

# Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland

Bulletin, January 9, 2022

(10:30 AM In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service)

(We welcome you. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, wherever you are in your faith journey, whomever you love, whatever your ethnicity or first language, whatever your past, regardless of your abilities and whether you are rich or poor or in between...you are welcome here.)

**Musical Prelude**—Jay Surdell

## **Our shared life together, aka, announcements**

*Here are some things our church is doing this week which just might help us experience the love of God in fuller measure as we live our lives this week.*

**Call to Worship**—Larry Love

Please repeat after me these words saying them to those around you, “Neighbor, O Neighbor, God loves you...and there’s nothing you can do about it!” You know, those words are true. God loves us...and will never stop loving us...and there’s nothing we can do about it, nothing we can do to make God stop loving us. So, what we can do is worship the God who loves us so very much. Let’s do that as we sing our opening hymn.

**Opening Song**—“*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*” *Chalice Hymnal #2*  
(Verses #1 & 4)

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive our fear and doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
4. Mortals, join the happy chorus;  
stars of morning, take your part;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding those of tender heart.  
Ever singing, move we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife,  
joyful music lifts us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

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**Opening Prayer**—Unison—Nancy Love

God of love,  
even as Jesus waded into the water  
to submit to your desire for him to be baptized,  
you draw us into the water  
and pour upon us your Holy Spirit, your love,  
and all your good gifts of grace.  
The water and the Spirit, we know,  
are confirmation of your deep love.  
Through the water and the Spirit,  
you shower upon us every spiritual blessing  
from your vast reservoir of love and grace.  
Allow us to bathe in your life-giving love, each day.  
May our baptism and this worship today  
be reminders that you have named us  
and claimed us as your beloved daughters and sons.  
Filled with your Spirit, embraced in your love,  
we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Response**—“*River of Mercy*” *Chalice Praise #105*  
(Verses #1)

1. Mercy, compassion, kindness and love,  
justice, forgiveness, poured out from above.

*Refrain:*

There's a river of mercy flowing on high. Waters of justice cross the sky.  
There's a river of mercy that shines in the night,  
a river of mercy that flows through you and I.

Words and Music: Paul Frantsen

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**A Story for Children of All Ages**—Nancy Love

**Scripture Text:** *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Acts 8:14-17*—Nancy Love

**Choir Anthem**—Chancel Choir

*“Child of the Poor/What Child Is This”*

*(Words and Music by Scott Soper;*

*What Child Is This by William C. Dix, 16th Century English Melody)*

**Sermon Text:** *Isaiah 43:1-7*

**Reader:** *The message of God for the people of God.*

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Message**—“*Confirmation*”—Pastor Larry Love

**Song of Commitment**—“*God of Grace and God of Glory*” *Chalice Hymnal #464*  
(Verses #1 & 3)

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church’s story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
3. Cure thy children’s warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy righteous goal,  
lest we miss thy righteous goal.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick

Music: John Hughes

### **Pastoral Prayer and 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 the evil:  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory, forever, and ever.  
Amen. Amen.

**Responsive Song**—“*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*” *Chalice Praise #104*

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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**Call to Stewardship...and Doxology**—Nancy Love

## Communion Call and Prayer—Nancy Love

## Words of Institution—Communion—Peace—Prayer—Larry Love

## Closing Song—““Go, My Children, with My Blessing” Chalice Hymnal #431 (Verses #1 & 2)

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own;  
in my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,  
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;  
here you heard my Son's dear story, here you touched him, saw his glory,  
go my children, sins forgiven at peace and pure.

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## Benediction and Postlude

### Announcements:

- Today—Zoom worship, 9 a.m.
- Today—In person worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday—Fellowship in Parker Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday—Book study, 6:45 p.m. in the Library. We are beginning **Nadia Bolz-Weber's book Accidental Saints**. If you would like to join us as we begin a new book, please contact Pastor Larry...or just show up.
- Thursday—Choir practice, 6:15 p.m.
- Saturday—***Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service*** sponsored by the City of Woodland. 3 service projects are offered. For more information and sign ups go to <https://cityofwoodland.org/1176/Martin-Luther-King-Celebration> MLK Jr. Commemorative Program at Heritage Plaza, 11:30 AM followed by lunch provided by the city to the first 100 in attendance
- Next Sunday—Welcome Table Worship, 8 a.m. Contact Beja Springer for Zoom link.
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.

