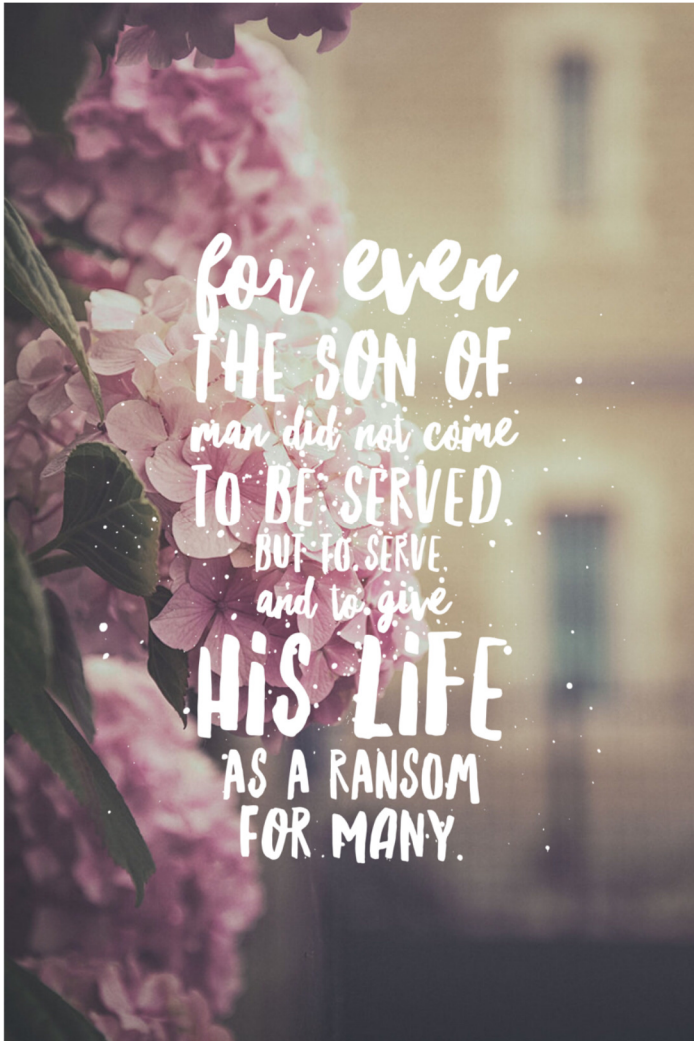


# Welcome to our Worship Celebration

February 18, 2018 at 9:00 am



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

# Sunday Worship Gathering

## February 18, 2018

### Entering into the season of Lent

### God gathers the church to worship

(based on Psalm 25)

Kathy Youngson

*Leader:* Lead us in the way of truth, God.

***People:* Show us your holy pathways.**

*Leader:* Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

***People:* Teach us to follow where you lead.**

*Leader:* We trust in your way, Lord.

***People:* To you, we lift up our souls.**

### Listening to God's Story

Kathy

Romans 3:22-26 & Mark 10:45 (The Message)

<sup>22-24</sup> The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this. Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ. <sup>25-26</sup> God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. *continued . . .*

*scripture continued . . .*

God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured. This is not only clear, but it's *now*—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in his rightness.

Mark 10:45

That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage.”

**Prayer** (based on Mark 1)

Kathy

God of rainbow promises,  
we seek to know your ways of love and truth.  
As we walk with Jesus in this season of Lent  
through our wilderness journeys,  
your Holy Spirit is with us,  
as it was with Jesus at the Jordan River.  
Help us clearly perceive the pathway  
that proclaims your kindness  
and your kingdom.  
Help us undertake the journey within  
to the source of our best selves,  
that we may remember anew  
that you are with us, in us, and near us,  
on every step of life's journey.  
God Emmanuel. Amen.

## **Songs of worship**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*Rain Down*

Christie & Todd

Praise Songbook

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## **Confession** (based on Mark 1)

Pastor Matt

We long to be known by you at our best, Holy One.

We long to hear the words,

“You are my beloved child,  
with you I am well pleased.”

Yet we remember times when our words or our actions  
have hurt your heart or the hearts of others.

For these acts, forgive us, we pray.

We remember, too, when we have caused harm  
by failing to act or by failing to speak.

For these inactions, forgive us, we pray.

## ***Silent confession***

## **Reminder of forgiveness**

Matt

(based on Genesis 9)

Our God renews and restores us in loving-kindness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

***Pass the peace of Christ to one another***

# Praying together—giving testimony of God's hope and peace in our lives and neighborhoods

## *Loss is Indeed Our Gain*

The pushing and shoving of the world is endless.

We are pushed and shoved.

And we do our fair share of pushing and shoving  
in our great anxiety.

And in the middle of that

you have set down your beloved suffering son  
who was like a sheep led to slaughter  
who opened not his mouth.

We seem not able,

so we ask you to create the spaces in our life  
where we may ponder his suffering  
and your summons for us to suffer with him,  
suspecting that suffering is the only way to  
come to newness.

So we pray for your church in these Lenten days,  
when we are driven to denial—

not to notice the suffering,  
not to engage it,  
not to acknowledge it.

So be that way of truth among us

that we should not deceive ourselves.

That we shall see that loss is indeed our gain.

We give you thanks for that mystery  
from which we live.

Amen.

