

Welcome to our Worship Celebration

July 22, 2018 at 9:00 am



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Celebration

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God's Spirit guides us as we share God's love and hope

God gathers the church to worship

(based on Ephesians 2)

Kathy

Leader: Welcome, friends and strangers, long-timers and newcomers, those from nearby and far.

***People:* We gather as one because Christ is our peace.**

Leader: We gather as the temple where God lives through the Spirit.

***People:* We gather with Christ Jesus as our cornerstone, the one who joins us together.**

Leader: Hear the good news of peace that brings us together.

***People:* With our brothers and sisters, we are no longer strangers, but residents with God.**

Listening to God's Story

Acts 6:8-15 (Message)

Kathy

⁸⁻¹⁰ Stephen, brimming with God's grace and energy, was doing wonderful things among the people, unmistakable signs that God was among them. But then some men from the meeting place whose membership was made up of freed slaves, Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and some others from Cilicia and Asia, went up against him trying to argue him down. But they were no match for his wisdom and spirit when he spoke.

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¹¹ So in secret they bribed men to lie: “We heard him cursing Moses and God.” ¹²⁻¹⁴ That stirred up the people, the religious leaders, and religion scholars. They grabbed Stephen and took him before the High Council. They put forward their bribed witnesses to testify: “This man talks nonstop against this Holy Place and God’s Law. We even heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth would tear this place down and throw out all the customs Moses gave us.” ¹⁵ As all those who sat on the High Council looked at Stephen, they found they couldn’t take their eyes off him—his face was like the face of an angel!

Prayer

(based on Ephesians 2)

Kathy

Jesus Christ, our Peace, our Cornerstone,
we come from a world of division
longing for the promise and good news
of your peace.

Remind us again of your work of reconciliation—
reconciliation that breaks down the barriers of
hatred in our communities and our own lives,
and between nations and peoples.

Make of us a place of belonging and peace,
where you may dwell in joy,
in the name of the God of Sure Promises
and of the indwelling Spirit. Amen.

Songs of worship

Lord, I Lift Your Name

Heart of Worship

Shout to the Lord

Christie & Todd

Praise Songbook, pg. 53

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Confession (based on Mark 6)

Pastor Matt

Jesus, our Compassion, you see our suffering
and seek all who have lost hope,
all who struggle to love one another.
Forgive us when we build barriers of hatred,
and bring us together in your peace.
Build us up in your hope and love,
that God may live in our lives. Amen.

Silent confession

Sweet words of forgiveness through Christ

(based on Mark 6:34)

Matt

Mark writes:

“When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd,
he had compassion on them.”

This compassionate Jesus also looks upon us
and brings us near—to him and to one another.

We are forgiven and made new by the One
who builds us into the very place where God lives.

Pass the peace of Christ to one another

**Praying together—giving testimony of God’s
power and justice in the world**

Hearing God's Story

Kathy

Acts 7:1-11 & 7:51-8:1 (NRSV)

¹Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" ²And Stephen replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me. The God of glory appeared to our ancestor Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, ³and said to him, 'Leave your country and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you.' ⁴Then he left the country of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After his father died, God had him move from there to this country in which you are now living. ⁵He did not give him any of it as a heritage, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as his possession and to his descendants after him, even though he had no child. ⁶And God spoke in these terms, that his descendants would be resident aliens in a country belonging to others, who would enslave them and mistreat them during four hundred years. ⁷'But I will judge the nation that they serve,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and worship me in this place.' ⁸Then he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs. ⁹"The patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him, ¹⁰and rescued him from all his afflictions, and enabled him to win favor and to show wisdom when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who appointed him ruler over Egypt and over all his household. ¹¹Now there came a famine throughout Egypt and Canaan, and great suffering, and our ancestors could find no food.

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⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³ You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.”⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

8 ¹ And Saul approved of their killing him. That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria.

Hosting God’s Story

Pastor Matt Prinz

Finding ourselves in God’s Story

Everyone

Practicing generosity—giving our offering

Prayer

(based on Ephesians 2)

Kathy

Jesus, our Hope, we send these gifts:
to those without hope,
to those who need your love,
and to those longing for your peace.
May our gifts and may our very lives
reveal that God lives in us
and that we look upon all,
stranger and friend alike,
as our brothers and sisters. Amen.