- **Leigh Dieckmann** is struggling with light sensitivity in her eyes and cannot drive and is in need of persons to drive her to doctor's appointments or to pick up groceries. If you can help, please call Pastor Larry or Leigh directly.
- Once we get our technology updated and begin livestreaming our worship again, we need some persons who are willing to learn the technology and run it on Sunday mornings. Ultimately, we hope hire someone to do this, but we also need several persons who are familiar with the process who can step in now...and fill in from time to time. If you are willing to help out with this important part of our ministry, please contact Pastor Larry, 530-662-9356.
- Larry's hours in the church office are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday.
- Pastor Larry's days off are Friday and Saturday.

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## Prayer Requests:

Prayers of concern for:

- **Bob Shull, Kris, Megan, Maddie, Clara, and Lydia Shull, Megan Wilkinson** and her family at the death of wife, mother and grandmother, **Liz Shull**, on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Skip Slaymaker** who is hospitalized at UC Davis Medical Center with respiratory (not COVID) problems.
- All of those who lost their homes in the recent Colorado fires...and all of those who lost loved ones, homes, places of worship, and businesses in the recent tornadoes in Kentucky and Illinois. The Disciples of Christ church in Mayfield, Kentucky was destroyed by the tornadoes.
- **Judy Mehren's friend, Chrissy** whose husband, **Drew**, died recently.
- **Cathie Wicks niece, Kori**
- **Abby Wilmot's great-grandmother** in Oregon
- **Karen Garrison, Gloria Dewey's sister-in-law** struggling with ill health.
- Our former regional minister, **Chuck Blaisdell**, who has a recurrence of cancer and is on palliative chemotherapy. Prayers, too, for his **wife, Barbara**, and all of his family.
- Peace on the Russian/Ukraine border...and between China and Taiwan.

- **Becky Holland's nephew, Trevor**, who is serving at the U. S. embassy in Kiev, Ukraine during this time of high tension between Ukraine and Russia.
- Healthcare workers who continue to be under tremendous stress as a result of the COVID pandemic.
- **Everett Frank** who is having some health problems.
- New **friends of Barb Patterson, Kathy and Dick**, as Dick deals with Parkinson's Disease.
- **Alberta Bradley** dealing with some health concerns as well as concerns for her **husband, Phil**, whose Alzheimer's disease is progressing.
- **Laura Daggett's mother, Pauline**, who is dealing with Lupus. Also **Laura's stepfather, Roger**, concerned about an abnormal blood test result, **Laura's aunt, Sherry**, still recovering from a broken arm, and **brother, Paul**, suffering with mental illness.
- **Terry Shultz, a friend of Bill Powell**, who is on hospice. Prayers too for his **wife, Kimberly**.
- **Jim Craig, Heather Craig's uncle** on hospice following a bout with COVID.
- **Kevin Dooley, friend of Beth Erickson**, is dealing with a debilitating illness.
- **Beth Erickson** recovering from a fractured knee and arm.
- **Pam, a friend of Sue Tarleton**. Pam is dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.
- **Nancy Love's parents** as her **mother, Gloria Martin**, is on hospice...and her **father, Ellis Martin**, is dealing with heart valve problems.
- **Leigh Dieckmann** diagnosed with an eye disorder called solar retinopathy, extreme light sensitivity...in addition to the chronic pain she has dealt with for many years.
- **Charles Tarleton, Sarah Tarleton's father** who is now on hospice.
- Afghan refugees as they settle into new life here in the U.S. and other host countries.
- All the people of Afghanistan (especially women) as they come again under Taliban rule.
- **Ivana Cruz (Ana Mangandi's daughter in El Salvador)** has cancer.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this deeply divided time.

Ongoing prayers for:

**Joyce Henning, Laura Daggett, Alberta Bradley, Ricardo Rico, Flo Tinsley, Ted Pitts and daughter (Margaret), Willie Paulucci, Katharine (Patty Overfield's mother) Lisa Austin (friend of Megan Shull), Debbie Staeden (Brenda Small's sister)**

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