

# Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland

Bulletin, March 6, 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 afresh the abundant life God offers us through Christ and help nudge us, and others, into good life-giving work in Jesus's name.*

**Call to Worship**—Larry Love

## **Opening Song**—“*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*” *Chalice Hymnal #2*

*(Verses #1, 3 & 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.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.
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—Cathie Wicks

God of life, we rejoice in your love  
which has filled creation from the beginning  
and which calls all life into being.

We praise you for Jesus Christ  
who reveals most fully your loving  
and life-enhancing purpose for all people.

We bless you for your Spirit who enlivens us  
and draws all humanity into the circle of your tender love.

Gracious God, bless us with your presence  
so that our worship and our lives  
may be a true celebration of your love in Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Response**—“*Open Our Eyes, Lord*” *Chalice Praise #44*

Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him,  
and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,  
and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.

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**A Story for Children of All Ages**—Cathie Wicks

**Scripture Text**—*John 3:1-16*—Cathie Wicks

**Anthem**—Chancel Choir

“Bread for the World”

(Words and Music by Bernadette Farrell)

**Sermon Text:**—*John 2:1-12*—Larry Love

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Message**—“*New Wine—the Mother of Jesus*”—Pastor Larry Love

**Song of Commitment**—“*Spirit Song*” *Chalice Hymnal* #352

1. O let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let Him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole

**Refrain**

Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill Your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness;  
give him all your years of pain,  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (*to Refrain*)

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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**—Cathie Wicks

**Communion Call and Prayer**—Neal Hardman

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

**Closing Song**—“*River of Mercy*” *Chalice Praise* #105

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.

2. Thirsty, hungry, strangers in need.  
Lonely, outcast, prisoners to free. (refrain)
3. Jesus, Son of God, Savior and Lord,  
Mighty Prince of Peace, the One we adore.

Final 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 our lives.

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**Benediction and Postlude**



## **Announcements:**

- Today—Zoom worship, 9 a.m.
- Today—In person worship, 10:30 a.m. There will also be a Zoom link sent out for this service. We have also gotten the livestream working again and persons can watch on Facebook.
- Today—Pastor's Class, 11:50 a.m. This is for anyone wishing to join the church and/or be baptized during the Easter season.

- Monday—Fellowship in Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday—Lenten lunch at the Latter Day Saints church on Pioneer and Gum, 12 noon.
- Wednesday—Lenten Study series begins, 6 p.m. with a potluck meal together (bring something to share), followed by the study of The Women in the Gospel of John led by the author of the book, Judith Jones. We will discuss the first chapter on Mary the mother of Jesus and her role in the water to wine story in John 2:1-11. All are welcome...and copies of the book are available.
- Thursday—Choir practice, 6:15 p.m.
- Friday—Dominoes, 6 p.m.in Parker Hall, Theme: **“Erin Go Bragh.”**  
Hosted by **Sharon Armus**. Please bring a dish to share and a gift that fits the theme.
- Saturday—Memorial service for **Gloria Martin (Nancy Love’s mother)** at First Christian Church in Redding, 2 p.m.
- 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 worship, 10:30 a.m., which will also be livestreamed.
- Next Sunday—Pastor’s Class for anyone wishing to be baptized during the Easter Season, 11:50 a.m. The class will be offered for six Sundays until just before Easter.
- 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:**

Thanks for:

- A wonderful Ash Wednesday worship service with 20 in attendance.
- **Randy Overfield** who prepared the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service.
- The 24-hour prayer vigil organized by **Gloria Dewey**.
- The celebration of life for **Liz Shull** held at Nelson’s Grove on Saturday.

Prayers of concern for:

- The people of **Ukraine** in face of the Russian invasion. Prayers for peace.
- **Ray Bodine** that he might be paroled from state prison so his family can care for him following a stroke.
- **Tina Borgman** who is dealing with serious back pain.
- **Brother of Brooklyn, friend of Abby Wilmot**, who is currently in boot camp.
- **Family of Emma**, a young middle school girl who died tragically a few weeks ago.
- The Woodland Food Closet as they expand their mission and go through the process of moving to another site after 50+ years in our church building.
- **Judy Mehren's sister, Helen**, recovering from a stroke.
- **Richard, an acquaintance of Jeanelyse Doran**. He is going through cancer treatments.
- **Trevor, Becky Holland's nephew**, now stationed at the U. S. Embassy in Poland to help with Ukrainian refugees.
- **Jaime Gordon** as she does the taxing work of contact tracing for those testing positive for COVID.
- The **family of George Costa** who passed away much too young.
- **Marjorie Brown's cousins, David and Kelly** on a missionary trip to Iraq.
- **Neil Elder** asked for prayers for his **cousin, Jim Peterson**, whose wife just died. Jim lives in Wisconsin.
- **Mike Parker, the brother of Nancy Ramirez (who is the Love's neighbor)**. Mike is having surgery in the not-too-distant future for brain aneurysms.
- **Kam Arnold, younger brother of Alexa Love's boyfriend**. Kam is undergoing a regimen of chemotherapy.
- **Penny, neighbor of Sosa's and Love's** dealing with cancer.
- **Abby Wilmot's great-grandmother** in Oregon
- **Laura Daggett's brother, Paul**, dealing with health issues...and the **brother of Laura's neighbor** who is dying of cancer.
- **Leigh Dieckmann** diagnosed with an eye disorder called solar retinopathy, extreme light sensitivity, and severe chronic pain.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this deeply divided time.

Ongoing prayers for:

**Joyce Henning, Chuck and Barbara Blaisdell, Ricardo Rico, Kevin Dooley, Beth Erickson, Ted Pitts and daughter (Margaret), Willie Paulucci, Katharine (Patty Overfield's mother), Lisa Austin (friend of Megan Shull), Jim Craig (Heather Craig's uncle on hospice), Kathy and Dick (friends of Barb Patterson—Dick has Parkinson's Disease), Alberta and Phil Bradley Flo Tinsley**



### **Lenten Study Series**

**Wednesday evenings, March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup>,**  
6 p.m.

We will be using **Judith Jones’** book,  
***The Women in the Gospel of John: The Divine Feminine.***

(As you may know, Judith is a new member of our congregation, and is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Hopefully this study series will include dinner together in Parker Hall (the church social hall in the education building)... and a study time together.

The sermons and worship services for Lent will also be taken from the passages in the Gospel of John that are the subject of the Wednesday night studies.

All are welcome to join us on these Wednesday evenings.

(If there are any persons who would like to do this book study at another time, in person or via Zoom, we would be glad to assist you in calendaring the time and advertising your study group.)

### **Lenten Lunches**

Each Wednesday of Lent beginning **March 9<sup>th</sup>**, 12 noon, a different church in **Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-faith Ministries** will host a luncheon and a brief service of worship.

(We will, of course, only do these if the COVID Omicron

Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information and for wave has ended by then.) locations of the lunches.

## GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 15

### ***Stations of the Cross***

On Friday April 15 we will have Interactive Stations of the Cross

From 3-6 PM

#### *What are Stations of the Cross?*

There will be 10 stations which represent an event in the last week of Jesus' life.

The stations will be in the sanctuary and courtyard and will be self-guided.

You can come anytime during the 3-hour time period and stay as long as you would like. There will be a "quiet place" if you just want to simply be still or pray.

## **The Upper Room**

Copies of the March/April 2022

### ***Upper Room***

are now available in the Church Narthex

## **COVID Protocols**

As we are sure you are aware, the state and county have lifted the indoor mask mandates for persons who are fully vaccinated. ***Persons who are not vaccinated are still required to wear masks indoors in public settings...like our church.*** However, given that Yolo County is still in the "high" range of community transmission, and given the recommendation from Yolo County Health Officer, Dr. Aimee Sisson that "everybody wear masks indoors until community transmission reaches the Moderate tier or lower," ***it is our recommendation that we continue to wear masks in worship for the time being.*** Omicron continues to be highly contagious, and there are considerable numbers of breakthrough cases even with fully vaccinated persons. Given the age of our congregation and the reality that persons over 65 are the most susceptible to severe illness or even death, ***the church board of directors urges us, out of love for one another's well-being, to continue wearing masks in worship until the community transmission level drops to moderate as the county health officer recommends.*** Thank you for your willingness to seek the well-being of your siblings in Christ.

## **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.
1. **Offering** – You may give online, through the mail, or place your offering in the plates located near the front of the Sanctuary when you go forward for communion.
5. **Communion** – The diaconate will guide you in no contact communion.
6. **Dismissal** – Please observe social distance as you exit the building.
7. **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.