

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland

Bulletin, November 21, 2021

(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 provide us with even more reasons to give thanks to our good and gracious God for all of God’s good gifts of life.”

Call to Worship—Larry Love

Opening Song—“*For the Beauty of the Earth*” *Chalice Hymnal #284*
(Verses #1, 2, 4, & 6)

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise .
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
6. For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Opening Prayer—Unison—John Chase—

Almighty God,
we give you thanks
for this life and all its blessings,
for joys great and simple,
for gifts and powers more than we deserve,
for love at the heart of your purpose
and a surpassing wisdom in all your works,
for light in the world brought once in Christ
and shining ever through his Spirit.

We pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
for that light to dawn upon us daily,
that we may always have a grateful heart,
and a will to love and to serve
to the end of our days.

Lord, hear our prayer and our praises:
Alleluia, we bless you, O God. Amen.

Response—*“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord” Chalice Hymnal #87*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing;
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known
thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness;
with my mouth will I make known
thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing;
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing the mercies of the Lord.

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A Story for Children of All Ages—Eleanore Garnett—

Scripture Text—Ephesians 1:3-14—John Chase

Special Music—Jay Surdell

Sermon Text: —Psalm 103

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message—“A Cosmic Chorus of Praise”—Pastor Larry Love

Song of Commitment—*“Let All Things Now Living” Chalice Hymnal #717*

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us.
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;

till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,.
as forward we travel from light into Light.

2. By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
with glad adoration, a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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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—John Chase

Communion Call and Prayer—Diana Fallbeck

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

Closing Song—“*For the Fruit of All Creation*” *Chalice Hymnal #714*
(Verses #1 & 3)

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
For good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safe keeping, thanks be to God
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Benediction and Postlude

Announcements:

- Today—Welcome Table Worship, 8 a.m. Contact **Beja Springer** for Zoom link.
- Today—Zoom worship, 9 a.m.
- Today—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Today—Coffee hour/fellowship time in the courtyard after worship.
- Today—Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-faith Ministries Thanksgiving Service in Heritage Plaza, 4 p.m.
- Monday—Fellowship in the courtyard or Parker Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday—Board or Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday—Book study, 6:45 p.m. in Parker Hall or the church library. We are reading A Spiritual Biography of Jackie Robinson...chapter 9. All interested folk are welcome to join us. Contact Pastor Larry for information...or just show up.
- Thursday—***Thanksgiving!***
- Saturday—Christmas Vendor Fair, Parker Hall and Courtyard, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Patty Overfield is organizing this as a fundraiser for our mission trip fund.
- Next Sunday—***First Sunday of Advent***
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-faith Ministries is once again doing 300 Christmas baskets for families in our community. Our church is responsible for 600 cans of fruit. Lon Springer is once again heading up this effort for us. The easiest way to secure this fruit is for

us to give money directly to Lon and let him negotiate a good price with a local store. All gifts are appreciated.

- 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.
- Pastor Larry's days off are Friday and Saturday.
- Greg Hayakawa is on vacation through November 28th.

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A festive poster for a Christmas Holiday Shopping Spree. The background is white with a decorative border of red poinsettias, green leaves, and red berries. The text is in a mix of black and green fonts, including a cursive script for the main title.

Presented by Christian Church of Woodland & Patty O.

Christmas Holiday Shopping Spree

Saturday November 27th, 2021.

30 Vendors-- Inside, Outside and in the Courtyard.

RAFFLE TABLE ● ● ● 9:30am - 4pm

Hot Dog Lunch 4 Sale GIFTS GALORE

Mission Trip 2022 Fundraiser

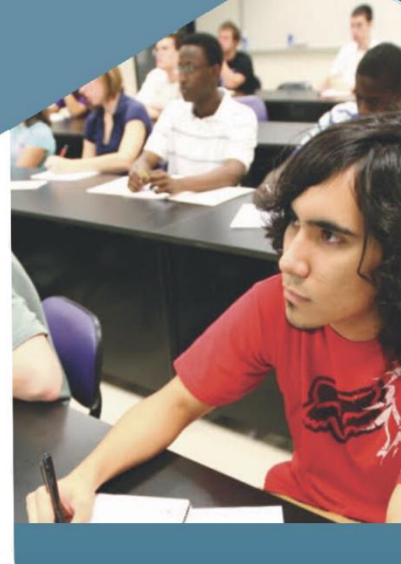
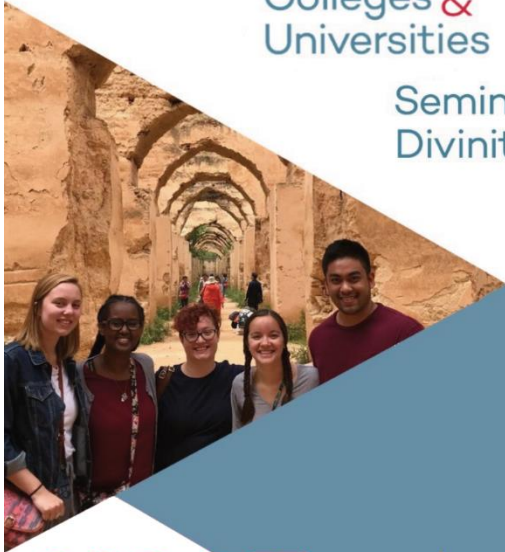


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Universities

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Divinity Houses



2021 Thanksgiving
Offering

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2021 Thanksgiving Offering

From the very beginning of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. On November 14 and 21, Disciples churches across the US and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. As we continue to struggle with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our higher education institutions are facing unprecedented challenges and need our support now, more than ever. Even as they work diligently to ensure safe and healthy learning environments, the financial realities faced by many of our schools is adding additional stress to students, faculty, and staff. This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.

For more information and to donate go to <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/thanksgiving/>

Blanket Drive

Good afternoon Church Family!

I will be making some blanket donations again to those in need this holiday season. I feel so fortunate to have a roof over my head and a warm place to sleep at night, and know that others may not. Sometimes even a small gesture like a donated blanket, can go a long way.

I would like to invite you to join me to drop off a blanket to the church or my home (email me for address). If you're not able to drop one off and would like me to pick one up on your behalf, I can do so as well.

Let's see if we can beat our record of 65 blankets donated last year!

HomeAid Sacramento builds and renovates temporary, transitional and permanent housing for homeless children, women, men, veterans, and families who have experience a life-altering event and are rendered temporarily homeless. Their goal is to enable them to take the critical steps toward achieving lives of self-sufficiency.

They are seeking twin size blankets...new or handmade. Please drop off to the church or my house by 12/20/21. If you bring blankets to the church, please put them in the Gravink Room.

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<https://www.homeaidsac.org/>

Thanks and Happy Holidays! 🎄😊

Blessings,
Sarah Tarleton