

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland
Bulletin, August 29, 2021
In Person and Livestream Worship

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 provide a greater place of belonging for more and more people as we live our lives together as this part of the whole people of God.”

Call to Worship—Larry Love

Opening Song—“Gather Us In” Chalice Hymnal #284
(Verses #1, 3, & 4)

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, our spirits in flame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
3. Here we receive new life in the waters;
here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not just in buildings, small and confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is God present, , now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

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Opening Prayer—Unison—Cathie Wicks

O God,

we expect to meet you here and now
in bread and drink,
by word, written and spoken,
through your people present with us,
and as the Holy Spirit among us.

Receive our adoration for your power and wisdom,

our gratitude for your extravagant mercy and love and welcome.

Bind us together anew as a loving, forgiving, rejoicing company of disciples of Jesus,
and commission us each afresh

to be channels of your mercy and welcome to all other persons;
for your name's sake. Amen.

Response—“This Is Holy Ground” # Chalice Praise 55

This is holy ground; we're standing on holy ground.

For the Lord is present, and where God is is holy.

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground.

For the Lord is present, and where God is is holy

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A Story for Children of All Ages—Cathie Wicks

Scripture Text—Isaiah 43:1-5—Cathie Wicks

Special Music—Shirley Fischer—“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring,” by J.S. Bach

Sermon Text—Genesis 18:1-15—Larry Love

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message—“Radical Hospitality”—Larry Love

**Song of Commitment—“Come Share the Lord” Chalice Hymnal #408
(Verses #1, 2, & 1)**

1. We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

2. He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.
1. We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

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Prayers of the Community...and Lord's Prayer—Larry Love

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.

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

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Call to Stewardship...and Doxology—Cathie Wicks

Communion Call and Prayer—Diana Fallbeck

Words of Institution—Communion—Peace—Prayer

Closing Song—“*Lord of Justice*” *Chalice Praise* #125

Refrain:

Lord of justice, Lord of life,
help us to do what you know is right.
Lord of justice, Lord of life,
guide us through the day and night.

1. To the stranger may we give welcome;
to the hungry may we give bread.
To the naked may we give clothing,
to the homeless a place to lay their head. (*to Refrain*)
2. To the wounded may we give healing;
to the voiceless may we give words.
To the captives may we give freedom,
to the tortured release from all the hurt. (*to Refrain*)

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Benediction and Postlude

Announcements:

- Today—Welcome Table Worship, Contact **Beja Springer** for Zoom link
- Today—Zoom worship, 8:30 a.m.
- Today—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Today—Congregational meeting immediately after worship to vote on some bylaws changes.
- Monday—Fellowship in the courtyard or Parker Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday—Pastoral Relations, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday—Church staff meeting via Zoom, 6:30 a.m.
- **Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.—Note that this is a change of time!**
- Next Sunday—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- You can watch our worship services anytime on the church’s Facebook page or on our church’s website—christianchurchofwoodland.com.
- Larry’s hours in the church office are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Call him at 530-662-9356 or 666-2069.
- Greg Hayakawa’s work hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact # 530-304-5153

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Prayer Requests

- We give thanks to God for the life of **Pam Zeiger** who passed away this past week, and pray for **Del and Jenny Zeiger and Julie and Larry Feist** as they grieve the loss of wife and mother.
- We give thanks to God that **Traci Hagerty’s** heart surgery went well. **Tracy is Becky Holland’s niece.** Tracy lives in Missouri.
- Gratitude that **Ana Mangandi** has a job, and prayers as she continues to seek permanent housing.
- Thanks to God that **Shane and Carla Holland and girls** were able to return to their home after evacuating because of fire concerns.

- Prayers for:
 - The people of Afghanistan (especially women) as they come again under Taliban rule.
 - The evacuation efforts in Afghanistan, the safety of our troops and those Afghans who aided our forces over the past twenty years.
 - The people of Haiti as they try to recover from an earthquake and tropical storm.
 - People in the Midwest and East who are inundated by floodwaters from torrential rains.
 - Fires, firefighters and all of those residents who are adversely affected by the fires...especially the residents of Greenville who lost pretty much their whole town.
 - **Madeline Duncan, sister of Sydney Bristol (Micah Love's girlfriend)** who lost her home in Greenville.
 - **Jillian (Sheets) Martin and family** who had to evacuate due to the Caldor fire in the Pollack Pines area.
 - **Susan, Janese Jenkins' friend** and neighbor awaiting surgery.
 - **Doyle Tuman** as he continues to have severe back pain following surgery.
 - **Liz Shull** as she recently spent time in the hospital.
 - **Curtis and Red Shockley** as they prepare to move to Georgia this fall.
 - For the **Santillan/Rico family** as one recovers from COVID and two others from surgeries.
 - **Willie Paulucci and Chrissy Paulucci** who are both dealing with poor health.
 - Prayers for **Maria Jenkins, Jo Ann Jasper**, and all of their family as they grieve the death of **husband, cousin, father and friend, Duane Jenkins**.
 - **Kevin (Tuman's neighbor)** awaiting a bone marrow transplant.
 - **Noah Hull's cousin, Michelle and her son Garrison, his roommate, Alex, and his aunt, Lillian.**
 - **Del Zeiger's brother, Joe**
 - **Barb Tucker, Ann Edward's close friend** dealing with ill health
 - **Becky Holland's friend, Alan**, who is on hospice.
 - The family and friends of **Carmen Tafoya** who passed away of COVID. **Carmen** was **Gloria Dewey's next door neighbor.**
 - Prayers for the healing of our country in this deeply divided time.
 - Our country's ongoing struggle with racism.
- Ongoing prayers for:

Joyce Henning, Roy Holmes, Leigh Dieckmann, Laura Daggett, Ricardo Rico, Marj Hansen, Ted Pitts and daughter (Margaret), Alberta Bradley, Liz Shull, Charles Tarleton (Sarah's father), Katharine (Patty Overfield's mother), Jenny Bietel, Lisa Austin (friend of Megan Shull), Debbie Staeden (Brenda Small's sister), Judah Morgan, Noah and Lea Hull, Flo Tinsley, Debbie (Bill and Jan Powell's friend), Ivana Cruz (Ana Mangandi's daughter)

RETURN TO IN PERSON WORSHIP

***“I was glad when they said to me,
Let us go to the house of the Lord! ”***

Psalm 122:1

WE ARE BACK!

Things may not be the same for a while at Church, but we celebrate coming together. **Here are some temporary changes we are implementing to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19:**

- 1. Masks** – Please wear them to cover your nose and mouth. If you need one, we can provide one.
- 2. Singing** – Please hum or sing quietly from behind your mask.
- 3. The Lord’s Prayer** – Please join in praying the Lord’s Prayer from behind your mask.
- 4. Please refrain from handshakes and hugs.** Please share waves and “air hugs.” Elbow bumps are okay, too.
- 5. Offering** – You may give online, through the mail, or place your offering in the plates located near where you enter the Sanctuary.
- 6. Communion** – The diaconate will guide you in no contact communion.
- 7. Dismissal** – Please observe social distance as you exit the building.
- 8. There will be no nursery nor *Children’s Worship and Wonder* for the time being.** Activity Packets for children will be provided upon entering Worship, if requested. ***We welcome children and babies in our worship services. We will take joy in their occasional noises and in their presence.***

We are overjoyed to be back in our church home with ALL of our church family.

These changes are intended to create a safer space for everyone. We are so very glad you chose to be with us in worship today! May God bless you.