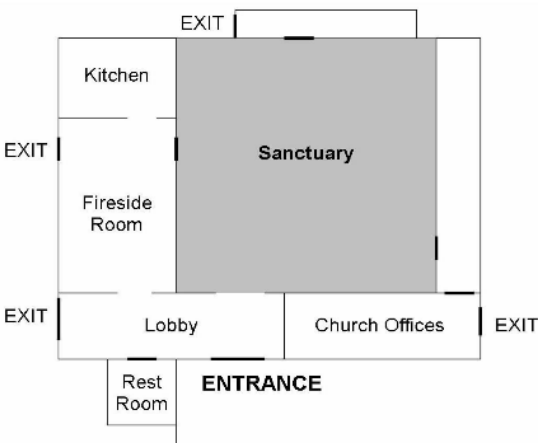
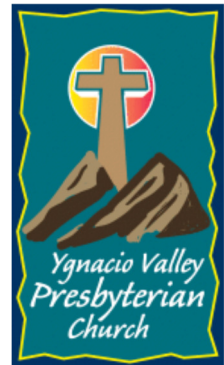
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &  
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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