Song

Christie & Todd

Blessed Be Your Name

Praise Songbook, pgs.10-11

God sends us to be the church in the world

(based on Ephesians 12)

Matt

Leader: Christ is our peace!

***People:* Christ is building us into a people of peace.**

Leader: Christ is our cornerstone, joining us together as one.

***People:* Christ is building us into a place where God lives.**

Leader: Let us be people who are built into a temple of peace.

***People:* We will be a people where God lives in the world. Amen.**



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: Dee & Ruth

Coffee Hour: The Graham Family

Nursery Attendant: As Needed

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Calendar and Announcements

July 22, 2018

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

Backpack Drive 2018-2019

Terri Louie have graciously volunteered to head this year's backpack drive to benefit Contra Costa interfaith Housing. CCIH supplies school supplies to formerly homeless and low-income children for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in helping out with this drive, there is a supply list in the church office. Please leave the purchased items in the church office by July 29th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Terri. Thank you in advance!

We Need Your Input

We are nearing registration time for our annual retreat at Zephyr Cove, October 5-7th, and need an estimate of the number of rooms we need to reserve. There is a sign-up sheet in the office if you are interested in attending, or not. Also, let us know if there is an activity you would like to include for the weekend. Final registration/fee collection in will be in September. Thank you!

Neighbor

Our neighbor, Janet who resides at Abel Rest Home (891 Plavada Ct.) is a homebound Presbyterian. She has been a member of a Presbyterian church in Berkeley. Janet is in a wheelchair and would be interested in attending our Sunday worship service if someone could go over and assist her by pushing her chair. If you have some spare time, possibly a visit during the week would help "feed her spirit." If available, please see Pastor Matt.

Study Leave

Pastor Matt spent time reading, praying, and reflecting during this last week. He read *Wade in the Water* by Tracy K. Smith (poetry), *Barking at the Choir* by Father Gregory Boyle (theology/ministry), *God of the Oppressed* by James Cone (theology), and *M Train* by Patti Smith (biography/art). Feel free to ask him about what he is learning and reflecting upon from these book.

Mark your Calendar

October 5th-7th—All Church Retreat at Zephyr Cove

February 9th—2019 Crab Feed Fundraiser

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.

KIVA Loans Continue

Lack of small loans keep many women in developing countries from starting small businesses. We started Kiva micro loans through advent offerings in 2016. We are receiving payments for our second round of Kiva micro loans and started a third round of loans—supporting women with small business loans in Haiti, Tanzania, Ghana, and Zimbabwe. See information about these loans on print outs near the women's restroom.

Hearing Loop Installed

If you use a hearing device, please get it set up to access our hearing loop. (You will probably have to make an appointment with your audiologist). We also have headsets to help amplify the sound, ask Pastor Matt for one.

Join YVPC? Become a Member?

We are planning a membership class for the Spring. The class will consist of three conversations around worship, study & service. Let Pastor Matt know if you are interested.

Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers

Ushers

Coffee Hour

JULY

29th Kim & Mike

Thompson Family

AUGUST

5th Lucie & Paula

12th Carrie & Mike

19th Juanita & Ruth B.

26th Dee & Todd

Skourup Family

Waters' Family

Barcelon & Luthy Families

Swick 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

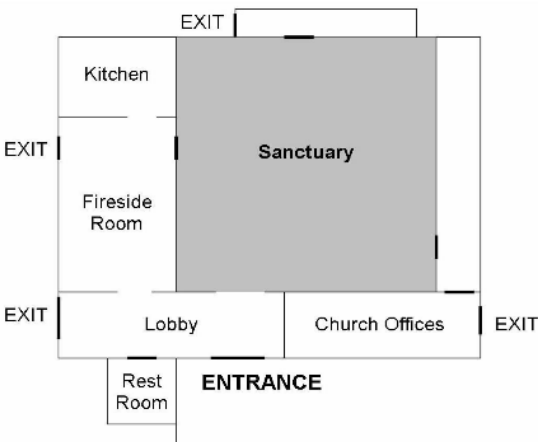
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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