*by Walter Brueggemann*

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

Kathy

Romans 3:22-26 & Mark10:45 (NRSV)

<sup>22</sup> The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Mark 10:45

<sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

## **Hosting God's story**

Pastor Matt Prinz

*Redemption*

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

Everyone

## **Coming to the Lord's table**

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

**Prayer** (based on Mark 1)

Kathy

Bless these gifts we offer this day.  
Through these offerings,  
    may the blessings of your Spirit  
        flow to every corner of the world,  
            that all people may know  
                they are your beloved children.

**Song**

Christie & Todd  
Praise Songbook

*I Surrender All*

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

Matt

Go from this place and continue your journey.  
Stay attuned to the presence of God who created you,  
    and follow Jesus through your wilderness places,  
        as you are led by the Holy Spirit into new life.  
Go in peace; stay in peace.  
Amen.

## Crab Feed Wrap Up-Thank You!

Several of you told me that you had an enjoyable time with friends, family & co-workers at our 2018 Crab Feed fundraiser. That was music to my ears & what encourages me to chair this worthwhile event each year. I think this year's event went smoothly and I am pleased to announce we made \$4,009.41 for YVPC, "The little church that could."

I'd like to thank the kitchen crew—Allison, Karen & Karen's sister Linda, Aaron Ruff for running the 50/50 raffle, Kim for being the hostess and money manager, Pam Prinz for all the beautiful flowers along with the heart decorations, Laura Wilson for managing the "dessert auction", Laura & Michelle Louie for selling raffle & drink tickets and lastly, my husband, Hanson for being the "Crab Man." Once again this year, the donated smoked chicken was delicious and special thanks to Ron & Shelly Swanson for their expertise in smoking them. Thanks go to our wonderful servers, Moni, Beth, Ashlynn Magnuson & Kayla Millheim. Also, thanks to all of you that bought & sold tickets, donated the awesome desserts for our ever popular "dessert auction", and those of you who helped with the set-up & clean-up on the day of the event. Our office manager spent many hours to make the raffle happen, so thank you, Cherie.

Finally, thanks to Pastor Matt for all his hard work on the night of the 2018 Crab Feed fundraiser.

Your Sister-in-Christ, Terri Louie





## 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:** Carrie & Paula

**Coffee Hour:** The Ash Family

**Nursery Attendant:** As Needed

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## Calendar and Announcements

February 18, 2018

THIS MORNING	after worship	Coffee Hour
MONDAY		HOLIDAY—Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

### Help Needed for 2019 Crab Feed

Karen Swick, our resident chef, has stated that this will be her last year heading the kitchen for the crab feed. After many years of manning the kitchen, she would like to pass “the spoon” to give someone else an opportunity to run the kitchen. Please contact Terri or Karen if you are interested in this 2019 position. Thank you!

### Ways We Can Use your Help

- 1) We have numerous dead tube lights that need to be turned in to the hazardous waste facility.
- 2) During our Advent offering, we collected packages of diapers that need to be taken to Contra Costa Interfaith Housing.

If you can help out with either of these, see [Pastor Matt](#) or [Cherie](#).

### 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.

### Per Capita

It is time for us to send in our Per Capita for 2018. This year the Per Capita is \$36.25 per member. You might consider it to be our annual dues to the Presbytery and denomination PC USA. If you wish to help out with this fee, please place your donation in the offering plate with “Per Capita” notated on your check. Thank you for helping us with this obligation.

### 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.

## 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.

### Ongoing Church Experiments 2016 & 2017 & 2018

- 1) Community Meals— Potluck 5/10; Ribs on 5/28; BBQ on 7/26 & 11/15/17
- 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; Ferguson Pilgrimage (Aug. 3-6<sup>th</sup>) Kathy, Matt & Paula
- 3) Grapevine project—Soil preparation & Irrigation—April 1<sup>st</sup>; June 3<sup>rd</sup>—Planting; Irrigation—July
- 4) Faith and Culture classes—Art & Faith—January 29<sup>th</sup>
- 5) Church Retreat—Lake Tahoe—Oct. 14-16, 2016 & Oct. 6-8, 2017
- 6) New Songs—ongoing, putting together new song book
- 7) Pastoral Sabbatical—June & July & August 2017
- 8) Faith-Rooted organizing—3/17; 9/29 & 10/24/17
- 9) BBQ at Contra Costa Interfaith Housing—6/8/17

What experiments would you like to see in 2018 & 2019?

### Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers

#### Ushers

#### Coffee Hour

#### FEBRUARY

25<sup>th</sup> Lucie & Kathy

Skourup Family

#### MARCH

4<sup>th</sup> Carrie & Mike

Waters' Family

11<sup>th</sup> Juanita & Ruth B.

Barcelon & Luthy Families

18<sup>th</sup> Lucie & Paula

SALADS

25<sup>th</sup> Dee & Todd

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**

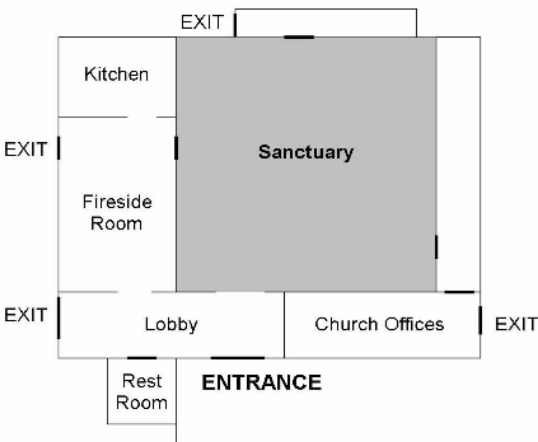
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &  
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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